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THE meeting of Grand Chapter on Wednesday was devoted to mere acts of formal prescription, and nothing of importance occurred.

THE proceedings at Colchester seem to have been most effective and impressive, and the large number of brethren assembled to see the installation of a popular young nobleman like Lord BROOKE as PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF ESSEX by H.R.H. the Duke of ALBANY must have gratified our Royal brother and must have been a pleasure to all concerned. Despite the depressing tendency of the weather Masonic zeal and heartiness never grew cold. See a report of the proceedings elsewhere.

THERE are now 246 Stewards for the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Of these 134 are metropolitan and 112 provincial. Of the latter, 16 come from the CHAIRMAN'S province, Surrey. We feel sure that before the day arrives the number of Stewards will be much increased, alike from metropolis and country; but we press on many good friends and worthy brethren who intend to be Stewards the advisability of sending their names in *at once*, as an enormous amount of work, labour, and anxiety is cast unnecessarily on the Secretaries by worthy brethren delaying to the last moment the announcement of the fact of their Stewardship. This delay often necessitates much of the serious work of the Secretariat being done twice over.

BY a mere accident we learn of the death of Bro. ST. JEAN, late President of the "Conseil" of the Grand Orient, and though unfortunately in the present position of "tension" there is practically little or no intercourse as between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Orient of France, (as how could there be?) we do not think it right to overlook the fact, as a fact in the history of our common Order. Bro. ST. JEAN was a very zealous and well-instructed Freemason, a kindly-hearted and courteous man, a skilful physician and a very cultivated and worthy citizen, and greatly respected in his public duties and the domestic circle. At the time of the "Commune," when so many French Freemasons forgot their sacred duty, and made laughing stocks of themselves before Paris and the world, it is no secret that Bro. ST. JEAN entirely disapproved of those insensate proceedings. His voice was always on the side of order, peace, legality, and had he been able to have his own way and carry out his own views, many of the later foolish acts and changes of the French Grand Orient would not have taken place. But unfortunately for himself and others French Freemasonry has gradually been drifting into the dangerous "shoal water" of political theories, and freethought discussions, and the "libres penseurs" and the "esprits forts" were too many for poor Bro. ST. JEAN, as for many others in France. We only regret for him that his lot was cast in such troublous times. A worthy man and good Mason his influence was always cast into the scale of Masonic prudence. With his lamented death French Freemasonry loses its one great "opposing force" against violent changes and alarming innovations.

ONE of the most amusing idiosyncrasies of some members of our excellent Brotherhood is the idea, somewhat prevalent it would seem, of using the Masonic press as a medium for expressing personal views or diffusing personal attacks under the safe obscurity of "anonymity," to coin a useful and appropriate word. Hardly a week passes, but we have to remind some sagacious critic or some keen and very personal writer, that we cannot publish any letters in our columns without knowing the real name of the writer, not necessarily for publication, not in fact for publication at all, but as a test of reality, as a guarantee for good faith. We are not among those foolish persons who complain even of anonymous letters. If a Masonic press is to exist there must be complaints, there must be complainers, there must be those who will write, who like to write, and for whom the columns of a newspaper form the safest outlet for justifiable party grievances, animadversions, and even a jaundiced view of men and things. The great difficulty of the Masonic press especially, is to keep the "even mean," as between lawful and expedient correspondence, the admission and the rejection of communications, which those who transmit them deem of the highest value and

the most Masonic importance. We have often to reject letters because they are according to us too full of ritual details, too personal in tone, marked by a want of due subordination to authority, or displaying a tendency to do more harm than good. And therefore we can only again appeal to-day to the Masonic forbearance and good sense of all our correspondents, asking them to believe that if we refuse their communications admission into our columns it is because for some reason we doubt their opportuneness or fitness. And we must beg, once more, to impress upon all, that if they kindly write to us they will always provide us in Masonic confidence with their names and addresses, inasmuch as in a Masonic paper above all we have a right to expect, and our readers have a claim to demand, an undeniable guarantee for the correctness of statements made, and the justice of the complaints we may seem to endorse by our publication of them in our far reaching and widely scattered columns.

ANOTHER form of trouble which affects the Masonic editor just now, is the complaint of unjust animadversions. One worthy brother complains loudly that we did not keep out a special letter which attacked him personally, though as we did not know that he was pointed at at all how are we possibly to blame? Another objects that we allow a special subject to be discussed which he considers unsuited for our pages. But as we venture not to believe either in infallibility or dogmatism of any kind, we must venture to claim for ourselves a liberty of judgment, and as JEREMY TAYLOR argued, "a liberty of prophesying." The truth is, that in all these points and many more the whole question is a purely personal one. We who do not affect to deal with such matters at all, we who abominate them, and are not always, as Dr. JOHNSON liked to say, "looking down for dirt," we cannot be supposed to understand skilful inuendoes, and words apparently straightforward with an undercurrent of meaning and attack. The great aim of the *Freemason* has been, while it allows all just and reasonable complaints, fair criticism, and reasonable remarks on current affairs, not to encourage a love of insubordination, or show any favour to any effort to make a party, or lead up to a "caucus." The true principles of Freemasonry teach us respect and obedience to the highest powers, and we need not go back many years to realise the fact, that the Masonic Order like all other bodies of men, despite its excellent excellencies, is liable at times to be affected by that wave of morbid discontent or unfitting personality, which every now and then in the history of nations and associations crops up to the surface, and works out, unless happily checked, the greatest annoyance and harm to all concerned.

WE are never inclined to lay much stress on an after-dinner speech. It may mean much or it may mean very little, or it may mean and possibly does, next to nothing, and therefore all such must be taken with allowance and received "cum grano." We shall not be tempted to dilate upon a matter to which our attention is called in the correspondence column last week and this. We will only remark that it seems to us, that it is absolutely requisite that the greatest courtesy and consideration should be mutually exercised amongst all the officials connected with our great Charities, if that commendable feeling of friendly intercourse and reciprocal goodwill is to be maintained and cherished among them all.

WE have been given to understand, that a most foolish statement is assiduously circulating in London, that the House Committee of the Girls' School have ordered silk stockings and patent leather dancing shoes for the girls. We are requested to state distinctly that there is not the slightest word of truth in the assertion. The calisthenic shoes which have been ordered are double-soled plain leather Oxford shoes, which the girls can put off after their day's work is over, and which will eventually be more economical than the present arrangement. Now the girls receive two pair of strong shoes annually, henceforth they will receive one pair of strong shoes and one pair of Oxford shoes. We are very sorry that such a report should be somewhat maliciously foisted on the Craft, though it is almost too absurd to repeat or credit. This assertion can only be made with a wish to injure the School.

AS regards the power of accommodation at the Girls' School of 25 more candidates, we are authorised to state that it is a complete delusion. The only reason why the Managing Committee did not recommend more candidates to be elected is absolute want of accommodation. A correspondence took place on the same subject in the *Freemason* about a twelvemonth ago, when the real state of the case was clearly pointed out. It is somewhat hastily assumed that because Lyndcombe House was originally estimated to hold 50 girls, therefore that number can be safely accommodated there. We have reason to believe that, according to the latest hygienic principles as applied to dormitories, without additional building and great expense, on more than the present number as proposed by the House Committee can be safely housed in the buildings of the School.

MANY of our readers will hear with regret of the death of Bro. GRISSELL. As his name stands recorded at Freemasons' Hall as one of the Building Committee of that goodly edifice, we think it right to mention his departure from amongst us, though his Masonic work has been mainly confined to his own lodge. He leaves behind many mourning friends.

## THE GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

The history of the Grand Lodge of Ireland has yet to be written, and certain it is that whenever the task is commenced it will be found that the paucity of the records will not be the only difficulty to overcome. There is quite a stagnation in Ireland as respects Masonic historical questions, and the few who take an interest in cosmopolitan Freemasonry in that country are indeed "few and far between." There are one or two in Dublin who are alive to the importance of keeping the society "abreast with the times," and scattered over the provinces are several worthy Freemasons, but on the whole the outlook is gloomy and the progress of the Grand Lodge is at a lamentably slow rate.

As a Grand Lodge it is undoubtedly the second in point of antiquity, having been formed about ten years subsequent to its senior, the Grand Lodge of England, and is about the same number of years older than its sister Grand Lodge of Scotland. Years ago it was very prosperous, and in the early part of this century it had about a *thousand* lodges on its roll, whereas now there are little more than a *third* of that number. The authorities to a great extent appear to be "asleep on their legs," and the apathy to the real wants of the Grand Lodge is as complete as the influence of "red tape" and officialism is distressingly predominant.

Our opinion is that a great deal of the present unenviable position of the Grand Lodge of Ireland is due to the most unfortunate and absurd policy of retaining the same Grand Officers for so many years, so that all legitimate ambition is stifled, men of position and influence are passed by, noblemen of wealth and character are never noticed, and year by year the appointments to Grand Office virtually mean "As you were."

Will anyone out of Ireland believe us when we say that the whole list of *Past Grand Officers* does not occupy a *page* of the *official Calendar* and contains but *eighteen names*? It is a fact however. The only nobleman amongst the number being Lord Powerscourt, Past G.J.W.

Of course we may be told that the officers are elected by the members of the Grand Lodge (and that is quite correct, save as to the Deputy Grand Master), but it is also true that the Board of General Purposes recommends to the Grand Lodge the names of those brethren they deem worthy of office, and though it is also true that others may be nominated by competent brethren at the November meeting, we can easily estimate what that privilege amounts to, when the Board, *as part*, consists officially of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary. Then again, the fact that the members allow the regulation to remain in the Constitutions which provides that only those officers below the rank of Grand Chaplain (excepting the Grand S. of Wks. and the Grand Organist) require to be changed *after three years' service*! all from the Grand Chaplains and the Deputy Grand Masters being eligible for election annually *ad vitam*, is a proof to our mind that the feeling of apathy is prevalent in Dublin as elsewhere.

In England there is no need for any such regulation, because the Grand Master appoints his officers annually, and never re-appoints any save such indispensable officers as the Grand Registrar and others (the office of Grand Secretary is not subject to annual appointment as in Ireland, and ranks in the latter country before that of Grand Chaplain). In Scotland no Grand Officer is eligible for re-election (where the system of election prevails as in Ireland) after being two years consecutively in office, until he has been one year out of office (save certain sensible exceptions), and we strongly advise our Irish brethren to pass a similar law. If the provincial brethren will only muster strongly for once they might carry such a law in Grand Lodge, and as it is sure to work well that fact alone would secure its continuance.

If the chief Grand Officers generally were noted for their Masonic zeal there would not be so much reason for the change as there is now, but even then it is a mistake, and always will be a mistake, so long as human nature continues what it is, to practically tell the many "good Masons and true" under the Grand Lodge of Ireland that there are no honours for them.

The G.S.W., who was elected in 1875, has attended *about three times* since! The G.J.W., who was happily elected in 1882, is most deservedly popular, and if unable to attend is sure to send an excuse. The Grand Treasurer from 1877 is a good attendant, as is also the Grand Senior Chaplain, who has been re-elected for nearly 20 years, and is rarely absent from Grand Lodge; but the Grand Junior Chaplain, elected some 20 years ago (less or more), has not been seen in Grand Lodge for the *last ten years*. The Grand Secretary was elected in 1875, and has only been seen *once* in Grand Lodge, viz., in 1875, when the Grand Master was installed. This appointment, it should be understood, is honorary, as the other offices, the duties really being discharged by the Grand Deputy Secretary, to whom we have often been indebted for information, though not in any way for the foregoing.

Now, does not such a state of things call for alteration and a speedy reform, and is it any wonder that many of the Craft in Ireland remain content with being Past Masters, and take little interest Masonically in what is going on? We believe that not one of the Deputy Prov. Grand Masters has ever held office in Grand Lodge, and there are noblemen so well known and respected as the Earls of Limerick, Bective, Claremont, and Huntingdon, the Marquis of Hamilton and Lord Harlech, who have never yet been appointed to office in Grand Lodge. We never did like the election to Grand Office as in Scotland and Ireland, but the working of the system in the latter country has turned our negative opinion into one of positive dislike, and we really cannot understand how the brethren in Ireland are content to put up with such a state of things.

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, when the following companions of the Order were present:

Comps. J. A. Rucker, as M.E.Z.; Col. Creation, G. Treas., as H.; Jas. Glaisher, as J.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, S.E.; H. J. P. Dumas, as S.N.; J. M. Case, P.S.; W. G. Harrison, O.C., 1st Assistant; Rev. Thomas Robinson, 2nd Assistant; H. Maundslay, Swd. Br.; Charles Greenwood, D.C.; A. J. Duff Filer, Joshua Nunn, Col. Somerville-Burney, Frank Richardson, John Messent, Robert Grey, J. Sampson Peirce, H. G. Buss, Assistant S.E.; William H. Dran, P.P.G.R. Dorset, P.Z. 77; Henry Stiles, H. 1507; George Drysdale, J. 7; R. W. Forge, H. 946; W. B. Lloyd, Z. 913; Charles F. Liversidge, J. 422; Albert Escott, H. 140; W. G. Kentish, J. 1203; C. A. Woods, J. 1572; E. Farwig, Z. 180; Julius Quitmann, J. 538; Alfred A. Fendlebury, P.Z. 1056; Neville Green, P.Z. 1524; W. H. Lee, P.Z. 1524; Edgar Bowyer, P.Z. 174; William Vincent, Z. 1624; H. E. Frances, Z. 1339; Frederick Levick, J. 404; S. P. Catterson, Z. 19; E. Legg, Z. 657; William Stiles, I.P.Z. 1507; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the November Convocation the report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. The report was as follows:

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:—

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

On the motion of Comp. Col. CREATON, seconded respectively by Comps. Col. SOMERVILLE BURNEY, J. S. PEIRCE and JOSHUA NUNN, the charters for all the above new chapters were granted, and Grand Chapter was then closed.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., in the chair. There were also present—

Bros. W. Roebuck, J. L. Mather, A. J. Duff Filer, F. W. Ramsay, M.D., C. H. Webb, Rev. Dr. Morris, Edgar Bowyer, Donald M. Dewar, W. Mann, George M. E. Snow, H. Young, F. Adlard, James Moon, Geo. P. Gillard, W. Maple, H. S. Goodall, W. Paas, Thomas Cubitt, W. H. Saunders, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. BINCKES read a letter, in which the mother of a boy to whom an outfit had been granted and the boy himself thanked the Committee for the sum granted, which had assisted him into the Royal Navy.

Bro. BINCKES announced that another candidate (Musgrave) had been withdrawn from the list of candidates for the April election, thus reducing the number to 64.

The CHAIRMAN with reference to the complaint of Bro. Nicols said a copy of the full original letter as sent to the *Freemason* had been sent to the Institution; but though he did not wish to give great prominence to the subject he might say that the General Committee had full confidence that the House Committee would deal with the question, and therefore the letter would be referred to the House Committee.

The report of the Audit Committee was read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The sum of £1000 was ordered to be invested in Indian Debenture Stock.

One petition was read and the candidate accepted, and an outfit of £5 was granted to a former pupil, after which the Committee adjourned.

## THE PROVINCE OF ESSEX.

INSTALLATION OF LORD BROOKE AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER BY H.R.H. THE DUKE OF ALBANY.

For the second time during the brief period of three years has the Provincial Grand Mastership of Essex been entrusted to new hands, and as in the summer of 1879 the place of the late Bro. Bagshaw was taken by Lord Tenterden, so now through the premature decease in September last of the latter, has a successor to his lordship been installed in office in the person of Lord Brooke, M.P., who may be said to have a double claim on our regard, one being personal and arising out of his lordship's zeal and interest in all that concerns the welfare of the Craft, while the other may be considered as due to his marriage with the stepdaughter of the Earl of Rosslyn, a Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and representative of the Grand Lodge of that country at the United Grand Lodge of England. That given the requisite health and strength he will fulfil his duties in a manner to secure to himself the respect and affection of those under him may be judged from his bearing on Friday last, when he had the honour of being installed as chief of the Province of Essex by H.R.H. the Duke of Albany. Indeed his debut in that capacity created a most favourable impression on all present, and augurs well for the future success of Masonry in the county of the East Saxons. As a matter of course, the day was not allowed to pass without opportunity being taken by the Prov. Grand Master to pay a tribute

of respect to the memory of his predecessor, who, though the time he had held office was but little more than two years, had endeared himself to all his brethren in the province by the considerate manner in which he had discharged his duties and the success that had attended his efforts on behalf of the lodges under his authority. Had Lord Tenterden's life been prolonged there is no doubt this feeling of regard would have become stronger, but it has pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to will it should be otherwise, and it affords some alleviation of the general sorrow felt at his unexpected death that his place should be filled by so worthy a brother.

The province itself is not a large one, though if its limits coincided with those of the county it would undoubtedly take a high and influential position among the territorial districts into which the Craft in England is subdivided. Its numerical strength however, is respectable. It has exactly 20 lodges, four of which date their origin from before the union of 1813, and of these two have been honoured with centenary warrants, namely, the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester, which was constituted in 1735, and the Lodge of True Friendship, No. 160, founded in the year 1766. The Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276, dates from 1789, while Hope and Unity Lodge, No. 214, Brentwood, though higher on the roll of Grand Lodge, was constituted by the Ancients a few years later, in 1795. Next in order of seniority come Hope Lodge, No. 433, belonging to the year 1836, and the Chigwell Lodge, No. 453, Chingford, the last which had the honour of receiving Lord Tenterden as Provincial Grand Master, created in 1838. Star in the East Lodge, No. 650, Harwich, is the first of twelve lodges established during the Prov. Grand Mastership of the late Bro. Bagshaw who ruled the province from 1854 to 1879, its date of origin being 1855, the junior Colchester Lodge, No. 697 of the year 1857 being next in order. The rest of the lodges are located at Bocking (No. 1312), Buckhurst Hill (No. 1457), Dunmow (No. 1543), Gray's (No. 1343), Maldon (Nos. 1024, 1977), the latter receiving its warrant last year; Rayleigh (No. 1734), Romford (No. 1437), Saffron Walden (No. 1280), Shoeburyness (No. 1817), dating from 1879; Southend (No. 1000), and Walton-on-the-Naze (No. 1799). Four of these, namely, Nos. 51, 214, 276, and 1000, have Royal Arch Chapters attached, so that it is just possible that we may hear shortly of Essex being able to boast, as in the days of Bro. Bagshaw, of a Prov. Grand Superintendent as well as of a Prov. Grand Master. At all events Masonry in Essex is active and flourishing and will doubtless become still more so when its new chief has had time to settle himself down to his duties. With this brief introduction let us pass to the business which more immediately concerns us and describe the proceedings of Friday last at Colchester.

The Duke, accompanied by a large number of Grand Officers, travelled from London by special train on the Great Eastern Railway, arriving at Colchester at half-past eleven. His Royal Highness was met at the Station by Major-General White, commanding the Eastern District, and staff, as well as by members of the reception committee. On the platform was drawn up a guard of honour composed of the Colchester Volunteers, under the command of Captain Howard. The railway company had tastefully adorned the station buildings with plants and coloured drapery, and outside their efforts had been warmly taken up by the inhabitants of the borough, who had in like manner decorated their houses. The installation ceremony was fixed to take place at noon at the new Soldiers' Home, and on his journey thither the Duke of Albany was escorted by a squadron of the 7th Hussars, commanded by Major Peel.

Lodge was opened in the Lecture Hall, Soldiers' Home, by His Royal Highness at high twelve, and the roll being called, it was found that every lodge in the province was represented, some of them very largely.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS then announced that the office of Provincial Grand Master of Essex having become vacant by the lamented death of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., the Most Worshipful Grand Master had been pleased to appoint Lord Brooke Provincial Grand Master, and it was for that purpose that they were met there that day.

The following seven Past Grand Wardens then proceeded as a deputation to introduce the R.W.P.G.M. designate into the lodge room:—W. Bros. Samuel Chaplin, P.M. 51 (Deputy-Mayor of Colchester); John Coppin, P.M. 51; D. M. B. Wheeler, P.M. 276; G. Corble, P.M. and Sec. 453; A. C. Velez, P.M., P.P.G.W.; W. Humpherys, P.M. 1024; and Vero W. Taylor, P.M. 1312.

The ceremony of installing Lord Brooke was then most ably performed by His Royal Highness, and his lordship was duly proclaimed and saluted. The first official act of his lordship was to appoint and invest as his Deputy, W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, O.C., P.G.D. (Recorder of Colchester), who had held the same office under the late Lord Tenterden since Christmas, 1880. The appointment was received with great applause.

W. Bro. VERO W. TAYLOR, P.M., then proposed the re-election as Grand Treasurer of W. Bro. A. Durrant, P.M. 276, which, being seconded by W. Bro. A. C. VELEY, P.M., was carried by acclamation.

His Lordship then formally re-appointed the Provincial Grand Officers invested at the last annual meeting, as follows:—

Bro. Alfred Buck, I.P.M. 453 ...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
„ E. B. Florence, P.M. 214 ...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
„ the Rev. Julius H. Rowley, 1343 ...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
„ Andrew Durrant, P.M. 276 ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ J. F. Barrett, P.M. 1000 ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
„ Thos. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51 ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
„ H. E. Dehane, W.M. 1543 ...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
„ A. J. Manning, P.M. 1437 ...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
„ F. C. Smith, P.M. 1457 ...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
„ A. Lucking, P.M. 160 ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
„ C. Hempson, W.M. 1799 ...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
„ Henry Bowles, Org. 276 ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
„ J. M. Farr, P.M. 1817 ...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
„ D. J. Wright, I.P.M. 1024 ...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
„ W. Soman, W.M. 51 ...	...	...
„ R. Clowes, W.M. 650 ...	...	...
„ E. Shedd, I.P.M. 276 ...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
„ T. G. Mills, W.M. 697 ...	...	...
„ Arthur Mead, S.W. 276 ...	...	...
„ T. S. Sarel, 276 ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

On the motion of W. Bro. FRED. A. PHILBRICK, D.P.G.M., seconded by W. Bro. H. E. DEHANE, W.M. 1543, P.G.S.D., the bye-laws at present in use in the province were confirmed.

LORD BROOKE: Brethren, a most pleasing duty now devolves upon me. It is to move that the hearty thanks of this Provincial Grand Lodge be accorded to Bro. His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., for the honour he has conferred upon the province by visiting this lodge and installing myself as Provincial Grand Master this day. (Applause.) It will be unnecessary for me to detain you long with a speech upon this subject, but I

am perfectly certain that we all of us with the greatest enthusiasm and heartiness welcome his Royal Highness among us to-day. (Much applause.) We know well enough the various useful works which his Royal Highness has been good enough to perform in the interests of Freemasonry. (Hear, hear.) There are many and varied duties which occupy the time and attention of their Royal Highnesses, the members of the Royal Family, but we know well enough that those members who belong to our Order are always most zealous in their endeavour to carry out the best interests of the Craft—(applause)—and personally I have to thank his Royal Highness for his very great act of kindness towards me to-day—an honour which I shall always esteem, an honour deeply valuable from the way in which it has been conferred. (Renewed applause.) Brethren, I will detain you no longer but I will move the following resolution:

That the hearty thanks of this Provincial Grand Lodge be accorded to Bro. his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., for the honour he has conferred upon the province by his visiting the lodge and installing the Prov. Grand Master this day.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, D.P.G.M., said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, I beg to second that proposition, which really needs no seconder. It is unfortunate that the outside elements have put, I fear, our Bro. His Royal Highness to some inconvenience, as they have other brethren who have met together on this occasion. (Hear, hear.) I trust that we Masons of Essex are heartily sensible of the distinguished honour conferred upon us—(applause)—and that we shall make up by the warmth of our reception and the enthusiastic loyalty and devotion with which we hail his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany for the unpropitious elements outside the lodge. (Loud applause.) Auspicious as is the reign which has been thus commenced, we feel and shall always remember that it is in no slight degree owing to his Royal Highness's hearty co-operation that we now rejoice in being again formed into a province under the headship of our Most Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. (Loud cheers.)

The motion having been enthusiastically carried,

His Royal Highness, the Duke of ALBANY, who was received with great cheering, said: Brethren, I will in the fewest words express to you my hearty thanks for the vote which you have just accorded to me, and particularly to Bros. Lord Brooke and Philbrick for the way in which they proposed and seconded it. I can only say it has given me very great pleasure not only to perform the ceremony for my friend your Provincial Grand Master, but to visit Colchester and the county of Essex, where I have never been before.

Bro. A. WELCH, P.M. 51, then moved the following resolution:

That the sincere thanks of this Provincial Grand Lodge be given to Major-General White, C.B., commanding Eastern District, Brigade Major Morrison, and the officers and military of the Garrison for their services in escorting his Royal Highness and keeping the streets on this occasion; to George H. Errington, Esq., High Steward of the Borough, Mrs. George Round, Mrs. Henry Green, and Major-General White, C.B., for putting their carriages at the disposal of the Committee; to Miss Daniell, proprietress of the Soldiers' Home, for the use of the same, and especially to Miss Campbell, the lady superintendent, for placing her apartments at the service of his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., and the R.W.P.G. Master; and finally to the officials of the Great Eastern Railway Company, and particularly the District Superintendent, Mr. Flower, and Mr. Blatch, the Station Master at Colchester, for the ready and effectual aid they have afforded to the proceedings of the day.

Although (remarked Bro. Welch) the duties of preparation had been of a somewhat arduous character, owing to the limited time at the disposal of the Committee, those duties had been rendered much more light and agreeable by the ready aid and hearty co-operation from all parties. There had been on all sides an honourable rivalry to minister to the feelings of loyalty and affection felt towards her Majesty and the members of the Royal family.

Bro. HENNEMEYER, P.M. 51, seconded the proposition, which was carried.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, said: Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, I have been deputed by Lord Waveney, Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, whose absence I exceedingly regret, to express to you in the name of the province its sincerest congratulations at your appointment to-day, and I take the liberty as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of expressing to you in my own name and in the name of a large number of the Suffolk brethren our hearty wishes that you may have long life and prosperity in your new office, and that closely associated as we are geographically we may ever observe that kindly, friendly, and fraternal feeling which has so long subsisted between the Provinces of Essex and Suffolk. (Loud applause.)

The greeting of the various visiting lodges then took place, his ROYAL HIGHNESS offering the hearty congratulations of the Province of Oxfordshire, in which he said Lord Brooke was initiated.

The music was most efficiently rendered by Bros. Osmond and Gowers.

The apron, chain, collar and jewel with which Lord Brooke was invested was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed the brethren at once adjourned to the luncheon, which took place at the Corn Exchange. During the luncheon the band of the 7th Hussars, under the direction of Bro. Carl Zöeller, played a capital selection of music, while the speeches were interspersed with some choice vocal music by the following artistes from St. Paul's Cathedral: Bros. H. J. Dutton, T. W. Hanson, and Edward Wharton, Bro. Charles Osmond, J.W. 51, P.P.G.O., being the conductor and accompanist. Grace having been sung,

LORD BROOKE, who on rising to propose the first toast, was received with loud cheers said: The first toast that falls to my lot to propose is one of exceptional importance, especially on an occasion of this sort, for I know of no more loyal body than a body of Freemasons—(applause)—and amongst the great and extensive body of Freemasons I am sure there are none more loyal to Her Majesty the Queen than the Freemasons of Essex. (Applause.) Therefore brethren I have great pleasure as Provincial Grand Master of this Province in proposing to you this most important toast of "Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft." (Applause.) Brethren, I will not go into the mysteries of the Craft, for those mysteries are locked up in our bosoms, but I give you with the greatest enthusiasm this toast, which is always honoured and well received. (Loud applause.)

This toast was duly honoured.

LORD BROOKE then rose and said: The next toast is one which is always precious to us for the sake of the important position which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales occupies as Prince of Wales, and also the position he occupies as head of our Order. (Hear, hear.) I think that His Royal Highness, ever since he has been connected with the Craft, has shown himself most worthy of his position in the way in which he has entered into the duties connected with every undertaking that has been carried out under the auspices of the Craft. I can only say myself, that my feelings towards His Royal Highness are those of extreme gratitude for having placed me in the proud position I occupy to-day, and therefore, I myself drink "The Health of the Prince of Wales, our Grand Master," with the greatest cordiality and enthusiasm. (Applause.)

The toast was warmly received.



Bro. Lord BROOKE rising again said: Your Royal Highness and brethren, time is getting on and there are several important toasts before us. The next toast I have to give you is one that you will receive with great heartiness I am sure, it is that of "The Right Hon. Lord Carnarvon, the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master; the Right Hon. Lord Lathom, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master; and the Grand Officers, Present and Past." (Applause.) Now brethren it is very difficult for me, comparatively a young Mason, to speak in sufficiently strong and powerful terms of the great services those brethren have done towards Freemasonry in this country. I know, however, that Lord Carnarvon and Lord Lathom would have been present here to-day had it not been for duties which rendered it impossible for them to attend. But, brethren, we have amongst us a most large and brilliant attendance of Present and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge—(applause)—and I should not be doing my duty as your spokesman and as your Grand Master if I did not return thanks, for you, most cordially to them for their kind attendance amongst us. (Cheers.) With this toast I would couple the health of Lieut.-General the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe, Past Grand Warden, and I can only say how very glad we are to see him here. His name is one well-known in my own old home in Warwickshire, and I can assure you it is a pleasant thing for me to see him sitting so near me at this table. There are many other Grand Officers whose names I could mention as being personal friends of my own, whose presence here to-day I view with the greatest satisfaction, and I may say all of them have our most cordial and sincere thanks. (Loud cheers.)

The Hon. SOMERSET CALTHORPE said: I beg on behalf of Lord Carnarvon and the other Grand Officers present and past to convey to you our best thanks for the honour you have done us on the present occasion. I beg personally to thank Lord Brooke for the courteous terms in which he has coupled my name with the toast. I think, brethren, it is unnecessary for me after the eulogistic terms in which the Provincial Grand Master has introduced this toast to you to say anything in reply, beyond that I am sure in the future as in the past it will be the endeavour of the Grand Officers of the Craft to do everything for the advantage of the Order. On their behalf I beg to thank you for the courteous way in which you have proposed the toast and the hearty manner in which you have responded to it. (Cheers.)

LORD BROOKE: Your Royal Highness and brethren, the next toast which falls to my lot to propose is if I may so call it the toast of the afternoon, it is the toast of "His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G.," our Installing Master to-day. (Loud cheers.) I will not inflict upon you a long speech, because I am quite sure that my words would not be adequate to convey to you our hearty and kindly feeling towards his Royal Highness on this occasion. It has been an act of great kindness towards myself, brethren, on the part of his Royal Highness to come down here to-day. I know how many duties always fall to his Royal Highness's lot, and how ready he always is to discharge them, no matter at what personal inconvenience. (Cheers.) Therefore when at your request I appealed to his Royal Highness and asked him to come and give us the great privilege of his presence here to-day I felt that if he possibly could he would not refuse my request. (Cheers.) I feel it to-day a very great honour and pleasure in having been installed by his Royal Highness. I will not weary you with my past history, but I may go back a little bit, to tell you that my earliest recollections of Freemasonry are connected with his Royal Highness, that when at Oxford I went through the first ceremonies of Freemasonry I was assisted into the brotherhood by his Royal Highness. (Cheers.) Therefore, some time having elapsed, it is a matter of peculiar pleasure to me, as you may imagine, that his Royal Highness should put the finishing touch to my Masonic experience. Now, brethren, it is needless for me to recount the many occasions on which his Royal Highness has taken part in Masonic ceremonies, but we all know that his Royal Highness at the present moment occupies a distinguished position amongst Freemasons, that he has filled many and most important offices, not only in the Grand Lodge but as Master of many well known and important lodges in the country, and brethren, we return to his Royal Highness on this occasion the warmest, the deepest, and most heartfelt thanks we possibly can for honouring us here in Essex. (Loud cheers.) In this assembly on this peculiarly Masonic occasion it is perhaps difficult for me to allude to the pleasure which I am quite certain his Royal Highness's visit must have given to the town of Colchester at large. It is a matter of deep regret to his Royal Highness, as to all of us I am sure that so unfortunate a day should, to a certain extent, have marred the proceedings, but not withstanding the inclemency of the weather, we have been able, I trust, we Freemasons of Essex and the inhabitants of Colchester, have been able to give his Royal Highness a reception, though perhaps not so magnificent as we could have wished, yet still to a great extent not unworthy of the town of Colchester—(applause)—and have shown his Royal Highness that it is with the very deepest feeling of affection that we have entertained him to-day. (Loud cheers.) I will not detain you longer, but give you "The Health of His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany." (Much applause.)

The toast was received with much enthusiasm.

The Duke of ALBANY who rose amidst renewed and hearty cheering said: Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and Brethren, I return you my most hearty thanks; first, to the Right Worshipful Grand Master for the kind and too flattering terms—"No, no"—in which he has alluded to me, and next to you all here present for the kind manner in which you have received the toast proposed. I have already told you, and I can only repeat it again, that it has been a very great pleasure to me to come here to-day, not only for the purpose of installing an old friend, but also for the purpose of visiting Essex. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) I very much regret that the weather has been so unpropitious that I have not been able to see the beauties of the city; but although that has been impossible I observed the whole way through the town on all sides the kind welcome which has been extended to me. (Applause.) Brethren, the pleasing duty devolves on me now of proposing a toast which with all due deference to your Master I must really call the toast of this day. (Hear, hear.) Lord Brooke has unfortunately taken out of my mouth the very words I had intended to say. I was going to allude to the long Masonic connection I have had with your Provincial Grand Master. (Laughter.) He has told you all about that, and I can only speak of him now and propose his health as that of a very old and very intimate friend. (Cheers.) I had two years ago the pleasure of installing him, if I may use that term, by acting as his "best man" at his marriage. (Laughter and cheers.) And now to-day I have had the pleasure of installing him as head of this distinguished province. (Cheers.) I do not know what will be the next step. (Laughter.) No one can wish him joy to-day more sincerely than I do, and at the same time I must congratulate this province on having such a Master at its head. (Cheers.) Brethren, I give you the toast of "The Health of your Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lord Brooke."

The toast was received with enthusiastic cheering, followed by "three times three," led by his Royal Highness.

Bro. Lord BROOKE who rose to reply amidst renewed cheering said: Your Royal Highness and brethren, I have at the commencement of my speech to make an important announcement to you, which is that his Royal Highness is going to smoke a cigarette—(laughter)—and he hopes that any of you wishing to smoke will do the same. (Applause.) Well, brethren, after this portion of my speech, I will proceed to return thanks to his Royal Highness and to you for the very kind and cordial manner in which you have received my name. (Hear, hear.) I can only say that I return thanks for this toast with mixed feelings—with feelings of extreme pleasure at being placed in the important position in which I have been placed by my friend, if he will allow me to call him so, his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany—(hear, hear)—and also with feelings of regret, which you will well understand, brethren, that I have been preceded in my office by one who endeared himself much not only to the Freemasons in this most important neighbourhood, but to all Freemasons with whom he was brought in contact everywhere, and whose death we now deplore. I mean the late Lord Tenterden. (Loud cheers.) I know that the late Lord Tenterden was most zealous not only in his duties as a Freemason, but also in any work to which he put his hands, and it would be I think very unseemly of me if on this occasion I did not pay a tribute to his memory—(hear, hear)—a tribute which I am sure will be appreciated by all those whom I address. (Cheers.) You will therefore understand my feelings of diffidence in succeeding Lord Tenterden, for I am well aware that a very large and important province of this sort requires a great deal of attention, and I hope when it comes to real work and business you will not find me wanting whom you have placed in this important position. (Loud cheers.) I feel that I shall receive your indulgence and forbearance to the very greatest extent. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, if you will allow me, having responded for my own health, before I sit down I will propose another toast, and that is "The Health of the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., and the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past." (Loud cheers.) Bro. Philbrick is already well known to you, and has already in these early stages of my office contributed most materially to my assistance. (Hear, hear.) It is needless for me to dilate upon the merits of Bro. Philbrick, but I am quite sure that his re-appointment as Deputy Provincial Grand Master is one that will afford the greatest pleasure to you—(Cheers)—and I myself felt that when I asked Bro. Philbrick to undertake my duties for me in my absence and to give me his counsels in the business of the province, I should not find him either a bad friend or wanting in willingness to work with and assist me. (Cheers.) I know also that the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers have been well chosen, and, as I have said before, from the kind co-operation which they have given me to-day, I am sure they will co-operate with me on other occasions. (Cheers.) I will not detain you any longer, but give you the health of Bro. Philbrick and the other Officers of the province. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., who met with a cordial reception, said: Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, your Royal Highness and brethren, on behalf of the Grand Officers of the Province of Essex, I beg to offer you their sincere thanks for the honour you have done them and for the confidence which you have reposed in them. (Hear, hear.) Mourning as the province has done during the past two months the loss of its head, we rejoice to-day that we find ourselves reconstituted as a Masonic organisation under the auspices of your lordship—(applause)—and we feel, and deeply feel, the signal honour that has been conferred upon the province, and let me add upon Masonry in general by the fact that his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany has not only graced this interesting ceremony by his presence but has performed as we have witnessed the office of Installing Master in the lodge. (Loud applause.) Brethren, our Right Worshipful Grand Master has referred to the feeling of loyalty which animates Masons in general and the Province of Essex in particular, and I am quite sure that if another incentive were wanted it had been furnished by to-day's proceedings—(Hear, hear)—and I know I am uttering the wishes and the hope of every Grand Officer who now owes his appointment to your lordship when I say that no exertion on their part shall be wanting in order to contribute to the welfare of the Craft in the province and to maintain that high standing which the Craft now so justly occupies in the eyes not merely of the Masonic world but of society in general. (Applause.) On behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers I thank you for the honour you have paid us, and I assure your lordship we hail this commencement of your reign over the Royal Craft in Essex with feelings of unmitigated satisfaction—(applause)—and I trust that the Great Architect of the Universe may grant that that reign may be a long and prosperous one, and happy to yourself as the Sovereign of the Order in Essex under the Grand Master of England, and happy to the Craft over which you are this day called upon to preside. (Loud cheers.)

Lord BROOKE: I shall now ask the Deputy Provincial Grand Master to take the chair in my place. His Royal Highness and myself I regret to say are obliged to leave you; but before I leave let me say—I think I may do so on his Royal Highness's behalf, for he has already said it, and I most certainly may say on my own behalf—how fully we have enjoyed the proceedings of to-day. (Cheers.) I can only tell you that I shall return back to Easton Lodge with very pleasant recollections of this day's proceedings.

His Royal Highness and Lord Brooke then retired (about 4.20 p.m.) amidst protracted cheering, and were escorted to the railway station, their departure in a closed carriage accompanied by the same escort as before being witnessed by a very large crowd, who cheered lustily, while the band stationed outside the Exchange played the National Anthem, and a salute was fired by the guns of the Royal Artillery at the barracks.

Bro. PHILBRICK, Q.C., having assumed the chair on the departure of Lord Brooke and the Prince said: Brethren, I am placed in a very trying and difficult position, and I appeal to your kindness and sympathy. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master sincerely regretted that he could not personally ask you to do that which it has unfortunately fallen to my lot to propose, namely, to drink "The Health of the Visitors." (Applause.) Long as we shall remember this day in the annals of Freemasonry in Essex one of the most pleasing reminiscences will be the number of distinguished brethren whom we have had the honour to entertain. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, I venture to give you—and I know I carry the sentiments of all my brethren of the province with me—"The Health of the Visitors," and I couple with the toast the name of Major-General Laurie, who is Grand Master of the Dominion Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Major-General LAURIE: Most Worshipful Sir and brethren, as I have been called upon in my capacity of Grand Master of the Colony of Nova Scotia to address you in reply to this toast, I would say a word or two in connection with Nova Scotia, which is perhaps little known, and because little known I think rather misunderstood. I have found in that

colony many associations connected with home. I have found one of the most prominent and enterprising counties in Nova Scotia was named after the shire town of Colchester. It contained the finest iron mines, it contained grand farming land; it was a county that always took the first step forward in all agricultural exhibitions, and I hold therefore that there must be some connection much more than sentimental or merely in a name between the county and this well-known shire town and agricultural community. Perhaps I may refer to the fact that there was a personal association in connection with your chief guest of to-day. When eight years ago I was called upon to lay the foundation stone of a new Freemasons' Hall to accommodate the increasing numbers of our Fraternity at that colony, the builders took up a foundation stone which on examination proved to have been laid 50 years before by his Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, the grandfather of the Duke of Albany, who has been your guest to-day. (Loud cheers.) I can assure you that nothing gratifies the members of the Fraternity, who number something like 100 lodges, over whom I have the honour to preside more than to know that they are kept fresh and green in the memory of the brethren on this side of the Atlantic, from whom perhaps they are to a certain extent separated, but only in name. I trust that all the lodges belonging to the Grand Lodge of England will always feel the same pleasant, friendly, and fraternal sentiments towards our colonial lodge as they at present do. (Applause.) On behalf of the visitors I would desire to offer you my hearty thanks for the kindly reception you have given to them and to me. (Cheers.)

The Rev. C. J. MARTYN, Deputy Provincial Master of Suffolk, said: Brethren, I have to ask you to drink the next toast, which is "The Health of the Local Committee." I would say one thing, and it is this, we could not have had this magnificent gathering we have been rejoicing in to-day, we could not have had everything carried out in the splendid way in which it has been without great, hard, and constant work on the part of the members of the Local Committee. I will couple with the toast the name of Bro. Sowman, the Worshipful Master of Angel Lodge, 51, and also mention Bro. Richey, Bro. Hennemeyer, and others. I can only repeat what I said to-day that connected as we Masons of Suffolk are with the county of Essex, I trust we shall be able to work in fraternal love and unanimity. (Applause.)

Bro. SOWMAN, W.M. 51, Chairman of the Local Committee, responded expressing the pleasure himself and those associated with him felt that their efforts had met with approval. The Freemasons of Colchester had looked forward with much interest to this auspicious day, and they rejoiced in the honour that had been conferred upon them in their own town being selected as the place of installation. In conclusion Bro. Sowman expressed a hope that the R.W.P.G.M. might long be spared to rule over the province, and that the lodges under his care might have before them a long career of usefulness. (Applause.)

The proceedings which all through had been most successful then terminated.

The following brethren were present:

Bros. Gen. Laurie, G.M. Nova Scotia; Col. Malet de Carteret, Prov. G.M. Jersey; Montague Guest, M.P., P.G.M. Dorset; Lieut.-Gen. the Hon. Somerset J. G. Calthorpe, P.G.J.W.; Sir Chas. DuCane, K.G.M.G.; Rev. Dr. Cox, P.G. Chap.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M. Suffolk; Rev. A. Hall, P.G. Chap.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Dr. E. E. Wendt, D.C.L., G. Sec. for German Correspondence; Major John Penrice, G.S.D., D.P.G.M. Norfolk; John A. Rucker, P.G.S.D.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.S.D.; Captain N. G. Phillips, P.G.S.D.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.S.D.; Reginald Bird, P.G.S.D., D.P.G.M. Oxon; Col. C. H. Gregory, C.M.G., P.G.J.D.; C. A. Murton, P.G.J.D.; Robt. Grey, P.G.J.D.; Col. Somerville-Burney, P.M. 697, P.G.J.D.; Sir Albert Woods (Garter), G.D.C.; Dr. Pigott, G.A.D.C.; J. Lewis-Thomas, F.S.A., P.G.A.D.C.; John Messent, G.S.B.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Treas. Board of Benevolence; C. Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; G. Lambert, P.G.S.B.; W. G. Cusins, G.O.; H. G. Buss, G.A. Sec.; W. R. Wood, G.P.; F. Binckes, P.G. Steward, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; J. Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; T. C. Fryer, W.M. 181; Andrew Durrant, P.M. 276, P.G. Treas.; Thos. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51, P.G. Sec.; A. Welch, P.M. 51, P.P.G.J.W.; E. Hennemeyer, P.M. 51, P.P.G.S.W.; W. P. Lewis, P.M. 51, P.P.G.J.D.; Adolphus E. Church, P.M. 51; Samuel Chaplin, P.M. 51, P.P.G.S.W.; Charles Cobb, P.M. 51, P.P.G.S.W.; J. E. Wiseman, P.M. and Sec. 433, P.P.G.A.D.C.; George Corbie, P.M. 453, P.P.G.J.W.; E. H. Inman, P.M. 1312; A. N. Jones, P.M. and Sec. 1280, P.P.G.W.; G. Harvey, P.M. 697; S. Leverett, P.M. 1280, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Clarry, P.M. 433; A. Emson, P.M. 1280; W. D. Merritt, W.M. 1000; J. Bell, P.M. 1280, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Humpherys, P.M. 1024, P.P.G.J.W.; H. King, W.M. 1280; R. D. Poppleton, I.P.M. 433; F. A. Cole, P.M. 51, P.P.G.R.; D. M. B. Wheeler, P.M. 697, P.P.G.J.W.; W. S. Ling, P.M. 433; A. C. Veley, P.M. 697, P.G.S., P.P.G.S.W.; A. F. Ginn, P.M. 276, P.P.G.S.B.; J. J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O.; W. Sowman, W.M. 51; T. Rix, P.M., Sec. 697, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Eustace, P.M. 697, P.P.G.S.B.; F. A. White, W.M. 1437; H. E. Dehane, W.M. 1543; P.G.J.D.; Edgar Bowyer, W.M. 1964, P.P.G.S.W. Herts; W. Richey, I.P.M. 51; J. Clayden, P.M. 1312, P.P.G.S.W.; G. D. Clapham, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.R.; A. Buck, P.M. 453, P.G. S.W.; Col. Jas. Peters, P.G.W. Middx.; Alex. Barber, Sec. 225, P.P.G.S.B. Suffolk; A. C. Veley, P.M. 276, P.P.G.W.; J. W. Harris, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Robt. Martin, P.M. 453, P.P.G.S.D.; Jno. Egan, P.M. 453; J. R. Thompson, P.M. 1008, P.P.G.S.B. Suffolk; F. Long, P.M. 516, P.G.S.W. Suffolk; Joseph F. Hills, P.P.G.J.W. Suffolk; C. Cooke, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; J. K. Sidgwick; H. L. Mais, P.P.G.S.W.; George Kenning, P.M. 192, 1657, P.G.D. Middx.; A. J. Manning, P.M. 1437, P.G.J.D.; James M. Farr, I.P.M. 1817, P.G.S.B.; Edward Durrant, 276; Richard Elliston, P.P.G.R.; W. O. Ward, P.M. 650, P.P.G.P.; F. J. Wiseman, I.P.M. 1734, P.P.G.J.W.; Thomas Jennings, I.P.M. 650, P.P.G.D.; A. R. Clench, P.P.G.S.W.; F. Cross, 433; C. Blyth, P.M. 433, P.P.G.P.; J. E. Richardson, P.M. 433, P.P.G.S.B.; H. J. Sansom, P.M. 1024, P.P.G.J.D.; Rev. J. P. Britton, 453, P.P.G.C.; A. W. Went, 433, P.P.G.O.; J. F. Harrington, P.M. 160, P.P.G.P.; G. J. Glasscock, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Tholander, W.M. 1457; J. T. Austin, J.W. 1457; J. Child, W.M. 453; E. B. Florence, P.M. 214, P.G.J.W.; J. J. Cavill, W.M. 1312; C. H. Vincent, W.M. 1823; Fred. Wood, P.M. 1000, P.P.G.J.W.; V. W. Taylor, P.M. 1312, P.P.G.S.W.; P. W. Taylor, P.P.G.J.W. Herts; Frank Sackett, W.M. 1343; John Coppin, P.M. 51, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. A. Pertwee, W.M. 433; J. P. Levin, P.M. 276, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. A. Bowler, P.M. 51; J. E. Horn, 1457; F. J. Wingrove, J.W. 1343; H. C. Joslin, 697; J. T. Bintley, Israel Howard, 650; Major J. F. Bishop, J. T. Browning, 51; R. Grayson, J. H. Boulton, 697; W. H. Conyers, 697; R. Dixon, P.M. 650; Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M. 697, P.P.G.C.; Rev. C. L. Acland, J. Hill, Sec. 1702; J. Tickle, P.P.G.R. Middlesex; J. Hanly, 51; H. Brown, 697; D. F. Smith, 697; E. Carrell, H. Massey, J. Hutley, J.W. 1024; Major Hale, E. J. Penny, 697; Geo. Allen, 51; G. E. Elliott, A. Kinsey Morgan, S.D. 650; Clarke Abbott, 1592; L. J. Watts, 51; H. G. Everard, S.W. 650; T. R. James, C. E. Denton, S.W. 51; F. G. Green, P.M. 1024, P.P.G.S.W.; F. C. Dixie, 453; Edwin Wilkins, 697; H. Carew Cox, Percy Mitford, Charrington Nicholl, jun., 51; Horace Darken, S. S. Parsons, 697; Arthur O. Stopes, 51; W. M. Simonson, G. A. Eustace, S.W. 697; W. T. Day, Frederic Wright, 1500; W. J. Day, 179; Alfred J. Dixie, 453; Barre Latter Tandy, J.W. 1280; A. G. Mumford, 51; C. G. Boby, 1008; A. R. Clench, J. Lord, 433; G. Angier, 433; A. Went, 433; Joseph Hope, Frank Smith, J. G. Renshaw, 697; Henry Wisbey, 51; A. L. Langford, 697; H. Stevens, 697; J. Rixon Ford, 697; John T. Bailey, Steward 697; W. Bright, 1312; C. D. Marshall, J. W. 697; E. Butler Bootes, 31; John L. Browne, 51; G. Littlebury, 697; W. Chapman, 697; C. Clegg, 51; Joseph Grimes, J.D. 51; Joshua Street, P.M. 697; Frank Quilter, 51; Rowland Tayler, 51; W. W. Daniell, 51; R. Little, 51; H. E. Williams, 697; J. Coates, 1312; R. G. Kellett, S.W. 12; Rev. C. H. Roberts, 453; H. H. Elwes, 51; C. F. J. Loder, 51; James Wicks, 51; W. H. Abilt, 51; J. H. Miller, 51; J. H. Clamp, 51; R. Haward Ives, S.D. 51; Thomas Moy, 51; J. Gillings, P.M. 1280; Walter Rowe, 1543; W. Nicholas, 890; F. Evelyn Morris, 51; F. B. Capon, 51; J. B. Lugar, Org. 697; D. Page, 697;

J. Taylor, jun., J.W. 1817; R. Woodward, W.M. 516; John Bromley, P.M. 433; John Clark, 697; C. Wilson, 433; A. Mead, S.W. 276, P.G.S.; J. D. Duffield, 697; Wm. Bray, 51; Jno. Rawl, 697; W. Jelley, 697; G. Riches, P.M. 433; R. Dickson, 650; A. C. Durrant, S.D. 276; William Herbert, 433; W. Martin, 433; Jas. Wheeler, 433; J. C. Pratt, 650; Chas. Floyd, W.M. 1817; H. Brown, 697; J. Bowdell, 697; G. P. Hazell, 697; Jas. Warren, 1224; John Taylor, 276; F. Bird, W.M. 1024; W. L. Lewis, 1224; C. Edwardes, 650; G. Rickarby, S.W. 1799; R. T. Daniell, 1799; A. W. Nash, P.M. 409; R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G.; John Dean, P.M. 433; Thomas Hale, 51; Edmund Gowers, Org. 1024, P.P.G.O.; Herbert Wolton, 285; E. W. Kidd, 411; Henry J. Dutton, 1706; F. Suthery, J.W. 276; G. W. Pickering, 650; E. Wharton, 1706; F. W. Hanson, 1706; C. R. Slater, 650; H. Massey, P.M. 619; W. T. Perkins, 1928; Alex. M. White, 51; Bede. Hutchinson, 650; Walter H. de Cean, 1024; Robt. Smith, S.D. 697; T. Malyn, I.P.M. 1312; H. McClelland, J.W. 901; C. Frost, 697; W. Strutt, 697; W. G. Siggers, 697; W. Bragg, 433; C. W. Grimwood, 1224; J. Fuller; A. S. B. Sparling, 51; R. C. Pollard, 1799; W. F. Reid, 1799; H. R. Heasman, P.M. 1437; Thos. Stokoe, J.W. 1280; C. E. Bland, 51; Edward Dorling, P.M. 1799, P.P.G. Sec. Suffolk; F. Wallis, 1799; W. R. Bloom, S.W. 1799; D. Sheppard, 1799; and others.

Letters expressing their inability to attend were received from Bros. Lord Waveney, P.G.M. Suffolk; Lord Limerick, P.G.M. Bristol; W. D. Burrell, P.G.M. Sussex; Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent; T. F. Halsey, P.G.M. Herts; Richard Else, J.G.D., D.P.G.M. Somerset; Lord Onslow, P.G.W.; Sir Francis Truscott, P.G.W.; Justice Cave, P.G.W.; Sir Whittaker Ellis, P.G.W.; Victor A. Williamson, P.G.W.; Rev. Thos. Robinson, G. Chap.; H. A. Pickard, P.G. Chap.; S. R. Wigram, P.G. Chap., P.D.P.G.M. Essex; Col. Creaton, G. Treas.; Beswicke-Royds, G.J.D.; F. P. Morrell, P.G.D.; W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; Matthew Clark, P.G.D., P.P.D.G.M. Essex; H. S. Alpess, G. Std. Br.; David Smith, D.A.G.D.C.; Sir John Monckton, President Board of General Purposes; Lord Wolseley, and others.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

A meeting of the members of the above province assembled at the National School Room, Bishopstoke, on Friday last, and notwithstanding the very inclement weather there was an unusual large number of brethren present, including—

Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M.; Hickman, D.P.G.M.; Druiitt, P.M. 195, P.G.S.W.; A. J. Miller, P.M. 130 and 359, P.G.J.W.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.M. 130, P.G. Sec.; H. Townsend, P.M. 1903, P.G.S.D.; Laverty, W.M. 1428, P.G.A.D.C.; Willmott, P.M. 342, P.G.S.B.; Quickfall, 1884, P.G. Org.; R. K. Hayman, P.M. 257, P.G. Reg.; Beale, W.M. 487, P.G.S.; Harvey, W.M. 649, P.G.S.; Barfield, 35, P.P.G.D.; Street, P.M. 56; W. H. Jacob, W.M.; Marks, J.W.; and Sims, Tyler, 76; J. Robertson, W.M.; C. J. Phillips, P.P.G.D.; R. Sharp, P.P.G.D.; J. B. Thomas, P.P.G.D.; J. Stead, and Biggs, Tyler, 130; Lowe, P.M.; Carter, P.M.; Isaacs, P.M.; and Smith, S.W., 175; Jolliffe, P.M. 195; Douglas, P.P.G.D., 197; E. Hall, W.M.; St. Clair, I.P.M.; Pinco, P.P.G.W.; Connor, P.P.G.W.; and Carter, Tyler, 257; Smith, W.M.; Heath, S.W.; Rev. Hervey, J.W.; Taylor, P.P.G.R.; J. Mason, P.P.G.D. Middlesex; A. Holbrook, P.M.; Love, Harvey, and Kavin, Tyler, 309; E. Snelling, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Dore, P.P.G.D.C.; S. S. Pearce, P.P.G.D.; Grinyer, P.M.; and Burbage, J.W. 319; Stockley, 339; Croucher, W.M.; Buck, S.W.; Saunders, J.W.; Craven, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Wilkins, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Barnes, P.P.G.D.C.; Dr. Knott, P.M.; J. Buckwood, P.M.; Ellis, P.M.; and Copus, Tyler, 342; J. Palstone, W.M.; H. Webb, J.W.; W. Waters, P.P.G.D.; C. A. Dyer, P.P.G.S.B.; M. Emanuel, P.M.; G. Cross, P.M.; and Vane, Tyler, 359; H. Iashmore, W.M. elect; Rev. S. Scott, P.P.G. Chap.; H. P. Aslatt, P.P.G.D.; G. Lengley, P.P.G.D.; and G. M. Passenger, jun., P.M. 394; M. E. Frost, P.P.G. Treas.; Osborne, P.P.G.D.; Palsgrave, P.M.; Bond, P.M.; Holley, J.W.; Pearman, Org.; Woodhouse, and Smith, Tyler, 487; Saunders, W.M. 501; Parsons, P.P.G.W.; Bradley, P.P.G.W.; Drew, P.P.G. Reg.; Thatcher, P.M.; and Gibson, J.W., 694; Woodward, W.M.; Hill, S.W.; R. R. L. Loveland, P.P.G. Reg.; Palmer, P.P.G.W.; and Clayton, P.M., 698; R. Eve, Acker, P.P.G.D.; Hickley, P.M.; and Pulley, P.M., 723; Liddell, P.P.G.S.; Elverstone, P.M.; Francis, P.M.; Askew, S.W.; and Dart, 804; Brunwin, W.M.; Irons, S.W.; Walingford; P.P.G.W.; Lancaster, P.P.G.D.; Main, P.P.G.D.C.; Hall, P.P.G. Purs.; Wilson, P.M.; Powell, P.M.; Witcher, P.M.; and Downing, P.M., 903; W. E. Atkins, W.M.; E. Mummy, S.W.; H. Cook, J.W.; W. Dupree, Sec.; Haldane, P.P.G.D.; H. Cawte, P.P.G.W.; J. Gieve, P.P.G. Br.; R. Rastuck, P.M.; Jenkins, and Exell, Tyler, 1060; W. F. Mayoss, W.M.; Fitcher, P.P.G.D.C.; and Greenslade, Sec. 1112; Croisdale, P.P.G.S. Br.; and Robertson, J.W., 1331; Travess, S.W.; Mason, J.W.; Johns, P.P.G.S.; G. Strick, P.M.; W. H. Chapman, P.M.; R. R. L. Rosoman, P.M.; Vicary, Miller, D.C.; Williams, Treas.; and Vinnicombe, Tyler, 1461; Burrell, W.M.; and Leaver, 1705; T. H. Williams, W.M.; Moen, S.W.; Green, P.P.G.D.; Groves, P.P.G.D.C.; Marshallsay, I.G.; Drake, and Maybourn, 1776; Harle, P.P.G. Purs.; J. S. Pearce, P.M.; and Harrington, Tyler, 1780; Parkhouse, W.M.; Brown, S.W.; Gardner, J.W.; G. Mason, P.M.; and Baker, 1834; Bunt, S.W.; and Child, J.W., 1869; Newman, W.M., P.P.G.W.; J. P. Burchett, S.W.; and Cooper, J.W., 1884; T. Page, W.M.; Col. Bray, S.W.; J. Martyn, J.W.; A. L. Emanuel, Sec.; P.P.G.D., and Reader, 1903; Green, W.M.; and Triggs, P.M., 1958; and P. H. Emanuel, S.D. (Freemason).

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee on the accounts of the retiring Treasurer was read and the D.P.G.M., Bro. HICKMAN, proposed its adoption, which was seconded by W. Bro. DRUITT, P.G.S.W., and carried.

The accounts showed that the sum of £800 was invested; cash in hand, £368 2s. 7d.

The P.G.M., Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., said that at the last meeting the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. M. E. Frost, P.M., was unable to attend, and sent a letter tendering his resignation on account of his health. The Prov. Grand Lodge took no action beyond appointing a committee to confer with Bro. Frost, and it would be the brethren's duty presently to elect his successor. He (the P.G.M.) had much pleasure in moving, and was sure the Prov. Grand Lodge would gladly accede to, a vote of thanks to Bro. Frost for the valuable services he had rendered to the Craft for many years. The P.G.M. himself had had many opportunities to observe with what care Bro. Frost had carried out his duties and the calm judgment he brought to bear on Masonic matters referred to him, and was sure that every brother would bear testimony to the courteous manner in which he met the brethren in Prov. Grand Lodge. The P.G.M. was especially indebted to him for the cordial assistance he had given, and the Prov. Grand Lodge was no less obliged to him for the faithful service he had rendered to the Craft. He had had many onerous duties and had performed them ably and well.

Bro. HICKMAN, D.P.G.M., seconded it with pleasure, and the vote was carried with acclamation.

Bro. M. E. Frost in returning thanks expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the P.G.M. and all the brethren, and regretted that in consequence of the state of his health, his resignation of the P.G. Treasurership was rendered unavoidable.

Bro. S. R. ELLIS, P.M. 342, said that he had much pleasure in nominating Bro. R. J. Rastrick, P.M. and Treasurer of the United Brothers Lodge, Southsea, No. 1060, to fill the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer, an office so lately well filled by Bro. M. E. Frost. For several years the office had been occupied by a Portsmouth brother, and (he Bro. Ellis) contended that it was the correct thing that one of the permanent officers of Provincial Grand Lodge should reside at Portsmouth. Bro. Ellis pointed out to the Provincial Grand Lodge that other districts were already represented, and continued saying that there were fourteen lodges at Portsmouth with 1000 subscribing members, and he thought they should have a resident in the town

of some authority to whom they could refer. Bro. Ellis then referred to Bro. Rastrick's long career in Masonry, and to the fact that for some generations his family had rendered good services to Masonry in general and the province in particular.

Bro. Major HOOPER, P.M., seconded.

Bro. R. EVE, P.P.G.W., proposed Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, P.M. of Sandown Lodge. He disputed the claims of Portsmouth to any territorial right to the office of Treasurer any more than the Isle of Wight. Bro. Loveland had exhibited great zeal not only in the district but in the province as well.

Bro. F. NEWMAN, P.P.G.S.W., seconded the motion.

The election was then proceeded with, and Bro. Rastrick was elected by a very large majority, the result being received with hearty and continuous applause.

The Prov. Grand Master then invested Bro. Rastrick with the collar and badge of office.

Bro. RASTRICK returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him by the election, and pledged himself to carry out the duties of his office with credit to himself and with satisfaction to the province.

Bro. J. R. HAYMAN asked permission to withdraw for the present his notice of motion that the sum of 1000 guineas be expended out of the funds of the Prov. Grand Lodge in the purchase of a perpetual presentation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The Prov. Grand Master assented to the withdrawal.

Bro. R. EVE proposed that as the P.G.M. would preside at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the sum of 100 guineas be presented from the Prov. Grand Lodge funds to the Institution on that occasion.

Bro. FRANCIS, P.M. 804, said that on making some enquires he found that the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight had subscribed only £881 to the Girls' School as compared with £2177 to the Boys' School and £1586 to the Benevolent Institution; and while they had but four boys there were twelve girls from that province in the Masonic School. He thought therefore that to some extent they owed a debt to the Girls' School, and he moved as an amendment that the sum of 250 guineas be presented on the occasion of the Prov. Grand Master presiding at the festival in question.

Bro. EVE said with pleasure he would withdraw his resolution and second that of Bro. Francis.

This was carried unanimously, and

The PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed his thanks to the brethren for the compliment paid to him.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DURHAM.

### CONSECRATION OF THE NORMAN CHAPTER, No. 1334.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Durham City, on the 2nd inst., when there was a large attendance of provincial and chapter principals and companions of the Order, and the most Honourable the Marquess of Londonderry, K.G., the Prov. Grand Superintendent consecrated the Norman Chapter, it being the third his Lordship has consecrated during his term of office. The Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by the following Grand officers:—Comps. B. Levy, acting Z.; H. J. Turnbull, H.; and J. S. Wilson, J. The other officers assisting were Comps. R. Hudson, S.E.; R. Candlish, S.N.; Laidler, P.S.; C. R. Fry and F. Maddison, A.S.; W. Richardson, W.G.

The Prov. Grand Superintendent was received in due form, and the minutes of last Grand Chapter having been read and confirmed, the several chapters in the province reported as follows: 48, Gateshead; 80, 94, Sunderland; 111, Darlington; 124, Durham; 240, South Shields; 509, Stockton; 531, Hartlepool; 763, West Hartlepool. The reports made were generally satisfactory.

The PROV. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, addressing the assembled chapter, said this was the second time it had been his pleasure and satisfaction to attend the Prov. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry in this province, and he was happy to find, since the last time he had the pleasure of addressing them, that one of the things which he had referred to upon that occasion had been remedied. He regretted to say that they had, since that period, lost two very excellent members, one well known to all of them, and he need not refer to him further than to say he was his predecessor in the province, and not only had Craft Masonry, but Royal Arch Masonry received a great blow when he was removed from their midst. They had also to lament the loss of their brother Freemason and Royal Arch Mason, Comp. Crookes, who so long, so faithfully, and so energetically performed the duties of S.E. He was happy to find, from the reports which their S.E. (Comp. Hudson) had put into his hands, that the whole of the annual returns of the chapters had been sent in. They had at the present moment 12 chapters in the province, with an aggregate of something like 400 members. There did not appear to be any previous data to show the progress of the Order during the last twenty years; but in 1866 the Prov. Grand Chapter was resuscitated; then there were only eight chapters, while at present the number was 12. During the year of his office as Prov. Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry of Durham he had had the pleasure of consecrating two chapters, one at Jarrow and the other at Gateshead, and he firmly hoped that the consecration of these chapters would tend to create a stimulus on the banks of the Tyne in favour of Royal Arch Masonry. According to the reports which he had received from the S.E., as far as he could understand the chapters were all working well and harmoniously together. He hoped that they might continue to meet from year to year, and that they should be able to have the same unanimity of feeling that they had had, and which should always exist in Royal Arch Masonry. (Applause.)

The PROV. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT next read a letter from the Treasurer of the chapter (Comp. the Rev. Canon Cundill) regretting his inability to attend as he was confined to his house through a sharp attack of illness, and also expressing the opinion that there would be a manifest advantage in the office of Treasurer of the Prov. Grand Chapter being held by the same companion who occupied the position of Prov. Grand Treasurer in the Craft. He (Canon Cundill) was therefore anxious to resign the treasurership, and he should feel obliged by his (the P.G. Supt.) kindly informing the chapter of

this at its meeting. The Prov. Grand Superintendent was sure there would be a general feeling of regret in losing the services of their Prov. Grand Treasurer. The appointment of his successor remained for the chapter to decide whom they would elect.

Comp. JOSEPH DODDS, M.P., had much pleasure in proposing that the cordial thanks of the Prov. Grand Chapter be communicated to Comp. the Rev. John Cundill for the services he had rendered for so many years to the Prov. Grand Chapter.

Comp. W. BRIGNALL seconded.

The Prov. Grand Superintendent (the Marquess of LONDONDERRY) spoke in the highest terms of esteem of Comp. Cundill, and he could bear witness to the kind expressions which had been uttered by Comps. Dodds and Brignall in reference to the many virtues which Comp. Cundill possessed, and no one was more pleased than himself to put this vote of thanks to Comp. Cundill to the meeting.

The motion was carried with acclamation.

Comp. B. HUDSON, G.S.E., then read the statement of accounts, which showed a balance in hand after all expenditure was met of £45 1s. 7d. He proposed that the sum of ten guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which was seconded by Comp. J. Bailey, of Darlington, and carried. Comp. C. S. Lane, of Hartlepool, proposed that ten guineas be given to the Durham Masonic Educational Fund, which was seconded by Comp. M. Corbett, of Gateshead, and carried. Comp. R. Hudson moved, and Comp. M. Corbett seconded, that ten guineas be given to the Masonic Boys' School, to be applied to the Preparatory School. After some remarks from Comp. J. Dodds, M.P., the motion was carried.

Comp. R. LEVY, of Sunderland, proposed, and Comp. JOHN HUNTER, of Hartlepool, seconded, that Comp. Babington Boulton, of Darlington, be elected P.G. Treasurer, which was carried unanimously, and Comp. Boulton acknowledged the honour conferred upon him.

The Prov. Grand Supt. then proceeded to appoint and invest the Grand Chapter officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. A. S. Fowler	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
„ R. A. Luck	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
„ R. Hudson	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
„ T. Bradley	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
„ John Hunter	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
„ G. J. Wilson	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.P.S.
„ M. Frampton	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.P.S.
„ G. Twizell	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
„ T. Coulson	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
„ S. Fenny	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
„ G. Porteous	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
„ E. Hudson	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
„ B. Boulton	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ J. Curry	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The business of the Prov. Grand Chapter being over, the consecration of the Norman Chapter, No. 1334, was then proceeded with by the Prov. Grand Superintendent. The ceremony was very beautifully and impressively rendered. The musical portion of the ceremony was rendered by Comps. Walker, Whitehead, Nutton, and Hauxwell; Comp. Richardson being Organist. The petition for and charter of the new chapter were read by Comp. R. Hudson, P.G.S.E., and Comp. B. Levy, at the request of the Worshipful the Prov. Grand Superintendent gave the address to the companions in a most impressive manner. The new chapter was then consecrated by the Marquess of Londonderry in a solemn manner, who he afterwards declared the chapter constituted. The prayer was offered by the P.G.J., Comp. Luck, and the installation of the Three Principals of the chapter then took place. The Principals were installed by Comps. B. Levy, H. J. Turnbull, R. Hudson, W. Coxon, and A. S. Fowler as follows: Comps. Geo. Greenwell, Z.; George Bales, H.; and Josh. H. Barker, J. The chapter officers were invested as follows: Comps. R. Hauxwell, S.E.; D. Whitehead, S.N.; W. Gray, P.S.; J. F. Hiller and Sewell, Asst. Sojs.; J. Laidler, P.Z., Treas.; and J. Carter, Janitor.

The chapter was afterwards closed in due form and the proceedings terminated.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

The annual meeting of this Grand Chapter was held at the National School Room, Bishopstoke, on Friday week immediately after the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge as reported in another column. There were over 100 brethren present, and M. E. Comp. Beach, M.P., Grand Superintendent, presided, the principal chairs being occupied by M.E. Comp. Hickman, H., and R. Eve, acting J.

Comp. M. E. FROST resigned his position of Treasurer of the province.

Comp. R. J. RASTRICK in very graceful terms proposed Comp. R. R. Loveland Loveland, P.Z., as Treasurer.

This appeared to give great gratification amongst the brethren, as Comps. Rastrick and Loveland were the two contestants for the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer when the former was elected.

Bro. ELLIS rose (amidst much applause as he was Comp. Rastrick's proposer) and seconded Comp. Loveland.

The result of the election was unanimous, and Comp. Loveland returned thanks.

The Grand Superintendent then invested the following companions as officers of Grand Chapter for the ensuing year:

Comp. W. Hickman, 130	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
„ Rev. J. N. Palmer, 175	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
„ George Rake, 487	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
„ Major G. Douglas, 1331	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
„ Michael Emanuel, 130	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.S.
„ J. Brickwood, 342	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.S.
„ R. Loveland Loveland	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ T. Good, 1776	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
„ J. A. Elverstone, 804	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
„ John Lind, 1428	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
„ Geo. Pearman, 487	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
„ J. Biggs, 130	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
„ J. Excell, 487	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The chapter was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the Railway Hotel and partook of a banquet served by Comp. Glasspool.



## WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

## SUGGESTED IMPORTANT CHANGES.

The meeting of the General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday evening, the 2nd inst., was a most interesting and influentially attended event. The chief business was the consideration of applications from the widows of deceased Freemasons on behalf of their children's education and advancement, and the reception and approval of the annual report to the Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and additional value was given to the gathering by the fact that a scheme was mooted by a worthy brother the scope of which was to greatly extend the beneficent operations of the charity in the cases of the children who may be on the foundation.

Bro. Silvester Mattison, No. 1609, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Institution, occupied the chair, and there was a large and influential attendance of brethren in Liverpool and from outlying districts of the province, including Bros. Dr. Smith, Holmes, Bagot, R. Brown, G. Broadbridge, R. Robinson, J. Pemberton, J. B. Mackenzie, T. Salter, A. Woolrich, J. Keet, J. Maguire, H. H. Smith, and others. Eleven applications for the education and advancement in life of the children of deceased brethren were considered, and the total sum of £90 annually was voted for the purposes indicated, no single case being refused.

The report of the Committee of the charity (prepared by the Honorary Secretaries, Bros. G. Broadbridge and R. Martin, jun., the latter of whom read the document) stated that the operations of the Institution during the past year showed a large increase in the donations and subscriptions from lodges and brethren, the total income under these heads for 1882 being the sum of £772 16s. 7d. The entire receipts from all sources amounted to £1583 17s. This had enabled the Committee, notwithstanding the enormous increase in the number of children on the foundation and the consequent larger outlay, to still further add to the capital account the sum of £321 19s. This, the Committee reminded the brethren, could not have been done but for the efforts made by a few lodges in the early history of the Institution, and which still continue their valued support. During the past year £1212 10s. 8d. had been expended in the education, clothing, and advancement in life of 166 children—a number of children and an amount the founders of the Institution could never have imagined would be dealt with by the Committee. A larger number of children than was usual had ceased during the past year to be on the foundation, having finished their education and commenced the active duties of life. Prominent among the number was John Mott (a son of the late Bro. Capt. A. C. Mott, a former Secretary of the Institution), who had finished his scholastic career in a highly satisfactory manner, passing the Cambridge local examination with honours, and had now obtained a situation in which it was believed he would sustain the reputation of his respected father. In a letter to the Committee the boy acknowledged the obligations he had been under, and expressed his grateful thanks to the governors of the Institution. There are now remaining on the foundation of the Institution 147 children, which number will probably be increased at the court of Governors to be held in March, judging from the applications for admission already sent in. Twenty-two lodges had made no return during the past year, although some of them had children of brethren formerly of their lodge receiving the benefits of the Institution. The Committee trusted this reproach would be wiped out during the coming year, and that they would in future enjoy the pleasure and privilege of figuring in the list as subscribers to the premier provincial Charitable Institution, at once the pride and boast of every West Lancashire Mason. The Committee particularly thanked several of the younger lodges for the noble efforts they had made on behalf of the Institution and the honourable position they occupied on the subscription lists. This they believed might be attributed in a large degree to the fact that some spirited brother made it his special duty to champion the cause of the charity and collect subscriptions on its behalf. This course they would recommend for general adoption. During the year Bro. Richard Brown retired from the office of Secretary, and the able manner in which he for so long a period had fulfilled the duties the Committee was pleased to find was suitably acknowledged by the brethren at the last annual court. To all who had in any degree aided the Committee by their labours or their means in accomplishing the successful results recorded in the report warmest thanks were tendered, and a continuance of kind help and support was earnestly solicited.

The report after some discussion was approved by the General Committee. The Treasurer's accounts showed a balance last year of £1289; £59 6s. 4d. had been realised from the ball in 1882; £513 12s. 3d. from interest on Dock bonds; £200 from repayment of part mortgage on property; £105 received as a donation from Provincial Grand Lodge; and £772 16s. 7d. from the donations and subscription of lodges and brethren, giving a total, with smaller items, of £3073 10s. 10d. The credit side of the balance sheet showed that £1212 10s. 8d. had been spent in the education and advancement in life of 166 children, and there was a balance in bank of £1811 12s. 10d. The sum invested in Dock bonds and mortgages with the past year's balance for the benefit of the Charity now amounts to the splendid sum of £16,839 19s. 10d. Several of the lodges during the year have contributed very generously, the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, once more heading the list with £56 10s.; the Antient Briton Lodge, No. 1675, following with £47 5s.; the Merchants, No. 241, £23 17s. 6d.; Unanimity, No. 113, £25 5s. 6d.; Antiquity, No. 178, £21; Alliance, No. 667, £15 15s.; St. John's, No. 673, £30 9s.; Royal Victoria, No. 1013, £36 15s.; Hartington, No. 1021, £27 14s.; Duke of Edinburgh, No. 1182, £21; Marquis of Lorne, No. 1354, £21 16s.; Toxteth, No. 1356, £49 5s.; Lodge of Equity, No. 1384, £21 1s.; and the Kirkdale Lodge, No. 1756, £22 15s.

A most important letter was read from Bro. R. Brown, P.M. 241, P.P.G. Treas., containing valuable suggestions as to the extension of the benefits of the Charity, and the introduction of several new features into the manner in which its operations should be carried out. After a short

conversation the following were appointed a sub-committee to consider the proposals and report to the General Committee: Bros. H. S. Alpess, R. Wylie, Bagot, R. Brown, Dr. Smith, T. Salter, C. B. Holmes, H. H. Smith, J. B. Mackenzie, G. Morgan, and R. Robinson, with the executive officers of the Institution.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Bro. Mattison for presiding.

## Australia.

## LODGE OF SORROW.

The Victoria, the youngest of the English lodges in the colony of Victoria, held a lodge of sorrow in the Town Hall, Hawthorn, near Melbourne, on Wednesday evening, December 20th, in memory of the late Bro. E. C. Spink, one of the charter members. This is purely an American institution, there being only one other instance of the kind in Victoria. As will be observed the ceremony is open to non-Masons and ladies, the dais in fact being reserved for the latter. The hall was crowded not only by members of the Victoria Lodge, but visiting brethren who had been invited through advertisement in the newspapers. Headed by the choir of St. Peter's Church singing a hymn, the brethren entered the hall in procession, Bro. W. J. Turner officiating as Organist.

The ceremony was commenced by the W.M., Bro. the Rev. E. A. Thomas, calling upon the lodge and saying: "Brother Senior Warden, for what purpose are we assembled?" In response the Senior Warden replied: "To honour the memory of those brethren whom death has taken from us; to contemplate our own approaching dissolution, and by the remembrance of immortality to raise our souls above the considerations of this transitory existence." The Junior Warden having announced his charge the W.M. commended these sentiments to the earnest consideration of the brethren, and invoked their assistance in the solemn ceremonies which were to take place. He then declared the lodge duly opened. An appropriate ode followed, after which the Worshipful Master taking a skull in his hand performed the duties pertaining to his office. In the centre of the hall a catafalque had been erected upon which was placed the deceased brother's regalia and jewels of office.

After a prayer by the Chaplain, the Wardens, Deacons, and Stewards formed a procession, and proceeding once round the catafalque to slow and solemn music, opened out to right and left, the Junior Warden advancing to the catafalque and placing thereon a wreath of white flowers, saying, "In memory of our departed brothers I deposit these white flowers, emblematical of that pure life to which they have been called, and reminding us that as these children of the hour will droop and fade away, so, too, we shall soon follow those who have gone before us, and inciting us to fill up the brief span of our existence that we may leave to our survivors a sweet savour of remembrance." The Warden then returned to his place, and after an interval of profound silence the procession re-formed, and to slow music marched twice around the catafalque. The Senior Warden then advanced, and performed the rites of his office. The procession then for the third time marched round, whereupon the Master advanced and placed upon the urn a wreath of evergreen, saying, "It is appointed unto all men once to die, and after death cometh the resurrection, &c." Upon the Master returning to his place, the Chaplain read a solemn lecture, and upon reaching the words, "O death where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" the lights were raised, and the tapers around the catafalque were relighted. An ode followed, after which the closing ceremonies were performed. Bro. W. H. Williams sang the solo, "Waft him angels through the skies" in excellent style. The 30th Psalm was rendered by the choir in a perfect manner, the musical portion of the ceremony concluding with a hymn to the tune of the Old Hundredth, in which all present heartily joined. During the evening Councillor Swan, Bro. W. F. Massey, and the W.M. spoke in high terms of the character of the deceased brother. The assemblage dispersed at half-past nine to the solemn music of the Dead March in *Saul*.

**MELBOURNE.**—Combermere Lodge (No. 752).—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge, now numbering over 120 members, was held in the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 21st December. Bro. Charles Shaw presided, supported by the following officers and Past Masters: Bros. Dr. J. Willmott, P.M., S.W.; Dr. Robert Peel, P.M., J.W.; Cartright, P.M.; F. B. Force, P.M., Secretary; Braim, P.M., Treas.; Pearson, P.M.; and W. F. Lamonby, P.M.

There were also present a large number of members and visiting brethren from other lodges, there being altogether well on to a hundred in the hall. The minutes of the ordinary and emergency meetings were read and confirmed, after which ballots were taken for one candidate and four joining members, amongst the latter being Bro. Charles A. Woodroffe, 310, New York State. Two candidates were initiated, and here the services of the newly-organised choir, under the conductorship of Bro. David Lee, City Organist, came into requisition for the first time, and produced a telling effect, not only on the candidates but on the whole of the large assemblage. The charge having been delivered the elections for the ensuing year took place. Bro. Dr. Willmott was elected W.M. by one of the heaviest votes ever cast in an Australian lodge. He previously passed the chair in an English lodge. Bro. Guy was also re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Paul received the suffrages of the brethren as Tyler for the third time.

Several propositions for initiation and affiliation were handed in, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper.

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## MASONIC BALLS.

## CITY OF LONDON LODGE, No. 901.

The annual ball of this lodge took place on Wednesday week, at the Freemasons' Tavern, and was attended by about 200 brethren and friends. Dancing commenced soon after nine o'clock to the excellent band of Bro. Henry Tinney, I.G. of the Asaph Lodge. About 12 o'clock the company adjourned to the Crown room for supper, which was most liberally placed on the tables under the superintendence of Bro. Dawkins, and presided over by Bro. John Hughes, W.M. of the lodge. After the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," Bro. Fowles, of the Ebury Lodge, in a few complimentary remarks gave the toast of "The City of London Lodge," coupled with the name of the W.M. "The Visitors" next followed, and in some well chosen words was replied to by a visiting brother, Bro. Russ, P.M., gave the toast of "The Stewards," coupling with it the name of Bro. R. P. Stevens, Hon. Sec. of the ball. Bro. Wheir then proposed "The Health of the much esteemed I.P.M., Bro. G. A. Cundy," and after the toast of "The Ladies," which was replied to by Bro. Hurdell, W.M. of the Ebury Lodge, dancing was soon resumed and kept up with much spirit till half-past four, when the company separated after spending a most agreeable evening. Bro. Jarvis was M.C.

## BURDETT-COUTTS LODGE, No. 1278.

The annual ball under the auspices of this old and flourishing lodge was celebrated with considerable éclat on the 30th ult. at the Cannon-street Hotel. Profiting by the experience gained on previous occasions, a capital band of Stewards, with Bro. R. L. Sturtevant, I.P.M., as its indefatigable Hon. Secretary, by a wise foresight had attended to all details calculated to enhance the enjoyment of the patrons of the ball. Nearly 200 ladies and brethren availed themselves of the opportunity of combining social recreation and intercourse with support to our Masonic Institutions. The spacious hall was brilliant with the electric light, and was tastefully fitted with fountains decorated with flowers in each angle. The principal charm was however derived from the tasteful dresses of the fair sex, many of whom paid a delicate compliment to the Order by appearing in handsome costumes of Craft blue tint. The whole presented a "coup d'œil" of surprising beauty to the observer, as the pleasure of the dance were enjoyed to the strains of Mr. A. Cohen's band. Bros. A. C. Stichling, 511, and W. Perrin, P.M. 1056, proved efficient Masters of Ceremonies. Shortly after midnight supper was partaken of, Bro. Albert Jones, W.M., presiding, with Bro. R. L. Sturtevant, I.P.M., and P.M.s, J. J. Berry and G. W. Verry as vice-presidents. At its conclusion Bro. Jones gave the toasts of "The Queen," and "The Stewards of the Ball" were next honoured, Bro. Sturtevant replying and thanking those ladies and gentlemen who had attended. Bro. Sturtevant, I.P.M., next gave in appreciative words "The Health of the W.M.," and explained, to correct any possible misapprehension which might exist upon the subject that the W.M. was not the only Jones, but Bro. Albert Jones, Albert the good and his very old and dear friend, whose health he would ask them to drink heartily. The appeal was readily responded to and the names of Mrs. Jones and Miss Lilian Jones were also received with much enthusiasm. "The Ladies," proposed by Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M., in loyal and appreciative terms, he being a married brother, elicited a reply from Bro. Arliss, who being unmarried trusted before that time 12 months to be in a position to speak with more information upon the subject. Dancing was then resumed and did not cease until nearly 5 o'clock, all present expressing approbation of the arrangements. Bro. Rand, the manager, superintended the supper, and the house arrangements left nothing to be desired. The following were amongst the company: Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M., and Mrs. Berry; Bro. and Mrs. Gillard; Bro. Barnes, P.M.; Bro. Anderson, (S. Con.); Absell and Mrs. Absell; Bro. Stichling and Mrs. Stichling; Bro. Cant and Mrs. Cant; Bro. Bonner, Mrs. and Miss Bonner; Bro. T. Clark and Mrs. Clark; Bro. Stephens; Bro. Wise and Mrs. Wise; Bro. Hammond and Mrs. Hammond; Miss Moore; Mrs. Absell and Miss Absell; Bro. Payne and Mrs. Payne; Bro. Crowder and Miss Crowder; Bro. A. Jones, W.M., and Mrs. and Miss Jones; Bro. Verry, P.M., Sec.; Bro. B. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart; Bro. Collins and Mrs. Collins; Bro. Chitson and Mrs. Chitson; Bro. Sturtevant, Hon. Sec., and Mrs. Sturtevant; Bro. Burgess; Miss Linn; Bro. Brittain and Mrs. Brittain; Bro. W. J. Musto and Miss L. Musto; Bro. J. Fowler and Mrs. Fowler; Bro. Birch; Bro. Crutch and Mrs. and the Misses Lloyd.

## THE PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

This lodge will meet for the future at the Masonic Hall, 88, Gracechurch-street. The first lodge of instruction was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., and Bro. Porter may be congratulated upon the successful opening of the handsome rooms he has assigned for lodge accommodation. The instruction of the 6th inst. was conducted by Bro. Terry, the subject being the consecration of a lodge. It is unnecessary to say that the rehearsal of such a solemn function under the control of Bro. Terry would combine reverence, precision, and fidelity. In his work he was well supported by his officers who had arranged a programme varied by many hymns and who paid considerable attention to other details necessary to success. A capital organ from the Smith Organ Company with Bro. Cozens as Organist, rendered the musical portions of the ceremony very effective. The united voices of 80 men singing well known tunes with feeling expression made the ceremony more an act of worship rather than a rehearsal. Doubtless this was designed. A few inferences may be drawn from this successful meeting. The Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction consisted of 12 members. The Master, Bro. Myers, displaying spirit, influenced the removal to a handsome modern lodge fit for gentlemen to meet in. Programmes and publicity, good music, and perhaps the prospect of a good supper swelled the attendance from 12 to 80, and secured the adhesion of 40 joining members. This is an it should be. There must be an end to inferior accommodation, slovenly services, and a ritual in which music is painfully absent. If lodges of instruction aim as high as the Prince Leopold Lodge they will inevitably advance in the culture of ritual, and a growth of reverence and charity will be the inevitable result. Nolens volens, these belong to a very immediate future.

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On WEDNESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1883,

AT

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Upon which occasion

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Steward upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by  
forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as  
convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any  
information required.

JAMES TERRY, P. Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts,  
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## To Correspondents.

The following reports stand over till next week:—

Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 529.  
Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178.  
Tredegar Lodge, No. 1625.  
Freemasonry in China.  
Correspondence—"Doubtful."

## BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Voice of Masonry," "The Court Circular," "The  
Scholastic Gazette," "The Lifeboat Journal," "The  
Hull Packet," "Broad Arrow," "La Chaine d'Union,"  
"The Philosophy of Advertising," "The Keystone,"  
"The New York Dispatch," "The Orient," "Night and  
Day," "Schlesisches Logenblatt," "Allen's Indian Mail,"  
"The Hamilton Evening Times," "The Brighton Gazette,"  
"El Taller," "Masonic Token."



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1883.

## Original Correspondence.

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

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am sorry I cannot see my way to quietly allow  
the letter of Bro. Hedges to go unanswered.

I admit I said "it would be curious if it leaked out that  
they could take in all the candidates as they did last year,"  
and as a brother said, "how about the silk stockings and  
patent shoes for the girls," I replied "if they do not know how  
to spend their money we do." But surely there is a wide  
difference between criticising expenditure, and saying that  
the Girls' School does not require the active support of the  
Craft, and I would rather if I must take choice adopt the  
whole of the report as it appears, with one exception, than I  
would accept the conclusion at which Bro. Hedges arrives.  
I am sorry he hastened officially to draw attention to  
the report, because I should think where one brother  
reads reports so would read a letter; and I now say, know-  
ing that they could take in all the candidates, if I had said  
that in my opinion the funds were being spent to the best  
possible advantage to the Craft, then his own words would  
apply "that it was absolutely and entirely incorrect and  
totally without the least justification in fact;" and as a  
Vice-President of this Institution, I maintain I have a right  
to express my opinion on the matter, and as I feel the  
attack comes from the Institution and not from me I would  
ask—

1. How many girls the Alexandra wing was stated it  
would accommodate?  
2. How many more were to be provided for by the pur-  
chase of Lincombe House? And also if either of these  
numbers have ever been filled up? and I venture to appeal  
to the Craft at large that looking at the balance sheet just  
published, showing an income of £17,200, and an ordinary  
expenditure of £8200, if the time has not come when  
something else ought to be done to extend the benefits  
instead of shutting out candidates and incurring the expense  
both to the institution and friends of the candidates for a  
contested election in April next, when none in my opinion  
need be held?

3. Why should the sum of £1000 be lying at the bankers  
bearing a slight interest only, instead of providing home  
and education for the other seven girls at the ensuing elec-  
tion?

In reference to the last paragraph I never said "The  
Secretary was never to be seen," but that I regretted he  
was seldom to be seen at these meetings, and while we  
may not all see alike, I still repeat the regret I then  
felt, and still feel, that he does not consider it part of his  
duty to be at the various lodges either to plead for contri-  
butions or return thanks for favours received.—I am, dear  
sir and brother, yours fraternally. JOHN MASON,  
P.P.G.S.D. Middx., Vice President.

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

This point I wish to bring under the notice of those  
who possess any influence in making or causing to be made  
alterations in the Book of Constitutions or the laws of our  
charities, notably the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

No one is eligible to be placed on the list of candidates  
for male annuity fund unless he has subscribed for ten  
years to his lodge, &c.

During my membership of nearly 30 years in the Craft  
I have found that the rules of the Boys' and Girls' Schools  
have been as near as possible made alike.

Now if ten years is a necessary qualification for annuity  
fund, and if that rule works well there, why not extend it  
as a qualification for applicants to Lodge of Benevolence.  
Also to those who seek to gain permission to place their  
children as candidates for the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

I presume Bro. Joshua Nunn is now pledged to his notice  
for a five years' qualification at Lodge of Benevolence. I  
hope he may be able to see his way clear to augment the  
five years' qualification.—I am, dear sir and brother,  
yours faithfully and fraternally, PAST STEWARD,  
V.P. and L.G. of Charities.

### MASONIC GOOD FORM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Being a very old Mason indeed I may be perhaps  
permitted a few remarks on a subject on which I am always  
both fidgety and tenacious, I mean Masonic "good form." I  
have been much struck with a speech recorded in your  
journal the week before last about the Charities, and by  
an officer of one of our Charitable Associations, and I  
would fain ask if you deem such remarks, if rightly  
reported, calculated to advance Masonic charity, keep up  
Masonic good feelings, or constitute a pleasant commen-  
tary on Masonic professions.

As read, if so delivered, they are practically a charge  
against the Secretary of one of our great Charities of  
neglect of duty, and against the Managing Committee of  
the same Institution of want of sympathy for the female  
children of Freemasons, though with plenty of means to help  
them. And as neither of these suggestions and insinuations  
could possibly or are in any degree be founded on fact, is it not  
rather a pity, an abnormal procedure really to be regretted,  
that an official of one Charity should criticize the acts of the  
officials and Committee of another Charity? Is such a speech  
likely to produce good understanding, or to bring about fra-  
ternal feeling? A perfect freedom must be accorded to the  
officials of each Institution, and their work can only safely  
be judged by their results. We ought always I think to  
make great allowance for the exuberance of after-dinner  
speeches, and I shall really be glad to hear, that in the  
recent report the orator's words were not quite correctly  
rendered, owing to his own burning eloquence, the buzz  
of conversation, and the somewhat hazy atmosphere in  
which they were delivered.—Yours fraternally, SENEX.



### MASONIC ALMANACK FOR THE PROVINCE OF SUSSEX; FREEMASONS' CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF DORSET; MASONIC YEAR BOOK FOR CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

These are all admirable local guides to provincial Free-  
masons, for provincial Freemasonry, and reflect every  
credit on their respective compilers. We are especially  
struck with the Cambridgeshire handbook, alike in its  
binding, and its "tout ensemble." It is a very neat and  
credible production, and we can equally praise in respect  
of their arrangement and information the handbooks for  
Sussex and Dorset.

### LE MONDE MACONNIQUE.

This is very full this month of information for French  
Freemasons. It contains an effective memoir of Bro. St.  
Jean. We note that its Editor, Bro. Grimaux, is called to  
the Secretariat of the Grand Orient. We congratulate  
him thereon. We do not always agree with Bro. Grimaux,  
but we are not insensible to his great ability and we must  
add, in fraternal courtesy, "sans tout les rapports."

### EAST ANGLIAN HAND BOOK. Argus Office, Norwich.

This useful and interesting hand book, in the 24th year  
of publication, lies on our table with renewed effectiveness  
of literary power. We have perused its pages with great  
pleasure, and recommend our readers to do the same, as it  
contains much to interest those who wish to know about  
Norfolk and the Norfolk Broads, and are zealous followers  
of honest old Izaak Walton.

### THE MAGAZINES.

The cry is still they come. Come they certainly do in  
wonderful form and great effect.

"Longman's" is before us, a very excellent serial.  
There are some admirable contributions by Mr. R. Proctor  
and others, (which see), but to our mind the tale of poor  
little "Dandy" is the gem of the magazine. It will affect  
deeply, (as we are not ashamed to say it affected us), many  
readers, we doubt not, old and young. To use the vernacular  
of the hour, it is "quite too utter."

We may add, that in "Longman's" Mr. Austin Dobson  
and Mr. Lang give us some happy lines on the taste for  
binding, and the love of old books.

"The Century" is indeed most vivacious and most  
suggestive. It seems to exhaust praise, to disarm criticism,  
alike by its thorough outcome and its living power. It is  
very pleasant and wholesome reading.

"Temple Bar" is very readable indeed, and we like  
"Belinda" so far very much. The account of Mr. Glad-  
stone's school days will attract many.

"All the Year Round" has in it always something of  
special homely tone of taste and reality, which commends  
it to the thoughtful and appeals to the general cultured  
taste of people who read and think. "Mr. Scarborough's  
Family" is continued, and amid numerous other contribu-  
tions of great value and earnest power, "Was it success?"  
is one of the most striking stories we have read for some  
time. "Geoffrey Stirling" wends its way grimly, sensa-  
tionally, and "awfully touching."

"The Antiquary" and "The Bibliographer," the Castor  
and Pollux of dryadustic research and bibliomaniacal idio-  
syncrasy, are almost lively this month in the numerous in-  
teresting matters they allude to and deal with. They are  
both equally useful and readable for the student of archæ-  
ology and the lover of books.



## Masonic Notes and Queries.

### 119] DR. STUKELY AND MASONRY.

I have been so busy lately that although I have glanced each week at the notes of "Masonic Student" and Bro. Hughan on this subject, I have been quite unable to find time to put pen to paper for the *Freemason*. I have seen Bro. Lukis, however, and he has sent me a few notes on the matter, which I transcribe for the "Notes and Queries" corner. With regard to the Constitution MS. alluded to by Stukely, there is no doubt about Bro. Hughan being right as to its identity. Stukely had carefully copied the opening sentences into his diary, and Bro. Lukis some time ago was at the pains to make a facsimile copy, which he presented to the collection of the Eboracum Lodge, and it now hangs in a frame on the walls of the lodge room. As regards the persons mentioned by Stukely, Bro. Lukis says: "I have ascertained that there were three persons of the name of Collins with whom Stukely was acquainted, (1) Anthony Collins, the freethinker; (2) Mr. Collins, the artist who painted the portraits of Stukely and Sir Theodore Mayern; and (3) Bro. Collins, who was initiated into Freemasonry in 1721, together with Stukely and Capt. Rowe. The last is generally styled by Stukely in his diaries 'Mr. Collector Collins.' His place of residence I cannot discover. Sometimes he is referred to as being in London, at other times in the neighbourhood of Stamford. It appears that he was very frequently in or near Stamford, also that he was fond of astronomy and a collector of coins. In Stukely's memoirs I find that 'Mr. Collector Collins had a telescope of 15 feet made by Mr. Sisson,' and that on 'September 9th, 1737, Dr. Stukely and others used this instrument to observe Jupiter and his satellites and belts.' There is likewise this entry: 'Mr. Collector Collins and Dr. Stukely went together to see some Roman antiquities at Durobrivis [Castor, Northants] 'on 16th April, 1739.' He was probably a collector of excise. Capt. Rowe is described as 'the inventor of the diving engine.' As he was not the inventor of the diving bell I presume that he was the inventor of some kind of engine for supplying the diver with air." It is very probable that in many old MS. diaries, numbers of which exist amongst family papers and records and in unopened and dust-covered bookcases, would be found allusions to early Freemasonry. Stukely's diary is an instance in point, and if it had not come into our brother's hands the curious references under discussion would in all probability have remained unnoticed or been lost altogether.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

### 120] CHARLES SACKVILLE.

I have read Bro. "G. B. A.'s" last note, but though highly suggestive and clearly drawn out in itself, it does not convince me as to the identity between the Charles Sackville of 1733 and the Earl of Middlesex, Duke of Dorset. All that "G. B. A." can say is, that the fact is a possible one, and to some extent a likely one, that they are one and the same person, but on the whole, I venture to think, the grounds of probability are somewhat hazy. What I cannot understand is, if the Charles Sackville of 1733 was really Charles Lord Sackville or Charles Earl of Middlesex, why Natter calls him simply "Carolus Sackville." Horace Walpole no doubt as "G. B. A." says, alludes to the Earl of Middlesex in correspondence with Sir Horace Mann, and George Montague, and others, as in fact the great patron and introducer of Italian operas into England, and the chances are, as I said before, that he was at Florence and perhaps in 1733, and that is all, so far that any one can say. But it is a very curious and striking fact, explain it as you will, that this "Magister Florentinus" of 1733 cared so little about the Order that he took no notice of it in England, even though his friend and patron Frederick Prince of Wales joined it. It would have been the most reasonable and likely thing in the world, if Lord Middlesex was really a Freemason, to be present on such an occasion, especially as he formed part of the Prince's household. I am on the whole inclined to think (though other confirmatory evidence may turn up) that the "Handbuch" has guessed the truth, when it suggests that this use of Charles Sackville's name is a "fraus pia," and that Natter when he went to St. Petersburg, (if he went), mixed up the names of Carolus Sackville with the fables of that peculiar movement in Freemasonry which confounded all the facts of Masonic History. The "Handbuch" says that in 1762 Natter went to Stockholm and St. Petersburg and there introduced the Clerical or Strict Observance system, and that he died in St. Petersburg in 1763. If the "Handbuch" be correct, he was born in Schwabia in 1705, then studied at Rome, was in the Grand Duke's service at Florence first in 1733, and thence went to the Hague and London, and afterwards to Copenhagen, Stockholm, and St. Petersburg. His name is said to have been John Lawrence, and a Lawrence Natter published some works on stone engraving and medals in 1751 and 1761, and later in London, where he seems to be settled. Are these two different persons? or is there a mistake? In the edition of "Haden's Dictionary of Biography," edited by Payn, 1870, Natter is said to have been born in 1705, and to have settled in London in 1740. There is then apparently some error. I am not aware that Natter joined our English Order. There is no trace of this Florentine lodge in our English records, and I am inclined on the whole to doubt the story altogether. "G. B. A." seems to argue that because the "medal" is there it proves his case. But may it not prove too much? DRYASDUST.

### 121] PAPAL BULLS.

My knowledge of Greek is unfortunately confined to a very imperfect acquaintance with its alphabet. I have seldom regretted this ignorance more than whilst reading Mr. Grissell's letter in your edition of the 3rd inst. On the latter part of his communication, referring to the supposed bulls, I feel that I must make some comment. My first note (107) will show that I was quite aware that not only Governor Pownall, but also Krause and Kloss, had made fruitless search for these documents. But I may be permitted to point out that their absence of success is not a convincing proof that these documents do not exist, still less that they never did exist; they may have been mislaid or even wilfully destroyed subsequently to the papal excommunication of

us poor Freemasons. But I am willing to concede all that Mr. Grissell conveys by his words: I myself do not believe in the possibility of a bull as generally understood, and should perhaps avoid the use of the term. On referring to Ogilvie's dictionary I gather that this word originally signified the seal of any document, that subsequently it meant the document itself, and that, finally, it expresses "an edict of the Pope published or transmitted to the churches over which he is head, containing some decree, order, or decision." It is in the second form only that I used it—a document signed and sealed by the Pope, but not necessarily published throughout the world. The Steinmetz Constitutions of 1459 were confirmed by all the Kaisers of Germany. Why not also by some of the Popes? The German Masons of 1518 expressly state that they were, and I fail to see any improbability in this assertion. But such a confirmation, being a charter applicable only to the Strasburg Lodge, would probably not be transmitted to all the churches, nor would perhaps even a copy be preserved in the Vatican. Such a confirmation of the Brotherbook I think might be possibly found at Strasburg: a mere papal charter regulating the rights and privileges of a guild of Operative Masons; and I am sorry if any previous words of mine have raised an impression that I inclined to a belief in a papal bull, properly so called.

G. WM. SPETH.

## REPORTS OF LAMPS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

### Craft Masonry.

**TEMPLE LODGE (No. 101).**—The installation meeting of the above old lodge was held on Tuesday last at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, when there were present Bros. H. Brandon White, W.M.; Dr. Powell, S.W.; John Robbins, J.W.; James Bond, P.M.; Treas.; H. J. Reynolds, P.M., Sec.; Edward J. Altman, S.D.; T. A. Bullock, J.D.; E. Lardner, I.G.; Fradd, W.S. Past Masters, W. Beard, W. George, Youle, Hashtlow, Thomas, T. E. Taylor, Wynn, Scott, S. Grimby, Bros. Riddell, T. Beard, J. J. Caney, Piggott, W. McNeill, Geo. Tuthill, George Kenning, P.M. 192 and 1657, P.G.D. Middx.; Albert J. Altman, Lazarus, W. R. McNeill, Miller, J. Brown, Hayworth, Round, May, Vernon, Stiles, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the report of the audit meeting was read and approved. Mr. C. Bagley was initiated and Bro. Payne was passed to the Second Degree. The W.M. then installed Bro. Dr. Powell as W.M. for the ensuing year, the whole of the initiation, passing, and installation ceremonies being performed in a most able and efficient manner by Bro. H. Brandon White, the newly installed W.M. Bro. Dr. Powell then invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Brandon White, I.P.M.; John Robbins, S.W.; Edward J. Altman, J.W.; James Bond, P.M., Treas. (for the 16th time); James Reynolds, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Bullock, S.D.; E. Lardner, J.D.; J. Round, I.G.; and Fradd, P.M., W.S.

The brethren then retired to the banqueting hall, where a most sumptuous repast awaited them. The W.M. proposed the usual toasts. A jewel was presented to the I.P.M.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—A meeting of this old lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 30th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., W.M.; Clark, S.W.; Jordan, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Fromholtz, S.D.; Hudson, acting I.G.; Howe, W.S.; Dipple, D.C.; McMullen, A.W.S.; Green, P.M.; C. Dairy, P.M.; Morrison, P.M.; Cobham, P.M., and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Glass, W.M. 212; H. Higgins, W.M. 1381; Hagerthy, S.D. 1741; Phillips, 1580; Williams, 1669; and W. Pinto, La Serera, Alexandria.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. C. Dairy gave a notice of motion "That the sum of ten guineas be voted from the lodge funds and placed upon the list of Bro. Wadcoat as a Steward representing No. 141 at the forthcoming festival of the Boys' School." Several minor matters having been disposed of the lodge was formally closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed.

"The Health of the W.M." was warmly proposed by Bro. Morrison, P.M.

The Worshipful Master having responded then gave "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. Glass and Pinto, who duly acknowledged the compliment.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was replied to by Bros. Dairy and Morrison.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" followed, and was responded to by Bro. Stuart, P.M.

"The Officers" came next in order, and received due justice from Bros. Clark, Fromholtz, McMullen, and others.

The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

**LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst. at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. Giesman Chillingworth, W.M.; H. A. Pratt, S.W.; H. Stevenson, P.M., J.W.; H. Legge, P.M., Treas.; G. Abbott, P.M., Sec.; Barclay Perkins, S.D.; W. Darnell, I.G.; Thomas Cohn, P.M., Stwd.; W. Dyer, Tyler; Lucas, I.P.M.; Rickwood, P.M.; Medwin, P.M.; Fisher, Williams, Dowland, Fowler, Hamblin, Cobb, and Smith. Visitors: Bros. Flaxman Spurrell, 1793, P.P.G.W. Kent; Sparrow, S.W. 1743; and Brewster, 528.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Pratt, S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the office of W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Legge was also unanimously re-elected as Treasurer. The Audit Committee was then appointed, after which Mr. W. T. Tilbury, who had been previously balloted for, was regularly initiated into Freemasonry. A grant of 10 guineas from the funds of the lodge was made to a distressed brother, to which was added a subscription among the brethren present

which realised 10 guineas, and the list was ordered to remain open for the next meeting (installation).

There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

**LANGTHORNE LODGE (No. 1421).**—The anniversary festival of the above flourishing lodge was celebrated on Thursday, 25th ult., at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, E. Lodge was opened at 4.30 by Bro. B. Cundick, P.M., in the absence of Bro. R. W. Biggs, W.M., who was supported by the following officers and brethren: A. Meyers, S.W. and W.M. elect; J. Hunt, J.W.; T. S. Taylor, P.M., Treas.; G. Ward Verry, P.M., Sec.; P. Ms. B. Cundick, G. F. Dix, H. N. Taylor, J. G. Stevens, J. Bullwinkle, S.D.; W. Buckle, J.D.; Dr. T. Loane, M.C.; C. Hopson, W.S., Org.; and A. Walkley, Tyler. Also Bros. J. D. Whitehead, R. Mills, T. Mercer, A. Ralph, W. March, R. Hirst, S. Darley, C. H. Bardoulean, J. Wilks, F. England, A. Walter, C. Mansfield, R. Middleton. Visitors: H. Conningham, I.G. 1625; K. Smith, Org. 1829; A. Symes, W.S. 554; J. G. Twinn, I.G. 1306; W. F. Thorpe, 1614; W. Freeman, W.M. 147; H. Taplay, P.M. 1076; J. S. Fraser, W.M. 174; J. Boulton, W.M. 1056; R. W. Hunter, 1685; T. D. Birch, 1365; J. Slade, 1685; J. Brooks, 51; J. M. Knight, S.W. 1805; and G. H. Stephens, J.W. 1623, 1382, 898 (*Freemason*).

After the transaction of the usual routine business, the Auditors' report was brought up and adopted. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. C. A. Ralph, a candidate for the Third Degree, was raised by Bro. Cundick in a masterly manner. The next business, the principal feature of the evening, was then proceeded with. Bro. John G. Stevens, P.M., who in the Langthorne and several other prominent East End lodges has for years past held the freehold of D.C. on installation nights, presented Bro. Albert Meyers, S.W., W.M. elect, to Bro. Benjamin Cundick, P.M., who had most kindly undertaken the arduous duties of Installing Master.

A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Meyers was inducted into the chair of K.S. in ancient form. The W.M. was next saluted by the brethren in the several Degrees, and thereafter appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Hunt, S.W.; A. Bullwinkle, J.W.; T. S. Taylor, P.M., Treas. (re-appointed); G. W. Verry, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); A. Buckle, S.D.; Dr. T. Loane, J.D.; C. Hopson, I.G.; and W. March, M.C. The concluding portion of the ceremony—the delivering of the three grand charges—was next dealt with, Bro. Cundick, P.M., investing each with a fulness of meaning and point, and was heartily applauded on resuming his seat amongst the Past Masters.

Several other items of business being disposed of the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to an adjoining dining saloon, where a capital banquet was very well served by Host Watkins (son of the late esteemed Bro. S. Watkins), which was thoroughly enjoyed and gave entire satisfaction to the brethren. At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M., Bro. A. Meyers, gave the usual loyal and Craft toasts, Bro. C. Hopson supplying the musical arrangements.

Bro. Biggs, I.P.M., gave "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Meyers," who suitably responded.

The other toasts given were "The Visitors," "The Past Masters" (Bro. Cundick, P.M., replying), "The Benevolent Institutions" (powerfully responded to by Bro. J. G. Stevens, P.M.), and "The Officers." These were all well received and an enjoyable evening was passed.

**ALL SAINTS LODGE (No. 1716).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 2nd inst., Bro. Joseph House, W.M., presiding, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. T. L. Kennett, S.W.; H. J. Hancock, J.W.; W. G. Wilshaw, Sec.; W. J. Rundell, S.D.; E. Witherstone, J.D.; J. Groul, Org.; J. C. Pittam, I.G.; J. Kemp Coleman, P.M.; W. C. Young, I.P.M.; Leonard Potts, P.M.; T. Morgan, J. Robinson, E. C. Knowles, T. Johnson, G. Harrison, Tyler; and Bros. T. Usherwood, R. Logan, and E. G. Johnson, visitors.

The lodge having been opened in due form the minutes of the last regular meeting and of the subsequent emergency meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Morgan was then passed to the Second Degree, the ancient charge and the lecture on the tracing board being admirably rendered by the W.M.

The Worshipful Master then suggested the desirability of forming a Helping or Benevolent Fund. Since he had attended the meetings of the Lodge of Benevolence as the W.M. of this lodge he had had his attention called to the large number of cases where relief was an urgent necessity, and in eloquent terms appealed to the sympathy and support of the brethren to such a fund as he proposed starting; and on the motion of Bro. Leonard Potts, P.M., seconded by Bro. W. C. Young, I.P.M., the matter was referred to a committee, consisting of the W.M., Past Masters, and officers for consideration and report.

Other business of a routine character having been transacted the lodge was adjourned.

**KAISAR-I-HIND LODGE (No. 1724).**—The first of the four annual meetings of this lodge was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on the 1st inst., under the presidency of Bro. R. A. Bayford, who was installed W.M. in November last. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. Chas. Haig, No. 200, as a joining member, and for the election and initiation of Mr. H. R. P. Schooles, Attorney-General for British Honduras, Mr. Hy-Pritchard, and Mr. Clement Linwood Strong, all the candidates having been duly elected. The W.M. next proceeded in a very impressive manner with the ceremony of raising Bros. Capt. Wyatt, Wm. Turner, Arthur Reginald Rudall, and Richard Fynes Barrett-Lennard, and subsequently initiated Mr. Schooles into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment. After the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, and received due response. The W.M. and Bros. Haig, and Dildin, added greatly to the pleasure and conviviality of the meeting by their excellent songs, and a pleasant and fraternal evening was ultimately brought to a conclusion with the Tyler's toast.

The members present were Bros. R. R. Bayford, W.M.; Col. G. F. Blake, P.M.; T. Barrett-Lennard, P.M.;

Ambrose W. Hall, Chap.; Stephen C. Dibdin, Treas.; F. W. Ramsay, Sec.; R. A. Pritchard, S.W.; John Shortt, J.W.; C. Berney Brown, S.D.; Ernest Field, J.D.; C. Sandys, I.G.; P. Berney Brown, Wyatt, W. Turnor, R. Ffynes Barrett-Lennard, Arthur R. Ruddall, Chas. Haig, and R. H. P. Schooles.

**BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Brixton Hall on Saturday last. Bro. H. Lovegrove, W.M., opened the lodge at 6.30 p.m., assisted by Bros. T. Poore, as I.P.M.; H. B. Marshall, S.W.; W. E. Farrington, J.W.; W. Day, Treas.; A. J. Cox, Sec.; H. Baldwin, J.D.; C. Kipling, I.G.; R. Poore, W.S.; W. Farrington, Organist; and J. Daly, Tyler. There was a good attendance of members and several visitors including Bros. James Stevens, P.M.; Tarr, I.G. 1293; E. Store, S.D. 167; T. Blake, P.M. 945; G. W. Knight, J.D. 1507; J. Bate, W.M. 72; W. H. Paddle, W.M. 1851; G. Moss, P.M. 1201; C. Lee, 1624; H. Barnard, 1815; G. J. Dawson, I.P.M. 1853; and C. J. Scales, P.M. 1507.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the regular and emergency meetings the ballot was taken for Mr. C. J. Dore, and he was duly initiated.

Bro. T. Poore was heartily thanked for his services during the first year of the existence of the lodge and was also elected an honorary member.

Bro. H. B. Marshall was then presented to Bro. Lovegrove, W.M., and duly installed, the ceremony being given in extenso by the Installing Officer except the address to the Wardens which was given by Bro. J. Stevens and that to the brethren by Bro. T. Poore who officiated as D.C. The officers invested were as follows: Bros. W. E. Farrington, S.W.; Firth Groves, J.W.; W. Day, Treas.; H. Lovegrove, Sec.; H. Baldwin, S.D.; C. Kipling, J.D.; J. Colyer, I.G.; R. Poore, M.C.; W. Farrington, Org.; Axford and Newbey, Stewards, and J. Daley, Tyler.

The W.M. then presented to the lodge a very handsomely bound bible with cushion for same, and attached to the breast of the I.P.M. a very tasteful P.M.'s' jewel voted by the lodge. The lodge room looked very nice with the new furniture in dark oak supplied by Bro. George Kenning, and the chairs and pedestals by Bro. G. W. Knight.

There was no banquet and after drinking the health of the W.M. the members dispersed.

**SAINT MARY ABBOTT'S LODGE (No. 1974).**—The installation meeting of this highly successful West-end lodge was held at the Town Hall, Kensington, on Thursday, 25th inst., and was numerously attended both by members and visitors. The lodge was opened shortly after five o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Capt. Adolphus Nicols, assisted by V.W. Bro. the Rev. W. Ambrose Hall, P.G. Chap., as S.W.; W. Bro. Francis Compton, as J.W., and the other officers of the lodge. Amongst the visitors were R.W. Bro. Hugh David Sandeman, P. District Grand Master of Bengal; W. Bros. Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Col. G. Haldane, P.D.D.G. Master Malta; J. Jordan, W.M. of Grand Stewards Lodge; W. H. Kempster; and many others.

After the usual routine business, the ceremony of raising Bros. Bauke and Beavis was proceeded with, and the W.M. ably supported by the officers of the lodge conferred the degree in a very impressive manner, showing considerable knowledge of Masonic work and creating additional interest by illustrating as he proceeded the way in which this beautiful ceremony is performed in India.

The next business was the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. W. Bro. Capt. A. Nicols, P.D.G.S. of Wks. Punjab, having been unanimously re-elected to serve a second term of office, then vacated the eastern chair in favour of R.W. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, who after a short but telling address to the brethren, in which he expressed the pleasure it gave him of being invited to perform the ceremony of installation in the Saint Mary Abbotts Lodge, of which he had heard such good accounts, stated that he had known Bro. Capt. Nicols for more than 20 years in Masonry, proceeded with the ritual and most deservedly earned the cordial applause of all present.

The Worshipful Master then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, delivering a short address to each on the nature of his office. Bros. Capt. Charles Compton, S.W.; the Rev. W. Francis, J.W.; Alfred Williams, and Reuben C. Green, Deacons; Francis Compton, D. of C.; and H. Rockingham Gill, I.G. Bros. Jas. Green, who had been elected at the last regular meeting, and G. Capper Harding were severally invested as Treasurer and Secretary.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Officer, who was at the same time elected an honorary member for life by acclamation. The lodge was then closed in perfect harmony and the brethren retired to the banqueting room.

**BATH.**—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—Thursday, the 1st inst., was the day fixed for the installation of the new W.M., Bro. Edward J. Bush Mercer, and the members were summoned for three p.m. at the Masonic Hall, when it was stated that the lodge would be opened at that hour precisely, which was most desirable, as contrary to usual practice an initiation was announced to take place in addition to the special business of the day. Disregard of the injunction of punctuality which led to a delay of more than half-an-hour rendered necessary a considerable curtailment of the work and irregularity as to the banquet. The brethren having assembled in the hall the procession of officers and P.Ms. entered, the W.M., Bro. Cater, who was suffering from illness but pluckily determined to fulfil his duties to the last, having already taken his seat in the chair. He opened the lodge supported by his officers, Bros. T. P. Ashley, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; C. W. Radway, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., as Sec.; Dr. H. Hopkins, P.M. 41, 43, 958, P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire, as I.P.M.; T. Wilton, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Dir of Cers.; E. J. B. Mercer, S.W.; P. Wilkinson, P.M., as J.W.; T. Ames, S.D.; W. Peach, J.D.; T. E. Wilton, I.G.; W. L. Baldwin, Org.; W. B. Gregory and J. G. Wilton, Stewards; and Bigwood, Tyler. In addition to the P.Ms. already mentioned there were Bros. J. Rubie, P.P.G.J.W.; T. Moutrie, P.P.G.S.W.; J. S. Turner, P.P.G.S.D.; S. G. Mitchell, P.P.G.D.C.; P. Braham, P.P.G. Org. Many members of the lodge were present. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, G.J.D. of England, was announced, and on entering was escorted by P.G. Officers, and received with the accustomed honours and placed at

the right of the W.M. He was immediately succeeded by the following members of No. 53, who were received in a similar manner: Bros. E. T. Payne, P.M. and P.G.D.; Col. J. R. Ford, P.M.; J. H. Willson, W.M.; J. A. Timmins, Sec.; J. B. Willson, J.W.; J. Sumson, P.M.; H. F. Gould, B. A. Dyer, and C. B. Smith. Next came the following members of 906 in procession, who were also greeted: Bros. W. Williamson, W.M., P.M., and P.P.G.D.C.; L. Howes, P.M., and P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Stuckey, P.M., and P.P.G.P.; F. Glover, S.W.; J. Hayward, P.S.W.; J. Knight, S.D.; J. Banks, I.G.; W. H. Baker, R. Bull, W. H. Young, W. Clements, and C. Pinket, Tyler. Other visitors were Bros. Col. G. V. Law, P.M., and P.G.D. Madras; W. A. Scott, P.M., and P.P.G.S.W. Bristol; Capt. W. Wellman, P.S.W. 563; J. H. Macfarlane, P.M. 1296; Rev. M. N. Nathan, P.M. 239, Kingston, Jamaica; W. Ellis, P.M. 599, Oxon; J. T. Knight, 446, P.P.G.A.P.; J. E. Allen, 279; and A. Warden, 548.

The anthem "Behold how good," &c., was sung by the choir. All preliminaries having been arranged the lodge was opened, when Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins made a presentation to the lodge, accompanying it with the following address to the W.M.:

Worshipful and dear Bro. Carter, you have just performed your last act as the occupant of the chair before proceeding to install your successor in it, and such being the case I beg to address a few words to you, in which I feel sure that I shall have the support and sympathy of our brethren, even though I may perhaps be somewhat out of order. I have now entered on the tenth year of my residence among you in Bath, and though, as a stranger, I at first had some difficulty to encounter, on the whole my retrospect is an agreeable one, as I have received so many proofs of the confidence and kindly feelings of the brethren since they became aware of my desire and earnest efforts to enhance the character of this ancient lodge, and my determination to allow no obstacles arising from petty jealousies to present me from endeavouring to promote its interests, instead, as was supposed, of destroying its high character and ruining its future prospects. My position on this platform as a P.M. of 41 is a justification of the course I have pursued. In the Royal Cumberland Lodge it is not usual to mark the sense which the brethren entertain of the conduct of a W.M. on his retirement from the first chair by presenting a jewel to him, and I believe that experience shows that you are right, since in many cases it becomes a custom irrespective of success and efficiency, though doubtless it is very agreeable to the recipient to be able to wear a visible token of the approval of his efforts. You are aware however that I have found a substitute by offering one of the Masonic charts, constructed and executed by my own hand, to every Master who has not only ruled the lodge well but has proved his competency to perform the ceremonies, as well as to those of the Past Masters who occupied the chair before I came among you, of whose merits I would judge only by observing the continued interest they take in our proceedings, as shown by the regularity of their attendance in our assemblies and especially by keeping up their knowledge of the rituals, thus rendering themselves able as well as willing to fill any temporary vacancies caused by the absence of the proper officers. The personal labour and the time I spend on each chart renders it improbable that it will be presented to any one who has not merited it. To you W.M. I cannot pay such a compliment, however little it may be worthy of acceptance, because your repeated acts of private personal kindness led me long ago thus to mark my sense of them, and as in some other instances a subsequent repetition of them induced me to offer an ecclesiastical chart to your partner in life, it became my duty therefore to endeavour to find other appropriate means of showing my appreciation of your services in the chair of K.S., and I may add that the acquirement of the rituals at your age, with the heavy strain on the mind and memory by extensive mercantile and public engagements, affords a high example to much younger men, who sometimes plead far inferior occupations and responsibilities as an excuse for omission to make the requisite preparation. I now solicit your permission to allow the Secretary to read the inscriptions which appear at the front and back of this frame. [The Secretary read: Front—"Photographed from a list of Masonic lodges, engraved by Monsr. Picart in 1735, which he arranged from the official roll, published by John Pine (London). The "signs" of the houses or taverns at which the lodges were held are exhibited, and both the lodges which assembled at Bath, of A.D. 1728 and A.D. 1733 (Royal Cumberland) are inserted." Back—"This valuable photograph was placed at the disposal of Bro. Dr. Henry Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire, P.M. 41, 43, and 958, by Bro. William J. Hugan, P.G.D. of the Grand Lodge of England, P.M. 131, &c., &c., and an honorary member of this lodge. Dr. Hopkins having arranged and mounted it, now presents it framed to the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, at the installation meeting, February 1st, 1883, as a compliment to Bro. Richard Bryant Cater on his retirement from the Mastership of the lodge."]

Worshipful Master, at the conclusion of the business the brethren will have an opportunity of examining this beautiful and interesting document. At the top is a portrait of Sir Richard Steele, the first of the modern class of essayists, who at the beginning of the last century brought out the "Tatler," and afterwards with Addison and others the "Spectator." Why this portrait is placed there I know not. Above it is the coat-of-arms with the motto "J'ay bonne cause" of the Viscount Montacute, or Montagu, by whom as the Grand Master at the period, you will find that the warrant of the lodge was signed with the latter mode of spelling the name, and the addition of the letter e, thus making it Montague. I mention this especially because I have discovered that these arms and motto are now borne by the present Marquis of Bath, a matter of no little interest to us. At my age, considerably beyond the three score years and ten, I cannot expect to be with you long, and even should the G.A.O.T.U. prolong my life it is improbable that my eyes and fingers will obey the accustomed call upon them for future Masters; but be assured while any energy and strength shall be allowed me they shall not fail to repay the many acts of kindness I have received from members of No. 41 by my endeavours to promote the interests of the lodge. Nor must I forget my mother lodge, No. 43, whose antiquity and celebrity extend nearly as far back, the difference in the date of the warrants being only a few months in the year 1733. Last week, on the 35th anniversary of my initiation as a Mason and the 32nd of my installation as W.M., I visited St.

Paul's Lodge, No. 43, to assist in celebrating the third jubilee, when you, W.M., kindly forwarded hearty congratulations on behalf of No. 41, which I was desired as fully to reciprocate to the Royal Cumberland Lodge. Thus belonging to both, my first and my last love, I have become as it were a link between two old lodges, which the W.M. happily designated "twin sisters." In the course of the evening you will no doubt hear more on the subject from the I.P.M. and Bro. Robinson, who kindly accompanied me to Birmingham. Even after I have been summoned to the Grand Lodge above I trust proof will not be wanting that both these bodies, as well as others in which during my Masonic career I have been interested, have been in my thoughts to the end. May the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, and the St. Paul's Lodge, No. 43, continue to prosper in the future as they have done in the past and vie with each other in maintaining the character and grand principles of the Order by brotherly love, relief, and truth, faith, hope, and above all, charity.

Bro. Radway, I.P.M., followed with another presentation, consisting of a framed artist's proof of a fine full length portrait of the respected D.P.G.M., which he said that he had obtained with the intention of hanging it in his own residence that he might constantly be reminded of an eminent brother who held so high a place in his regard, but on reconsideration he thought its most appropriate place would be as highly appreciated by all the brethren as by himself; moreover, the pleasure he had in presenting it was increased by the fact that it occurred during the Mastership of Bro. Cater, to whom he desired it to be regarded as a compliment, as in the previous presentation, before vacating the chair.

The Worshipful Master responded to the remarks of the two donors; first, on behalf of the lodge gratefully accepting the two presents, the latter of which would for a long series of years remind the brethren of the D.P.G.M., who had done so much for the Order in the province and has always been ready to answer any demands upon him, when in the natural course of events he may be removed from this world; but he trusted that day was far distant, for without his genial presence an installation meeting would be shorn of half its glory. As regarded Bro. Dr. Hopkins, he would remark that his handsome and unique present was another addition to the many proofs he as well as his friend, Bro. Hugan, had given of his desire to promote the interests of the lodge; and farther than this he had personally to thank him and Bro. Radway for valuable help and instruction in his preparation for the duties of the chair, which would henceforth devolve upon his successor, and more particularly in enabling him to undertake the duties of Installing Master.

Bros. Ashley and T. Wilton, two of the oldest Past Masters of the lodge, then presented Bro. Edwd. J. B. Mercer, as having been elected by the lodge to fill the chair of W.M. during the ensuing year, and he was then regularly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Cater, who was afterwards invested as I.P.M. The loving cup presented by Bro. Dr. Hopkins in his year of Mastership was introduced, and the health and success of the new W.M. were drank by each of the twenty-four Past Masters present. The Board of Installed Masters was closed and the customary processions, salutations, greetings, and proclamations, with the presentation of the working tools, warrant, constitutions, and bye-laws to the W.M., were conducted by the Installing Master.

Bro. Mercer appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. P. Ashley, P.M., Treas.; Radway, P.M., Sec.; T. Wilton, P.M., D. of C.; J. Rubie, P.M., S.W.; T. Ames, J.W.; W. Peach, S.D.; T. E. Wilton, J.D.; W. L. Baldwin, I.G.; Gregory and J. G. Wilton, Stewards; and Bigwood, Tyler. The Installing Master gave the charge to the new W.M., and those to the Wardens and brethren were given by Bro. Dr. Hopkins.

The Worshipful Master in appropriate terms renewed his thanks to the members for the honourable position in which he was placed, and especially to his predecessor for the efficient manner in which the ceremony had been performed and for the pains he had taken when in a condition of so much suffering.

Mr. Henry Moody was then initiated, the symbolism of the working tools being explained by the S.D. Owing to the lateness of the hour the delivery of the charge was postponed.

The Worshipful Master proposed a vote of thanks to the D.P.G.M. for his attendance, which was carried by acclamation, the D.P.G.M. acknowledging the same very briefly as another opportunity would be afforded in the evening. The same remark applies to the visitors generally.

A candidate was proposed for initiation and a brother as a joining member. In the case of a necessitous widow of a Mason a committee of inquiry was appointed with power to act within certain limits, and other business was transacted.

Briefly, for reasons already given and also as having spoken on the subject in his address to Bro. Cater, Bro. Dr. Hopkins proposed a most cordial acknowledgment of the services rendered to the lodge by him during his year of Mastership, and especially in having so satisfactorily installed his successor under pain which would have induced many men to shrink from it.

Bro. Radway seconded the proposition, which was carried by acclamation.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the Grand Pump Room Hotel for the annual banquet, the management and completeness of which were all that the most fastidious could desire. The usual toasts were of course honoured, interspersed with songs and complimentary speeches.

**MANCHESTER.**—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 1st inst. Present: Bros. J. Wilson, W.M.; W. J. Cunliffe, S.W.; J. W. Edwards, J.W.; W. Nicholl, P.M., Treas.; J. Smith, Sec.; J. G. Elderton, J.D.; J. Bladen, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; D.C.; J. Garside, G. C. Fröhling, Org.; W. B. Akermann and A. Wild, Stds.; J. Sly, Tyler; Jas. Dawson, P.M.; H. Walmsley, P.M.; Daniel Donbavand, P.M.; J. R. Lever, P.M.; Henry Samuels, Dr. C. J. Rix, J. E. Middlehurst, R. Tomlins, and R. R. Lisenden, S.D. (Freemason). Visitors: Bros. Geo. Flint, 1287, London; and W. R. Williams, 152.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Hopwood, of the Silent Temple Lodge, Burnley, and being declared in his favour he was elected. The ballot was next taken for Mr. Isaac Pearson, and was also favourable



to him. By permission of the W.M., Bro. William Nicholl, P.M., occupied the chair of K.S., and initiated Mr. Pearson into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. The corner stone address was delivered by Bro. Henry Walmsley, I.P.M., the working tools presented and explained by Bro. John Bladon, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., and the E.A. charge by Bro. R. R. Lisenden, S.D.

There being no further business "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards sat down to supper, after which the usual toasts were honoured, and various songs and recitations were given by Bros. Walmsley, Lisenden, and Donbavand, the latter brother fairly enchanting his hearers by his artistic rendering of "The bridge of sighs" and "The ivy and the bell."

**NORTH SHIELDS.**—St. Georges Lodge (No. 431).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 5th inst., the W.M., Bro. W. J. Ward, P.P.G.J.W., in the chair, supported by his officers and a great number of brethren. The working consisted of three initiations and two passings, and the work was done by the W.M. and his officers in excellent style, not a hitch occurring. The Treasurers annual statement was presented, showing a balance of £47 19s. 5d. in favour of the lodge on the past year's transactions. Ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys the votes to be vested in the chair of J.W., and after two propositions of joining and one for initiation had been made, the lodge was closed in love and harmony.

**BEAMINSTER.**—Beaminster Manor Lodge (No. 1367).—The Worshipful Master of this lodge for the ensuing year was duly installed by his predecessor on the 2nd inst., at the lodge room, White Hart Hotel, in the presence of a good attendance of the brethren, including the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Dorset, Bro. Montague J. Guest, M.P., who journeyed from Abbotsbury on purpose to be present; Bros. C. J. Phillips, P.M. 130, P.P.G.S.D. Hants and Isle of Wight; Gillard, P.P.G.J.D. Dorset; W. B. Milborne, P.M., 329, P.P.G.J.D. Somerset; H. Cobb, W.M. 329; C. Crew, P.M. 1112, Hants; W. J. Nosworthy, S.W. 329, P.M. 814, P.P.G. Org. Somerset; F. J. Stringfellow, S.W. 814; J. Wheatley, J.W. and W.M. elect 814; A. Price, 329, the local brethren, including Bros. W. H. W. Toby, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C. Dorset; S. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.P. Dorset; and George Rugg, P.M. 814.

The installation ceremony was performed in a manner alike impressive, complete, and effective by Bro. C. G. Purkis, the retiring Master and P.G.P. Dorset, who we believe was for some time the Master at the Masonic Boys' School, and who received at the close a well-deserved eulogium conveyed in a vote of thanks tendered to him. The new W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. S. Webb, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Dorset, S.W.; A. Butler, J.W.; Rev. E. G. Austen, Chap.; J. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; C. Hann, Sec.; T. Cox, Org.; T. P. Coombs, S.D.; R. Toleman, J.D.; E. G. Legg, P.M., P.P.G. J.W. Dorset, D. of C.; A. H. Paul, I.G.; E. Holland, P.M., and S. Cox, P.M., Stewards; and J. Keech, Tyler. Before the lodge closed recognition was made of the presence at some personal trouble, the little town being distant from any line of railway, of the Provincial Grand Master, who courteously acknowledged the compliment and expressed his gratification at what he had seen during the proceedings.

An excellent banquet was subsequently partaken of, the post prandial surroundings contrasting in their warmth and pleasantness with the wretched weather outside. Here special acknowledgment was made of the presence of brethren from Yeovil, Crewkerne, Southampton (where the new W.M. for sometime resided), and specially of a brother (Bro. Crew, P.M.) who had travelled from Antwerp, where he now resides, in order to be present at the installation of his godson.

**MANCHESTER.**—Avon Lodge (No. 1633).—The Festival of St. John was held in connection with this lodge at the Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, on the 24th ult., when there were present Bros. G. Macfarlane, W.M.; W. Brown, S.W.; W. Bostock, P.M., acting J.W.; A. B. Whittaker, I.P.M.; G. Yates, S.D.; W. Byway, J.D.; A. T. Forrest, I.G.; W. H. Leigh, P.M., Treas.; C. Fairbank, Sec.; T. Cavanah, P.M.; S. D. MacKellen, P.M.; G. Burrows, Tyler; E. L. Simpson, W. Craven, J. D. Curtis, Otto Becker, J. N. Squirell, W. T. Allitt, W. R. Waterhouse, B. S. Marshall, J. Boylan, W. Dunkerley, W. Lyon, and Beddoes Peacock. Visitors: Bros. E. Smith, J.W. 633; J. G. Elderton, J.D. 317; A. E. Tysor, 1534; R. J. Dearden, 350; Lionel B. Brough, 1609; T. P. Nelson, S.W. 993; A. Bronsil, 571; H. Owen, 1408; J. Mitton, 203; J. M. Graham, 935; H. Furness, 1219; T. Strafford, 317; T. Wilson, S.W. 1814; J. Hayes, P.M. 1161; T. J. Hooper, P.P.G.T.; G. V. Blaikie, S.W. 152; W. Hollins, P.M. 152; and J. H. Roberts, J.D. 993.

The lodge having been duly opened by Bro. G. Macfarlane, W.M., the minutes of the previous meeting were passed, together with the Auditors' report and balance sheet for the past year. Ballots were then taken for Mr. T. Hotchkiss Edwd. Squire for initiation, and Bro. W. F. Farrington as a joining member, and were declared unanimous in their favour. The ceremony of initiation was then performed by Bro. G. Macfarlane, W.M., after which the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. William Brown, and investiture of officers was proceeded with, the Installing Master being Bro. Wm. Bostock, P.M., assisted by Bros. T. Cavanah, P.M.; W. H. Leigh, P.M.; S. D. McKellen, P.M.; A. B. Whittaker, P.M.; and G. Macfarlane, W.M.

The following comprise the list of officers: Bros. G. Yates, S.W.; W. Byway, J.W.; A. B. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; W. Craven, Sec.; A. T. Forrest, S.D.; G. Fairbank, J.D.; J. Curtis, I.G.; Boylan and Allitt, Stewards; and G. Burrows, Tyler.

The lodge was closed in peace and harmony and the brethren sat down to a substantial tea, and after an interval of about half an hour assembled round the festive board. The usual loyal and other toasts being duly honoured, Bro. T. Cavanah proposed the health of the newly installed W.M., Bro. Geo. William Brown, which was enthusiastically received, and responded to in suitable terms. Bro. W. Bostock, P.M., proposed the health of the retiring W.M., Bro. George Macfarlane, and presented to him in the name of the lodge a Past Master's jewel.

"The Health of [the Installing Master, Bro. Bostock, P.M.," was proposed by Bro. Hayes, P.M.; that of "The Officers" by Bro. Simpson; "The Visitors" by Bro. G. Macfarlane, P.M.; "The Masonic Charities" by Bro. W. Bostock, P.M.; and "The Absent Members" by Bro. A. B. Whittaker, P.M.

The brethren afterwards separated, having spent a very enjoyable evening, the proceedings being varied by several songs and recitations by Bros. H. Owen, J. H. Roberts, T. Cavanah, A. B. Whittaker, A. T. Forrest, and others.

### INSTRUCTION.

**CONFIDENCE LODGE (No. 193).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on the 31st ult. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Jas. Smith, W.M. 193, and after the usual routine business had been transacted the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to partake of a plain repast, at the conclusion of which

Bro. James Smith, W.M., said they had met that evening to do honour to one who had worked for 12 years indefatigably as Secretary of that lodge of instruction; in fact, it was only by the exertions of Bro. Pitt that the lodge had held together. He was glad to say he now held the proud position of W.M. of his mother lodge, No. 193, and furthermore he could say that position was only obtained by hard work, and that work was done in the lodge of instruction. He should call upon Bro. Fells, I.P.M., to make the presentation.

Bro. Fells on rising said: Bro. Pitt, it affords me much pleasure on behalf of the brethren present who have subscribed their mite to present you with a pair of gold mounted eye-glasses, also a handsome silver snuff-box, suitably engraved. May you live long to wear the eye-glasses, and may we in years to come partake of a pinch of snuff together.

Bro. Pitt said he did not know how to express his gratitude. He did not know why the brethren present should empty their purses on his behalf. He would do his very best for the benefit of the brethren. He hoped he should enjoy the presents for years, and sincerely thanked the brethren for them.

Bro. Lemere, P.M., said he would advise Bro. Pitt not to depend too much upon the P.M. at the lodge of instruction. They had fulfilled a task, and oftentimes in middle and old age home duties called them away, and they to a certain extent did require rest, but it was from the young Masons he must recruit his ranks, as they had a splendid work in the future of Freemasonry. He could only describe Bro. Pitt as a cork on the surface of the water, but he must fish for young Masons not the old P.Ms.

There were present Bros. Jas. Smith, W.M.; Fells, I.P.M.; Lemere, P.M.; Biddle, P.M.; Shacknell, P.M.; Wood, S.W.; Saint, S.D.; Desare, S. Smither, W.S.; Morris, A.M.C.; Kedge, Davey, Gilderseire, Craske, Pitt, and Sergeant, S.W. Upton Lodge. Songs were given by Bros. Davey, Biddle, P.M., Smither, Morris, Sergeant, and Wood. The meeting closed at 11.30.

**PERCY LODGE (No. 108).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, on Saturday, the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. Ashton, W.M.; Galer, S.W.; Venning, J.W.; Percy, Preceptor; A. W. Fenner, Sec.; C. Lorkin, Treas.; A. Ferrar, S.D.; Foxcroft, J.D.; Dixie, I.G.; also Bros. J. A. Powell, C. Weeden, R. Defriez, Houghton, Parkes, Archer, Hatch, Mackey, Wolf, Brasted, Francke, and Snook.

All preliminaries were duly observed in opening the lodge. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. C. Weeden acting as candidate. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. W. M. Foxcroft, 177, and W. Francke, 1693, were duly elected members. Bro. Galer was elected to preside at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was awarded Bro. Ashton for the manner he had discharged the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction. Bros. Powell, Weeden, Galer, Dixie, Parkes, and Ferrar were appointed Auditors of the annual accounts, after which the lodge was closed.

**UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).**—At the meeting of this lodge held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 2nd inst., Bro. A. J. Style, presided as W.M., having as officers Bro. C. H. Wiltshire, S.W.; H. H. Wiltshire, J.W.; J. N. Bate, S.D.; J. Sarjeant, J.D.; M. E. Stokes, I.G. Amongst other members present were Bros. James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor; Richard Poore, Sec.; Richardson, and others.

The lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. The Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the brethren and explanations given by the Preceptor. Bro. C. H. Wiltshire was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and the lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

**NEW CONCORD LODGE (No. 813).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on the 31st ult. Bro. Weeden presided, supported by Bros. A. J. Dixie, S.W.; F. C. Dixie, J.W.; A. Perl, Treas.; Cusworth, P.M., Preceptor; F. Perl, Sec.; Ashton, S.D.; Western, J.D.; Marks, I.G.; W. Potter, Clark, Flack, Ferrar.

The usual formalities having been gone through in opening the lodge, the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Potter having proved himself an efficient F.C. was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising was impressively rehearsed, Bro. Potter being the candidate. The traditional history was also very ably rehearsed. The lodge was then closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. A. J. Dixie was unanimously elected to fill the chair of K.S. at the ensuing meeting. The lodge was then closed.

**DORIC LODGE (No. 933).**—A capital meeting was held on Friday week at the Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, Bros. Smith, W.M.; Bardoulean, S.W.; Moss, J.W.; Cundick, P.M., Preceptor; Musto, P.M., Secretary; Levy, S.D.; Dovey, I.G.; Lancaster, Levy, West, Stewart, Loanes, Stephens, and others.

The initiation ceremony was worked, Bro. Levy candidate. Bro. W. Richardson worked the First, Second, Third,

and Fourth Sections of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. Bros. Lancaster, 1668, and Levy, 1668 were severally practised as candidates for the Second Degree and were afterwards admitted members. Bro. Smith, W.M., was next accorded a vote of thanks for acting as W.M. for the first time in the lodge. Arrangements were made for carrying into effect a bye-law of the lodge bearing upon the disposal of lodge funds on behalf of the Masonic Institutions, and lodge was closed in harmony, Bro. C. H. Bardoulean being appointed W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting.

**ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE (No. 1541).**—This excellent lodge held its usual meeting on Saturday evening, 3rd inst., at the Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, and was very numerously attended. The officers were Bros. Price, W.M.; Butterworth, S.W.; Kideman, J.W.; Stokes, S.D.; Woode, J.D.; Johnson, I.G.; J. R. Stacey, Preceptor; Dawson, Treas.; Martin, Stwd.; and the following were amongst the brethren present: Bros. Snell, Westley, H. Thompson, Shering, Appleton, Bowley, Langton, Jamieson, Luckhurst, C. A. Woods, E. Farwig, Stafford, Walters, Breiling, Wilson, Becket, Hill, Sanders, Reynolds, Banks, Cooper, Taylor, Webb, Stevens, Matz, and Haywood.

The lodge having been duly opened, the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Sections of the first Lecture were worked, after which the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Reynolds, the celebrated cornet player of the Pimlico Lodge, No. 1772, being the candidate. At the conclusion great satisfaction was expressed as to the very perfect way in which the W.M. had discharged his duties, and Bro. Stacey proposed that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Price for the very excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation, it being the first time he had ever occupied the chair.

Bro. Price returned thanks and said such a vote was most gratifying to him.

Bro. Butterworth was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting and the lodge was closed.

After which a concert by the members of the club was held when some capital songs were sung. During the evening Bro. Reynolds delighted the company by his accompaniment to Bro. Matz who presided at the pianoforte. Several recitations were also rendered and the entire evening was passed in a most agreeable manner.

**WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 31st ult., at the Black Horse Tavern, 62, Gord-street, Buckingham Gate, S.W., when the following brethren were present: Bros. J. Gibson, W.M.; A. Hayes, S.W.; Coughlan, J.W.; F. J. Wray, P.M., Preceptor, Chap.; T. W. Harris, Treas.; George Musson, Sec.; Davidson, S.D.; W. Brindley, J.D.; Montague, I.G.; P.Ms. George Baulton, 1604; and L. Ascott, 733; Stamp, W. Thatcher, B. M. Nathan, E. Nathan, Adamson, Swingla, Grist, G. H. Smith, Steven, Jamieson, and Purnell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Grist, candidate. Bro. Thatcher answered questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. Lodge being opened up, Bro. Thatcher duly passed to the degree of F.C. The lodge having being closed down, Bro. Wray, P.M., worked the First Section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hayes was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. The lodge was then closed in harmony, and the members then opened the Wray Charity Association. A ballot for a life subscription ship was taken and proved favourable to Bro. Ascott, P.M., this making 130 guineas sent from this association.

**SUNDERLAND.**—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., when Bro. John C. Moor, S.W. 97, was acting W.M., and Bro. Geo. C. Watson, P.M. 97, Preceptor. The acting W.M. was supported by Bros. C. McNamara, W.M. 97, acting as I.P.M.; J. R. Pattison, J.W. 97, as S.W.; R. Singleton, Hon. Sec. 97, as J.W.; C. M. Wake, as S.D.; J. G. Nasbet, as J.D.; and Henderson, as I.G. Bro. Marshall officiated as candidate.

The acting W.M. opened and closed the lodge in the Three Degrees, and before closing rehearsed the initiation ceremony. The Preceptor in afterwards proposing "The Health of the acting W.M." spoke in the highest terms of the manner in which Bro. Moor had performed the ceremony, and it spoke well for the future excellent working as in the past of the Palatine Lodge.

Bro. Moor thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which the toast was received, and the thanks were accorded to the Preceptor and the brethren assisting the acting W.M. on the motion of Bro. McNamara, for the able assistance rendered in the working of the ceremony and the opening and closing of the lodge. The First Three Sections were also worked in the course of the evening, by the Preceptor, Bros. G. C. Watson, McNamara, Bro. Wake, and the officers present. The lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

**WALMER.**—Lord Warden Lodge (No. 1096).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday last. The following were present: Bros. Reuben Duval, W.M.; J. Shepherd, S.W.; J. W. Court, J.W.; G. Beale, Sec.; B. M. Beer, S.D.; G. Beale, J.D.; J. Fawcett, I.G.; E. Kirby, P.M., Preceptor; G. Band, P.M.; T. H. Craske; and Bro. James Lewis, 1169, visitor.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and unanimously confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees and afterwards closed in the same. Bro. Duval then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Band, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Craske being the candidate. Bro. Jas. Lewis, 1169, was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. It was also arranged that the W.M. and officers take their respective offices at the next meeting. Nothing further being offered for the good of Freemasonry in general or of this lodge in particular it was closed in peace, harmony, and brotherly love.

The Duchess of Connaught had so far improved in health that she was able to take a carriage drive in the Home Park, Windsor, on Saturday last. The infant prince is doing well.



## Royal Arch.

**ST. JAMES'S CHAPTER** (No. 2).—The monthly meeting of this chapter took place at Freemasons' Hall last Wednesday week, when, under Comp. E. Letchworth, M.E.Z., Bro. W. H. Grimston (better known perhaps as Bro. W. Kendal) was most ably exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Royal Arch. The election for officers for 1883-84 took place, and after the normal business the companions adjourned to the social circle, where a most pleasant evening was spent, as always is the case with No. 2. There was a good muster of the companions. At the next meeting E. Comp. Major Davis, H., will be installed as 1st Principal of the chapter by M.E. Comp. E. Letchworth, then I.P.Z.

**KENNINGTON CHAPTER** (No. 1381).—This prosperous chapter held a convocation at the Horns Tavern, Kennington-park, on the 1st inst., when there were present among others Comps. H. Higgins, Z.; Speedy, H.; Webb, J.; Appleton, S.N.; G. Everett, jun., S.E.; George Everett, P.Z., Treas.; Kohler, P.S.; Cooper and Ayling, Assistants; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., I.P.Z.; W. Mann, P.Z.; H. J. Lardner, Palmer, Payne, and others. The visitors were Comps. Haslitt, P.Z. Prudent Brethren, and Collison.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bros. H. Salter and C. Sims, 861, and J. Plowman, 975, and it proving to be unanimous they were ably exalted as Royal Arch Masons by the M.E.Z., with the assistance of his officers. The election of the Principals and officers then took place with the following result: Comps. Speedy, M.E.Z.; Webb, H.; Appleton, J.; Kohler, S.N.; G. Everett, jun., S.E.; George Everett, Treas.; Cooper, P.S.; and Daly, Janitor. The Audit Committee having been appointed, a Past Principal's jewel was voted to the outgoing M.E.Z. The convocation was then closed and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual routine of toasts was gone through.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by the I.P.Z.

Comp. Higgins in the course of his reply said that he had been exceedingly gratified with the results of his year of office. Several excellent brethren had been exalted into the Degree, and the most perfect harmony had prevailed throughout the chapter. In conclusion he thanked his officers for the great assistance that they had rendered him.

"The Exaltees" followed, and in response Comps. Salter, Sims, and Plummer made able replies.

"The Visitors" came next in order, and this toast was duly acknowledged by Comps. Haslitt and Collison.

The toast of "The Second and Third Principals" was cordially proposed, and was replied to by Comp. Webb in the absence of his colleague.

"The Past Principals" was responded to by Comp. Walls.

To the toast of "The Officers" Comps. Everett, Everett, jun., Appleton, Cooper, and Ayling replied. The proceedings then terminated.

**COLNE.—Cana Chapter** (No. 116).—This is believed to be the oldest working chapter in England, having been consecrated on the 12th of May, 1769, under a warrant granted by the old Grand Royal Arch Charter of Compact, on whose register it stood as No. 5 until the commencement of the present century, when it took the number of the lodge to which it was attached in accordance with the regulations of the present Grand Chapter. The chapter still possesses and maintains many of its primitive adornments, such as the aprons worn in the chapter which are supposed to have been purchased in 1783, as shown by the following items in the Treasurer's book of that date, viz.:—"1783, April 6. By cash for 16 skins for aprons at 14d., 18s. 8d.; ditto 30 yards of ribon and silk, 5s. 4d.; paid John Ellis for aprons making, 10s." The peculiar head gear worn by the three Principals and the old fashioned pedestal and banners also tend to give the chapter an extremely quaint appearance.

The members met at the Swan Hotel on Thursday, the 1st inst., at five o'clock, when the chapter was opened by Comp. Mason, M.E.Z., Richard Nelson, P.Z. 126, acting H., and John Bolland, J. There were also present Comps. James Townsend, S.E.; Thomas Varley, S.N.; George Townsend, E. Bird, H. Brooker-Carey, James Smallpage, and others. Visitors: Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 645, 1387, P.P.G. 1st Assist. Soj.; R. Nelson, P.Z. 126; and R. W. Waterson, Z. 126.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed Comp. Sillitoe installed the Principals elect in their respective chairs, viz., Comps. Thos. Mason, Z.; J. Bolland, H.; and H. Brooker-Carey, J., and afterwards invested the following officers: Comps. Jas. Townsend, S.E. and Treas.; Jas. Varley, S.N.; George Townsend, P.S.; E. Bird, 1st A.S.; and Jas. Smallpage, 2nd A.S.

At the close of the ceremony the M.E.Z. proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. Sillitoe for his services, which was seconded and carried with acclamation, and such vote was ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

The chapter was then closed and the companions adjourned to refreshments.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly proposed and honoured, Comp. H. Brooker-Carey proposed "The Health of Comp. Sillitoe," and in doing so he stated that he had witnessed Comp. Sillitoe's performance of the installation ceremony at Burnley some two months since, and he then determined to propose that this chapter should invite him to install their Principals. He was glad to say that every member when he submitted that proposition concurred in that desire. He further said that he had accidentally mentioned to Comp. Sillitoe that they possessed some very old books and papers, and at his request he sent one or two for his inspection, which resulted in Comp. Sillitoe's spending some time that afternoon overhauling their old books, and he believed that something would arise from that labour which would add much to the dignity and honour of their chapter. He concluded by eulogising in the highest terms the manner in which Comp. Sillitoe had performed the ceremony of installation.

Comp. Mason, Z., said that he could not allow that toast to be drunk without endorsing all that had been said by Comp. Carey, and he would add that as this was Comp. Sillitoe's first visit to Colne he hoped it would not be his last by many.

The toast was enthusiastically received, and Comp. Sillitoe in responding assured the companions that it had been to him a most interesting and enjoyable visit, for besides having had the honour and pleasure of installing the Principal in a chapter of such antiquity he had derived much information and amusement from the inspection of their old books and manuscripts, and he felt little doubt that with the aid of the documents placed in his possession he should be able to prove the continuous working of the chapter from its consecration, thereby entitling the members to wear the centenary jewel (at the present time worn only by one chapter, which was consecrated some years later than theirs). As to future visits, he should be glad to go over to Colne, notwithstanding the distance, if they would find him some work to do in the shape of the exaltation of candidates.

"The Health of the Burnley Companions" was proposed by Comp. Townsend, who expressed the deep obligations that chapter was under for the interest they had from time to time taken in its welfare.

Comp. Waterson responded, when the visitors were compelled to leave in order to catch their trains.

Other toasts followed and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**YORK.—Hilda Chapter** (No. 23).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Queen's Hotel, on the 2nd inst. Bro. Rev. W. C. Lukis occupied the chair. Successful ballots were taken for Bro. W. Brown, 1611, as a candidate, and for Bros. Major McGachen, Royal Naval Chapter, and Rev. W. Valentine, Talbot Chapter, as joining members. Bro. S. Middleton, the M.W.S. elect, was then installed in the chair by Bro. J. S. Woodall, 32°, the newly-installed W.M. afterwards giving the concluding addresses to the brethren. The officers were appointed as follows: Bros. Millington, H.P.; A. T. B. Turner, 1st Gen.; G. Simpson, 2nd Gen.; E. J. de Salis, G.M.; M. M. Reynard, Raphael; Major McGachen, C. of G.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M.W.S., Treas. and Rec.

The members afterwards dined together.

## Rosicrucian Society.

**BOLTON.—Lancashire College.**—The regular meeting of this college took place on the 3rd inst., when the following fratres were present: M.W. Fratres G. P. Brockbank, Hon. IX°, Suffragan Adept; C. F. Matier, Hon. IX°; V.W. Fratres J. D. Murray, Celebrant; G. L. Campbell, Sec. Gen.; Fratres W. W. Wylde, Sec.; A. Middleton, 1st Antient; H. T. Byrom, 2nd Antient; A. H. Crossley, 1st Antient; R. B. Seddon, C. of N.; J. Barrett, Herald; W. Nicholl, Torchbearer; T. C. Thorburn, W. Wall, J. Marsden, F. A. Huet, J. M. Kerr, T. Morris, and A. H. Jefferis.

The college was opened in due form by the V.W. Celebrant, and Bros. W. Johnson, Sec. 1335, Edward Barber, W. W. Cotton, and H. G. Bell, all Past Masters of No. 113, the candidates for the evening being present were received into the grade of Zelator. M.W. Frater G. P. Brockbank was unanimously recommended by the college to the High Council as Chief Adept, and successor to the late Frater T. Entwisle, Chief Adept.

The following resolution, proposed by M.W. Frater C. F. Matier and seconded by the V.W. Celebrant, was carried unanimously: "That this Lancashire College of the Society of Rosicrucians in England hereby records its deep sorrow on the death of the late Thomas Entwisle, Chief Adept, and testifies to the eminent qualities which, distinguishing him as a man and a Mason, had raised him to a high place amongst the rulers of the Craft."

The M.C. was then dissolved, the next meeting taking place at Wigan, and the fratres adjourned to the banqueting room at the Commercial Hotel.

## Cryptic Masonry.

**GRAND MASTERS COUNCIL** (No. 1).—A meeting of this highly prosperous council was held on the 5th inst. at the Masonic Rooms, Red Lion-square, Holborn. Amongst those in attendance were Bros. T. C. Walls, T.I.M., &c.; T. Poore, D.M.; D. M. Dewar, G.R., &c.; L. Loveland, Capt. George Lambert, Charles Driver, Major Dunbar, T. Cubitt, Dr. Mickey, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bros. Inglis, Fountain, Margett, Bates, Ward, McLeod, and Meashew, and it proving to be unanimous they were duly admitted and received into the Degrees of M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.E.M., the four ceremonies being performed and delivered by the T.I.M., ably assisted by Bros. Poore, Dewar, and Dunbar. The sum of 10 guineas was voted to the list of Bro. D. M. Dewar as a Steward at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The council was closed and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent dinner was served in the Colonel's Room. Upon the removal of the cloth a few toasts were given.

Bros. Poore and Dewar responded upon behalf of "The Grand Officers."

"The Health of the T.I.M." was proposed by Bro. Poore, and duly acknowledged by Bro. Walls.

The toast of "The Newly-Initiated Brethren" was cordially drunk, and responded to by Bros. Inglis, Fountain, McLeod, and others.

"The Health of the Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Poore, Loveland, and Lambert, who replied, brought this highly successful meeting to a conclusion.

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## Obituary.

**BRO. H. L. WAIN.**

Many brethren of the Province of Kent will hear with regret that Bro. H. L. Wain, the proprietor of the Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst, died on the 29th ult., after a very painful illness at the early age of 45. The deceased was a member of the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, and much of the pleasure the members derived on the occasion of their meetings was enhanced by the genial manner in which the duties of host were discharged by our late brother. The funeral took place on Friday, the 2nd inst., every possible mark of respect being shown by the residents of the village. Between 50 and 60 friends and neighbours followed, the members of the Chislehurst Volunteer Fire Brigade in uniform (of which the deceased was captain) preceding the coffin, and then formed on each side of the churchyard gate whilst the mournful cortege passed into the church. The members of the Foots Cray Brigade were also present in plain clothes. The lodge was represented by Bros. Hollis, Treas.; H. B. Taylor, Sec.; John Puck, S.D.; Brailey, and Holding. The W.M., Bro. J. R. Behenna, would have attended if he had not been on the Continent.

**BRO. GEORGE WELLERD, P.M., TREAS., No. 40.**

A very sad and sudden bereavement has befallen the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, at Hastings, by the death under somewhat distressing circumstances of Bro. Geo. Wellerd, the oldest member, P.M., and for 34 years Treasurer to the lodge. The deceased who was 63 years of age had carried on business for many years as a butcher at George-street, Hastings, according to the evidence of the son before the Borough Coroner (Bro. C. Davenport Jones), it appears that Charles Wellerd who was in the employ of the deceased, and that at seven o'clock on Friday morning, the 2nd inst., he reached the shop, when he opened the door he looked round for his father, and found him as he thought, leaning over a pickle tub, finding he did not move he dragged him out and laid him on the ground. There had been a piece of beef about 24 pounds hanging over the tub when he left on the preceding evening, he then noticed it lying between the tub and the bench. He called his mother and sent immediately for the doctor, but before he arrived he could tell his father was dead. Dr. Underwood who had been his medical attendant for upwards of 25 years stated that he saw the deceased last month and noticed he had become much thinner and appeared mentally depressed; his tone and strength had greatly diminished, and being naturally of a bright, cheerful, and active disposition, he noticed it more particularly. He prescribed for him. Witness came to see him this morning and most carefully examined the body, but found no marks of violence. His impression was that in reaching down the heavy piece of beef the extra exertion had broken a blood vessel or some vessel on the brain and brought on a fit of apoplexy, in which he fell forward across the tub. The immediate cause of death was asphyxia by his head being immersed in the brine, but the cause that led to it was produced by apoplexy. His opinion was that the deceased came to his death by drowning. The coroner's jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony. His sudden death created a profound sensation in the town and neighbourhood, where he was well known and highly esteemed. At the funeral, which took place at Ore Cemetery on Wednesday last, there was a large gathering of brethren all anxious to pay their last token of respect to his memory. The service was most impressively conducted by Bro. the Rev. J. W. Puttick, Chaplain to the lodge and rector of Alfriston, Sussex. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. Thomas Trollope, M.D., P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 40, 1842, 1820; Charles W. Duke, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 40, W.M. 1842; John Dorman, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. 40; John Howell, P.M. 40; Arthur Wells, P.M. 40; Edward W. Hennah, I.P.M. 40; J. Pierce, W.M. 40; W. H. Russell, S.W. 40; Rev. J. W. Puttick, Chap. 40; G. F. Wood, Sec. 40; H. F. Crossthwaite, J.D. 40; R. J. Reed, Steward 40; George Gaze, George Veness, Hayter, C. Hallett, F. Duke, H. Gloyns, Rubie, M. J. Jennings, T. H. Case, J. Emmerson, P. Robinson, and H. Hill, also all of No. 40; C. H. Pearson, 225; T. H. Wadd, S.W. 1842; D. L. Ward, J.W. 1842; F. J. Mann, I.G. 1842; Chas. Chandler, P.F.G.P., P.M. 1184; J. B. Sargent, I.P.M. 1184; A. D. Womersley, 1184; R. M. Lambert, 1184; W. E. Skinner, 1184; Henry Kimm, 1184 (*Freemason*); and many others.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

### BIRTHS.

**COOPER.**—On the 4th inst., at Peabody-road, North Camp, Aldershot, the wife of Capt. C. D. Cooper, of a son.

**GRIFFITH.**—On the 4th inst., at Beckenham, the wife of the Rev. G. O. F. Griffith, of a daughter.

### MARRIAGE.

**REES—SPEARING.**—On the 3rd inst., at All Souls, Langham-place, W. D. Rees, of Liverpool, to Annie, daughter of J. Spearing, of Brighton.

### DEATHS.

**MARSH.**—On the 4th inst., at her residence, Tunbridge Wells, in her 66th year, Eliza, widow of the late Bro. Charles Marsh, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S.D. Somerset.

**STAINFORTH.**—On the 4th inst., at Shanklin, Isle of Wight, Major-Gen. Charles Raper Stainforth, aged 55.

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Bro. Lord Hartington will preside at a House dinner at the Devonshire Club on the 28th inst.

Bro. Joseph Senior was installed W.M. of the Lodge of Integrity, No. 163, before a Board of 37 P.Ms., on Wednesday, the 31st ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester. A report of the meeting will appear in our next.

The brethren of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction have accepted an invitation from the New Concord Lodge of Instruction to work the Fifteen Sections, which will be done on Wednesday evening, the February 28th. Brethren are invited.

The annual installation meeting of the members of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1380 (of which Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., Prov. G.M., was the first Master) took place last Monday afternoon, the 5th inst., at Seaford House, near Liverpool, when Bro. F. Smitton was placed in the chair. A report of the proceedings will appear next week.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., was on Saturday last installed as the Worshipful Master of the Brixton Lodge, No. 1949. This being a new lodge in the second year of its existence it was determined by the brethren instead of having the customary installation banquet, to constitute the Brixton Lodge a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson, F.R.S., presided at a meeting of the Rational Dress Society, held on Tuesday at the Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour-street, which was largely attended by ladies. A paper on rational dress by Mrs. Lynch was read by Miss Barnet.

Bro. Edwin Bowley, J.W. 176, Era Mark Lodge, was on the 31st ult. unanimously elected W.M. Although the installation will take place on Wednesday, April 25th, Grand Festival day, yet a large number of visitors are expected to be present. Our worthy brother is Secretary of the British Mutual Empire Assurance Company.

A cheaper class of stamped envelopes, called "commercial envelopes," are now sold to the public at the following prices: One envelope, 1½d.; two, 2½d.; three, 3½d.; four, 4½d.; five, 5½d.; ten, 10½d.; twenty, 1s. 0d.; two hundred and forty, 2s. The existing B and D sizes will cease to be issued by the Controller of Stamps, Inland Revenue, when the present stocks are exhausted.

A complimentary banquet will be given at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, to Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser on the 19th inst., by the Lodge of Emulation, No. 21, in which lodge he was initiated by Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., in 1862. Our worthy brother subsequently joined and took office in the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, of which he was one of the founders, in connection with the 1st Surrey Volunteer Rifles. Mr. Sheriff Joseph Savory will also on the above occasion be initiated in and become a member of the Lodge of Emulation.

Rod and net salmon fishing has commenced on the Tay, the weather being favourable, and the water in splendid condition. At several of the principal stations "takes" were secured, and the number of fish caught by noon on the first day was in excess of those on the same day in previous years. The average weight of the salmon was 20lb. There was no appearance of disease in any of the fish taken, and altogether the prospects of the fishing are brighter than they have been for several years past.

Arrangements have been made for a special train composed of Pullman drawing-room and sleeping cars of the newest pattern to be run on Friday, the 23rd inst., in connection with the 10 a.m. service from Charing-cross and Victoria, taking passengers from London, Calais, and Paris to Florence and Rome, and also Indian mail passengers for Brindisi. Holders of ordinary tickets will be allowed to travel by the trains on payment of a supplementary fare. The train is timed to leave Calais at 2.26 p.m. on the 23rd inst., reaching Turin the evening of the following day, Florence at 10 a.m. on the 25th, and Rome at 7.15 the same evening.

At a meeting of the Portsmouth Town Council on Tuesday afternoon the ex-Mayor (Alderman Whitcombe), stated that he had in hand about £2,400 out of the £3,000 required to found a Portsmouth scholarship at the Royal College of Music, and it was intended shortly, in order to obtain the balance, to hold a fancy fair or a chess tournament with living pieces, under the patronage of the Prince of Wales. That there might, however, be no delay, he (Alderman Whitcombe) was prepared to hand over to the secretary to the College the amount required to found the scholarship, so that they might have a Portsmouth pupil from the establishment of the College.

The Edison incandescent lamp is, we understand, to be introduced into the House of Commons, so far as the corridors and passages are concerned. It will not however be used for lighting the House itself, as the gas has been found to answer all the requirements of the members and officers of the House. In many of the corridors and passages, especially those leading to the conference room, the tea room, and the library, the gas light has been found rather ineffective, so much so that where flights of stone steps had to be descended there was a certain danger of stumbling to those of defective vision. In addition the long series of stone steps by which ascent is made to the reporters' gallery has been, under the gas system, miserably lighted. All these defects will, it is expected, be wholly remedied by the introduction of the Edison incandescent lamp.

"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. Lord Wolseley has intimated to the provisional Secretary of the proposed Wolseley Lodge at Manchester, Bro. Howard Davis, that he will be present at the consecration.

Bro. Sir Albert Woods (Garter), G.D.C., was present on Saturday last at Osborne in his official capacity, on the occasion of the Duke of Grafton being invested by the Queen with the insignia of the Order of the Garter.

Lord Alcester may be expected to arrive shortly in England, his successor in the Mediterranean command having already left England en route for Malta.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Speaker and the Hon. Lady Brand have arrived in town for the approaching Parliamentary session.

Bro. the Earl Granville left Walmer Castle, for his residence in Carlton House-terrace on Friday last, the countess and family remaining however for some time at Walmer.

The Prince of Wales will hold a levee at St. James's Palace on Monday, the 19th inst., and another the exact date of which has not been announced on his return from Berlin.

On Saturday last the Prince of Wales was present at a bazaar at Cannes that had been organised to promote some local charity.

Bro. Kuhe, P.G.O., gave a second performance of Gounod's "Redemption" in the Dome, Brighton, on Saturday last. The orchestra was led by Mr. Carrodus and Mr. Randegger conducted. Amongst the solo artists engaged was Bro. Baston McGuckin.

Bro. the Lord Mayor's fund for the relief of destitution in Lewis reached the sum of £300 on Saturday last.

The address in the House of Lords at the opening of Parliament next week will be moved by Bro. the Earl of Durham, and seconded by Lord Reay.

Bro. Lord Robartes spoke on the relations that should exist between landlord and tenant at one of a series of meetings at Bodmin of the Farmers' Alliance Club.

The second annual ball in aid of the Licensed Victuallers' School will be held on Wednesday evening next (February 14th), at the Limehouse Town Hall, E., dancing to commence at nine o'clock. Bro. W. Davis, 1259, host, will supply the supper, Bro. Speight the band, and Mr. T. Butler will again act as M.C.

On Sunday last, the 4th inst., Eliza Marsh, formerly of Bath, died at her residence, Tunbridge Wells, in her 66th year, following her late husband, the late Bro. Chas. Marsh, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S.D. Somerset, within eleven months, he having died March 5th last year, and whose memoir we published at the time. She leaves surviving two sons and one daughter, one son being Bro. Cromwell Marsh, of Dover. She will be interred this day (Saturday) at two, in the Tunbridge Wells new cemetery.

Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., President of the Local Government Board, accompanied by the permanent secretary, Mr. Owen, visited the Infirmary of St. Giles's, Camberwell, and the Newington Infirmary on Wednesday.

On Wednesday evening Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at the 27th anniversary festival at Willis's Rooms of the Musical and Dramatic Sick Fund, among those present being Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, Sheriff Savory, and a large number of gentlemen connected with the musical and dramatic professions. A subscription list of over £241 was announced in the course of the evening, Mr. Henry Betty contributed out of it the sum of 100 guineas.

Bro. Alderman Davey, Deputy Mayor, presided at the quarterly meeting on Wednesday of the Town Council of Brighton. New bathing machines are to be placed at two additional stations on the beach during the next bathing season, and it is proposed to obtain Treasury sanction to borrow £3700 to defray the expense of erecting the proposed new police station at the east end of the town.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, on Wednesday evening next, the 14th inst., at the Grand Avenue Masonic Hall, 88, Gracechurch-street, E.C., commencing at seven o'clock precisely. Bro. W. McDonald, S.W. 1445, will preside, and be supported by Bros. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933, as S.W.; B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, as J.W.; W.H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445, as I.P.M. The Sections will be worked as follows: First Lecture—1st Section, Bros. Loane, J.D. 1421; 2nd, Hopkins, 749; 3rd, Seymour-Clarke, I.G. 1445; 4th, Robson, J.W. 1445; 5th, D. Moss, S.D. 1275; 6th, Cundick, P.M. 1421; 7th, G. H. Stevens, J.W. 1623. Second Lecture—1st Section, Bros. Kimbell, J.D. 1445; 2nd, Partridge, P.M. 1445; 3rd Richardson, 174; 4th, Stewart, W.S. 1278; 5th, F. C. D. Fenn, J.W. 171. Third Lecture, 1st Section, Bros. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933; 2nd, West, D.C. 933; 3rd Taylor, S.D. 554. Bro. J. A. Robson, J.W. 1445, is the Hon. Sec., Bro. W. Hillyers, P.M. 820 and 1445, Preceptor.

The London Cottage Mission had a regular "field-day" on Wednesday, the new hall just erected being used for the first time, and though the fittings were anything but complete, yet Mr. Austin and Miss Napton managed matters so well that not a word of complaint did we hear from anyone of over a thousand hungry little souls who had a substantial dinner of Irish stew, their happy faces a strong contrast to the expression they bore a fortnight ago no welcome meal awaited them—a day still looked back upon as "Black Wednesday" in Stepney and Limehouse. Here is truly a case for practical benevolence; and sincerely we trust that last Wednesday will prove the first of many coming ones at 67, Salmon's-lane, Limehouse, on which the steaming coppers will again brim over with the savoury stew, and all alike, young and old, be sent happy away. It must however be borne in mind that all this costs money, and when our readers remember this let them not fail to render all the help in their power by paying a visit to the Mission Hall, if they care to journey so far East, or at least by sending on their contributions as soon as possible. The offices of the London Cottage Mission are at 44, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., and the address of the Lady Superintendent, Miss Napton, is 304, Burdett-road, Limehouse, E., to either of which letters may be forwarded.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the brethren of the Kent Lodge of Instruction at the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, held at the Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, on Monday evening, February 26th.

The Chester Archaeological and Historic Society, after having lain dormant for many years, is about to be resuscitated. The last part of its journal that was published appeared in the year 1876.

According to the *Athenæum* Mr. Blanchard Jerrold will by the express wish of the deceased artist write the biography of the late M. Gustave Doré. Mr. Jerrold has had the material for the work some time, so that its publication may be looked for at an early date.

We learn from the same source that among Doré's unfinished works is an illustrated edition of Shakespeare, but as 20 large sketches and a considerable number of smaller ones are ready there is reason to believe that the work, which was planned in concert with Mr. Blanchard Jerrold, will be published in England.

The Vice-Chancellor and heads of colleges of Cambridge University have forbidden the production of stage plays during term time. Memorials have been numerous signed against the edict of the University authorities, and it was expected that the Town Council would take some action in the matter at its meeting on Thursday.

The Italian Government has decided on inviting another international competition for a design for the proposed national memorial to be erected in Rome in honour of the late King, Victor Emanuel II.

A balance of £500 from the receipts at the last Birmingham Musical Festival, making the total profits up to £4500, has been handed over to the committee of the local General Hospital.

On Thursday evening Bro. Farwig was presented with a testimonial at a banquet at the Goat and Star Restaurant, Swallow-street, Regent-street. A report will appear in our next.

In our report of the consecration of the Urmston Chapter last week the name of Comp. Reginald Young, Prov. G.J. West Lancashire, was accidentally omitted from the list of those present. This is the more to be regretted as Comp. Young rendered efficient aid at the consecration ceremony.

On Friday week at a luncheon at the Royal Albert Hall Mr. Birkbeck, M.P., who is Chairman of the Executive Committee of the International Fisheries Exhibition, drew attention to a recent statement by the Duke of Edinburgh to the effect that the Queen, if her engagements permitted, would open the exhibition, and expressed a hope in which all must heartily join that her Majesty may be able to take so prominent a part in the opening ceremonial.

About Easter Messrs. Henninger, the well-known Heilbronn publisher, will issue the first volume of a new work on folklore, entitled "Kruptadia: a Collection of Documents intended to assist the Study of Popular Traditions."

Prince Frederick Charles, son of the late Prince Charles of Prussia, has at the instance of his uncle, Bro. the Emperor of Germany, resolved on continuing his explorations in the East, and is not expected to return to Berlin till March. But for the Emperor's advice his Royal Highness would have returned forthwith.

A CORRECTION.—The article on "Freemasonry in Birmingham" in our last issue contains the words "probably the oldest Mason." It should read "probably the only Mason."

A committee of gentlemen have guaranteed a plot of ground about five acres in extent and situated within half a mile of the centre of Wrexham, as a site for the proposed College of North Wales.

The Marquess of Hartington, M.P., P.G.M. Derbyshire, reached Portsmouth on Wednesday evening, en route for Osborne, on a visit to her Majesty.

For the first time since his return from Egypt H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught paid a visit to the Queen at Osborne, and was received at his entrance to the grounds by the Seaforth Highlanders, who were drawn up with band and colours, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Stockwell, C.B. His Royal Highness dined with the Queen in the evening and returned to Windsor Castle on Wednesday.

The annual Masonic ball in connection with the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, will be held at the Grosvenor Hall, Buckingham Palace-road, on Friday, March 2nd.

A new Metropolitan lodge to be called the Strand Lodge is to be consecrated at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, on Thursday next. Bro. James Willing is the W.M. designate, with Bros. E. Swanborough, S.W., and J. Douglass, J.W.

The consecration of the Honor Oak Lodge at Forest Hill took place on Thursday, as announced in our last. A report will appear next week.

A sum of £600 has already been raised in aid of the fund at Swansea for the support of the four widows and 19 orphans of the Mumbles lifeboat men who lost their lives on the 27th ult. in attempting to rescue the crew of a vessel in distress. The survivors of the crew have been awarded among them by the National Lifeboat Institution the sum of £115, and the coxswain a silver medal in addition.

A local Committee is taking steps towards the restoration of the tombstones of the Burns' family, the ancestors of the great poet, Bro. Robert Burns, in Glenferrie Churchyard. These stones had come to be partially imbedded in the soil and overgrown with moss, while the inscriptions were almost undecipherable.

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# METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, February 17, 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 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.

**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 12.**  
 Lodge 5, St. George and Corner Stone, F.M.H.  
 " 29, St. Albans, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.  
 " 90, St. John's, Albion Tav.  
 " 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot.  
 " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot.  
 " 957, Leigh, F.M.H.  
 " 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
 " 1571, Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.  
 " 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.  
 " 1670, Adelphi, F.M.H.  
 " 1789, Ubiq, S. Air-st., Regent-st.  
 " 1790, Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath.  
 " 1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-rd.  
 " 1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington.  
 Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav.  
 " 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.  
 " 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot.  
 K.T. Precept. 140, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.  
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
 Sincerity, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, at 7.  
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.  
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.  
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 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 13.**  
 Lodge 15, Kent, F.M.H.  
 " 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.  
 " 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate.  
 " 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.  
 " 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.  
 " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.  
 " 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
 " 834, Ranelagh, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
 " 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1196, Urban, F.M.H.  
 " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
 " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.  
 " 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
 " 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
 " 1668, Samson, 68, Regent-st., W.  
 " 1769, Clarendon, Guildhall Tav.  
 Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.  
 " 185, Jerusalem, F.M.H.  
 S.C. 33, 33, Golden-sq., W.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.  
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.  
 Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.  
 Varborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
 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.  
 Copper, 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 14.**  
 Gen. Com. Ben. Institution, at 4.  
 Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.  
 " 11, Enoch, F.M.H.  
 " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich  
 " 87, Vitruvian, South London M.H., Lambeth.  
 " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot.  
 " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., E.  
 " 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.  
 " 1305, St. Marylebone, Langham Hot., Portland-pl.  
 " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Moorgate-st. Hot.  
 " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.  
 " 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav.  
 " 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Upper Norwood.

Chap. 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
 Mark Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 Rose Croix 1, Grand Metropolitan, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
 S.C. 33, 33, Golden-sq., W.

**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.  
 Creation, 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 15.**  
 House Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.  
 " 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav.  
 " 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.  
 " 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.  
 " 109, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.  
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 181, Universal, F.M.H.  
 " 222, St. Andrews, Holborn Viaduct Hot.  
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's-wood.  
 " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav.  
 " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, S. Norwood.  
 " 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.  
 " 1475, Peckham, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
 " 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.  
 " 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich.  
 Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tav., Kennington.  
 " 1383, Friends-in-Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
 Mark Bon Accord, 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.  
 " 7, Carnarvon, Café Royal, 68, Regent-st.

**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 16.**  
 House Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 201, Jordan, F.M.H.  
 " 1704, Anchor, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 1962, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hot.  
 Chap. 92, Moira, The Criterion, Piccadilly.  
 K. T. Precept. 45, Temple Cressing, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
 Rose Croix 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq., W.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
 Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.  
 Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.  
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.  
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.  
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.  
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.  
 United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.  
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.  
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.  
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.  
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith, at 8.  
 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.  
 William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st. Manchester-sq.  
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.  
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich  
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.  
 Ubiq, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30.  
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17.**  
 Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.  
 " 1631, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
 " 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot.  
 Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.  
 " 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

# MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, February 17, 1883.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12.**  
 Lodge 292, Sincerity, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
 " 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.  
 " 721, Independence, M.R., Chester.  
 " 941, De Tabley, Royal George, Knutsford.  
 " 1021, Hartington, M.R., Barrow.  
 " 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hotel, Moss-side, Manchester.  
 " 1588, Prince Leopold, M.R., Stretford.  
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Red Cross Conclave, Walton Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13.**  
 Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 322, Peace, Warren Bulkeley Arms, Stockport.  
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Wigan.  
 " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
 " 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, near Liverpool.  
 Chap. 537, Zion, M.R., Birkenhead.  
 " 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14.**  
 Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
 " 323, Concord, Florist Hotel, Stockport.  
 " 430, Fidelity, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.  
 " 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1140, Ashton, Victoria H., Withington.  
 " 1356, Toxteth, M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.  
 " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
 " 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1715, Arthur John Brogden, M.H., Grange-over-Sands.  
 Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Mark Lodge 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.  
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15.**  
 Lodge 203, Antient Union, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 343, Concord, Bull Hot., Preston.  
 " 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.  
 " 605, Combermere, Queen's Hot., Liscard.  
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.  
 " 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16.**  
 Lodge 1357, Cope, Brooklands Hot., Sale.  
 Mark Lodge 65, West Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 105, Egerton, Rock Hot., Rock Ferry.

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