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THE Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution took place on Wednesday last, under the distinguished presidency of our esteemed and well-known Bro. General J. S. BROWNRIFF, Prov. Grand Master for Surrey, with 272 Stewards. The returns amounted to £13,047. Of these sums the Metropolis, with 137 Stewards, sends £7646, and the Provinces, with 135 Stewards, remits £5,401, Surrey bringing up £1,000. This is a noble commencement for 1883. We shall call special attention to the returns in our next issue.

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THE Festival of the Girls' School is the next in order, and we desiderate for it a most successful gathering. But we would press upon all our friends and readers who intend to be Stewards to send in their names *at once* to Bro. HEDGES.

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WE call attention to a communication of Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, by which it will be seen the number of Masonic Constitutions is increased by two, which have been recently unearthed at Cologne.

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THE agenda paper for Grand Lodge is before us with not much of importance. The election for GRAND MASTER will be enthusiastically completed, and there can be no doubt but that our excellent GRAND TREASURER will be again elected with warm expressions of goodwill and confidence. The fact that there are 800 amendments for the revised Book of Constitution fully justifies the action of our authorities in the matter, and it is in truth alike the most constitutional and the most dignified course of procedure to refer these 800 amendments to the Board of General Purposes for consideration and report. The proposed vote for the Jamaica distress of 100 guineas will we feel sure be heartily acceded to by Grand Lodge. The votes for the Lodge of Benevolence will also come before Grand Lodge for confirmation. We note a complaint that Grand Lodge votes these sums without knowing the particulars thereof, but surely such a complaint is untenable when it is remembered that all present and past Grand Officers are "ex-officio" members of the Board of Benevolence. Certain it is moreover that never at any time in the history of the Lodge of Benevolence was more attention devoted to the claims of the petitioners, and we have often been struck by the patient investigation and minute discussion which every individual case for the most part receives. Since the December meeting the standard of the grants has been materially and practically lowered, and if such a wise course is constantly pursued, we have no doubt that the close of 1883 will witness a much desired equilibrium of financial receipts and expenditure. An annual overdraught would be a serious contingency to realize, and must lead to grave dissatisfaction and a determined change. Unless some unexpected discussion arises on this sensible proposal, the sitting of the next Quarterly Communication will not be a long one.

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WE continue to receive letters about the contributions to the Benevolent Fund. Some good brethren have an idea, that in order to constitute an equal claim upon its resources, the contributions should be equal capitationally in the metropolis and in the provinces. But all such worthy brethren overlook the fallacy which permeates their proposition. "Ceteris paribus," of course it is right and proper that all applicants who claim benefit from

a common fund should pay equally to that fund. But in the case of the provinces three points arise: 1. The Book of Constitutions deliberately orders and sanctions the present duplicate system of provincial payments, and proclaims the right of the provincial brethren notwithstanding to receive the equal benefits of the Fund. 2. The gross amount of the provincial returns to the Fund far exceeds the amount paid by the metropolitan brethren, while the claims for relief are not in excess of the rightful numerical proportion. It must also be borne in mind, thirdly, that owing to the expense of locomotion and the drawback of distance, the administration of our Grand Lodge Benevolence practically is vested in the hands of the metropolitan brethren. The proportion of provincial masters present at any meeting of the Board is very small indeed. For all these reasons and others which may be fairly alleged, we hope and trust that this unwise controversy is at an end. However abstractedly it may appear proper to some and just, to "level up" the contributions of metropolitan and provincial brethren, yet in the concrete such a proceeding is impracticable, firstly because it would savour of "mala fides," and secondly because it would be manifestly unjust to provincial brethren.

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WE hasten to announce, for the information of all Masonic Students, as will be seen elsewhere, that through the intermediation our esteemed Bro. W. H. RYLANDS, a baptismal entry of the son of a Freemason who is also styled "Gentleman" has been discovered of the date 1603. We venture to think, as we have often before remarked, that in the *terra incognita* of English seventeenth-century Freemasonry some important finds must ere long be made.

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THE Masonic news from France is not reassuring. It seems from the "Monde Maconique," reviewed elsewhere, that already a new movement has begun in the Grand Orient of France to "revise" the Constitution, and a sort of permanent committee of delegates from 45 lodges is now installed in Paris, under the sanction, too, of the authorities, to consider this subject and all matters coming before the General "Convent" in September next. Until we know the exact "but" or "and" of these proposals and intentions we will not anticipate or prejudge. All we think it right now to say is, that it seems to us a very curious proceeding "per se" to sanction the installation of a body with all the nomenclature and surroundings of the Grand Orient itself, to discuss and debate on the revision of the Constitution, &c. This seems to us to be "prima facie" a very abnormal proceeding, inasmuch as it may constitute an "imperium in imperio," a "caucus" within a governing body, which may have most serious, nay, pernicious, results. But we will wait to hear and to realize what is really the goal to which these somewhat peculiar proceedings seem to tend. If indeed we could think or hope that this movement foreshadowed the possibility of a return to ancient landmarks and forgotten principles; if we could indulge in the belief that, finding they had made a great mistake, the French Freemasons were willing to retrace their steps and resume communion and sympathy with Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, we should be the first to rejoice, the earliest to hail the coming change. But such we fear is "too good news to be true," and knowing from old experience that change begets change and revolution leads to revolution in things general and things Masonic alike, we cannot, as at present advised, but gravely doubt if any good can arise from that all but universal state of restlessness, excitement, unsound teaching, and unwise action which seems to us, we say it without offence, to dominate French Freemasonry just now. At the same time we repeat we wish sincerely well to our Gallic brethren. We cannot see why Freemasonry with its own generous principles and on its own true merits, should not flourish on Gallic soil, and we desiderate for the Grand Orient a return, an immediate return, to its own better and truer declarations and developments both of theory and practice. It has gained nothing by revolutionary iconoclasm but irritation, weakness, and loss of prestige; let it have the moral courage to own that it has been in the wrong, and at once to retrace its steps. We note that Bro. GRIMAUD, who has been called to the Secretariat of the Grand Orient of France, has resigned the editorship of the "Monde Maconique," at Paris, and is succeeded by Bro. ROCHER. We trust that the new editor will carry on the "Monde Maconique" with the same ability, kindness, and moderation really and truly which have distinguished Bro. GRIMAUD. We allude to the Monde Maconique elsewhere.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

It should occasion no surprise if we, thus early in the year, endeavour to awaken attention to circumstances in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys which we consider of very great importance. Little more than 21 years have elapsed since it commenced a struggle for vitality, and we all know how successful have been the efforts of its friends, and, in consequence, what proportions it has assumed. Those who bore the heat and burden of the years from 1861 to 1878 may at the latter date have justifiably believed that they had accomplished everything that could have been legitimately expected. This belief, however, has been ruthlessly disturbed, and we are all aware that for the last two or three years there has been a constant desire, more or less publicly expressed, for further extension with a view to meet further demands. The desirability of this from an abstract point of view has never been questioned even by those most actively engaged during the earlier period already alluded to but many of them occupying the vantage ground of intimate practical knowledge and experience have hesitated in actively encouraging the movement in the absence of a surely founded assurance of such increased support as would permanently provide for the necessarily increased annual sustentation.

Yielding to pressure, however, the managing bodies have recently submitted to the Craft suggestions for carrying out their wishes on a modified scale, asking for a minimum sum of £8000 to warrant their undertaking the responsibility of commencing the erection of a building for a school subsidiary to the existing educational establishment at Wood Green, in which—say for present purposes—50 boys may be maintained in a state of efficiency, but on a more moderate scale of expenditure than that incurred in the original Institution.

In carrying out this object they have, to guard against possible difficulties and complications in administration, with the assent of the Quarterly General Court, established a separate fund, and to encourage contributions to this fund have offered special voting privileges as an inducement to renewed support from those who have already contributed to the general purposes of the Institution. Upon this, questions, have arisen on the part of some, holding the original qualifications as to the fairness and equity of such privileges, they maintaining that by the acquisition of double votes by contributions to the special fund those who content themselves with the voting power secured by donations to the general fund will be swamped by the preponderance of votes accruing from donations to the special fund.

This grievance must be more imaginary than real, inasmuch as from the special regulations no donor can realise the special privileges of double votes for contributions to the special fund who has not first obtained a qualification, *at least*, as a Life Governor of the general fund. No new donor, therefore, can claim increased voting power by giving to the special fund, without first placing himself on a level with the old donor, by qualifying himself first in connection with the general fund. The special privileges, it will thus be seen, are open to all, original donors and new donors alike, and those who decline to avail themselves of the special facilities afforded, *during the current year only*, for increasing their voting powers have surely no ground of complaint against those who embrace the favourable opportunity, placed within the reach of all for doing so.

It is an axiom that "there is no advantage without a corresponding disadvantage," and in the case before us it is not to be denied that there is a not unfounded apprehension that the advantages offered in connection with the "Special Fund" may operate disadvantageously to the "General Fund." If the £8000 required for the "Preparatory School" is to be completed there must be raised this year £5000 in addition to the £3000 contributed to the fund last year. For "ordinary expenditure" £10,000 (in round figures) is absolutely requisite (without considering expenditure for "special objects" and "sustentation," say £1500 per annum), and this means a total receipt for this year of £17,000. This is a very large amount, and naturally is a source of extreme anxiety. Should the efforts for the furtherance of a special object interfere with the support absolutely requisite for ordinary purposes, what will be the condition of the Institution? To sell any portion of the small invested capital—£16,000—would be suicidal. The alternative would be to reduce the original establishment. Should this alternative be forced upon the management, where would be the necessity of the Preparatory School?

That necessity withdrawn, the sum subscribed for the special purpose might be devoted to strengthening the position of the original Institution, which would thus benefit by the increase of its invested capital. Leaving however the contemplation of these somewhat gloomy contingencies, and assuming that in the current year the sum of £17,000 is happily realised and the Preparatory School erected and opened during the year 1885, it has then to be borne in mind that the sum absolutely required for annual maintenance, including special expenditure, will be increased by say £1750 for the education and maintenance of the 50 boys, giving a total of £13,250 to be raised every year for annual expenditure, without the possibility of strengthening the backbone of the Institution by a gradual increase of its funded property.

It will thus be seen that on all sides very serious considerations are offered to our view.

To what extent can we legitimately look for assistance from Grand Lodge? Is there any other possible outcome of sympathy and support?

There certainly is one source from which a very considerably augmented annual income may be looked fairly for. This is from the increased annual contributions by lodges and chapters. Many wealthy lodges give their subscription of one guinea, some few two guineas, and the great ma-

jority, from want of thought let us hope, do not subscribe at all. This is a serious and important subject, and must hereafter be considered at greater length with the aid of proper statistics.

We think that Grand Lodge might fairly be appealed to to make a special grant to the Building Fund, which might give a great impetus to so desirable a movement, and lead up to a revival of interest and activity on behalf of this important addition to the Boys' School. We shall be happy to receive in our pages any suggestions from friends to the School, as to how to bring about so desirable a result, as we all must equally feel a deep and abiding concern in the fortunes, and progress, and development of that most important and valuable educational Institution, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the 7th ult.:

1. The regulation for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business will be read.
2. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th December, 1882, will be read and put for confirmation.
3. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.
4. Election of a Grand Treasurer.
5. The M.W. Grand Master will move:

That this Grand Lodge do contribute the sum of 100 guineas, to be paid out of the fund of General Purposes, towards the alleviation of the distress caused among the brethren under the District Grand Lodge of Jamaica by the late calamitous fire in Kingston, in that island.

6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:

A brother of the Polish National Lodge, No. 534, London	... £50 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 275, Huddersfield	... 50 0 0
A brother of the Airedale Lodge, No. 387, Shipley	... 50 9 0
A brother of the Furness Lodge, No. 995, Ulverston	... 50 0 0
A brother of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, London	... 50 0 0
A brother of the Capper Lodge, No. 1076, London	... 50 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174, London	... 100 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Concord, No. 632, Trowbridge	... 100 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, Hull	... 75 0 0
A brother of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, London	... 100 0 0

7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Board of General Purposes have to state that the Grand Secretary having reported the reception of some 800 amendments to the proposed revision of the Book of Constitutions submitted to Grand Lodge on the 6th September last, the Board of General Purposes recommend Grand Lodge to refer these amendments to the Board to consider and report on.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
20th February, 1883.
President.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th February, showing a balance in the Bank of England of £5409 1s. 7d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £100.

8. REPORT OF THE COLONIAL BOARD.

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

The Board have to report that a letter having been received the day after the last Quarterly Communication from the W. Master of the Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068, Cairo, Egypt, reporting that the lodge which had been in abeyance since the year 1874, had, owing to the return of some of its old members to Egypt, been now able to resume its work, the Board beg to recommend to Grand Lodge that the resolution for the erasure of the said lodge passed at the last Quarterly Communication be rescinded, and that the Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068, Cairo, be permitted to resume its labours.

(Signed) JOHN A. RUCKER, P.G.D.,
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
6th February, 1883.
President.

9. Report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1882.

LIST OF LODGES

For which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

- Lodge 1986, Honor Oak, Honor Oak, Camberwell.
- „ 1987, Strand, Covent Garden.
- „ 1988, Mawddach, Barmouth, North Wales.
- „ 1989, Stirling, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.
- „ 1990, Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, Portsmouth.
- „ 1991, Agricola, York.
- „ 1992, Tennant, Cardiff.
- „ 1993, Wolseley, Manchester.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Annual Festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Tavern, General Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, in the chair. There were nearly 350 brethren present, and over 190 ladies. Among the brethren who supported the gallant General were Bros. General Laurie, Grand Master of Nova Scotia; Colonel Lloyd Philipps, Provincial Grand Master of the Western Division of South Wales; Rev. C. J. Martyn, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; John Messent, Grand Swd. Br.; Baron de Ferrieres, M.P.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Chas. Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Comptroller Bake, A. Barfield, C. Belton, R. N. Howard, R. Vassar Smith, R. Eve, Dr. Strong, F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O.; J. Terry, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; R. Percy Middlemist, Hy. Smith, Vice-Patron; Clement Tudway, and Bradshaw Brown, P.G. Stewards; Dr. Edwards, R. H. Griffin, Lieut.-Col. Radcliffe, and Hy. Lovegrove.

After dinner grace was sung and the list of toasts was proceeded with.

In proposing the toast of "Her Majesty the Queen" the Chairman said the first toast in all assemblies of Englishmen is that of "The Queen." We are essentially subjects of her Majesty, but we cannot disassociate her Majesty from the Craft, and we all know that when we drink as Freemasons our toasts on festive occasions in the Craft her Majesty's name is coupled with the first. We must remember that her Majesty is the daughter of a Mason, and of her four sons three of them are distinguished in the Order, and I hope—it is not a presumptuous hope—if it be so I am quite sure you will agree with me in hoping that the time is not far distant when those two gallant young princes who will be serving her Majesty and serving the country, who are already under the tongue of good report, may be enrolled members of the Craft. (Cheers.)

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm and was followed by the National Anthem.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed "The Health of the Prince of Wales (the patron and president of the Institution), the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal family," and said: I have no doubt there are many present who remember the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Grand Master of the Order—(hear, hear)—and I think it would be impossible that any assembly of men could have presented such a spectacle as we saw on that occasion. Large masses of armed men might have produced a more picturesque effect, but to our hearts as Freemasons nothing could have been more impressive than the sight we witnessed at that time. (Cheers.) Considering the important duties he has to perform, I think the attention H.R.H. has paid to Freemasonry entitles him to our gratitude and our best thanks. (Hear, hear.) The most difficult task H.R.H. has to perform is in the selection of those upon whom he considers the purple ought to be bestowed. From a much smaller experience I know how many deserving Masons there are who deserve that honour, and yet how few distinctions there are to be conferred. The sentiment of the Craft is I believe that his Royal Highness makes the selection with judgment and with taste. (Cheers.) That gracious lady, the Princess of Wales, was brought up in an atmosphere of Freemasonry. The Scandinavians were famous for their Masonic ceremonial. Hear, hear.) I have myself seen a great deal of it in the Grand Lodge of Copenhagen, and remember her Royal Highness's brother is now the Grand Master of the Order in Denmark. (Cheers.) I cannot help hoping that at all events we shall have the kind sympathy of the Princess of Wales, and that her sons may become Masons in due course. (Cheers.)

In proposing "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," the Chairman said: Brethren, you all know that it is the privilege of a Prince of the Blood Royal when he assumes any Masonic functions to provide somebody to act for him in his absence. It has pleased H.R.H. to appoint as the Pro Grand Master to represent him in his absence the Earl of Carnarvon. Those who have been present in Grand Lodge and witnessed the way in which he has performed those duties must I am sure have been struck with the ability and the terseness of his remarks and the general ability with which he has performed his duties, together with the courtesy he has exhibited in receiving questions and answering questions put to him. I ask you to drink the health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and was followed by Miss Clara Samuells singing "Rose softly blooming."

The CHAIRMAN in proposing the next toast said: Brethren, the next toast I have to propose to you is a somewhat comprehensive one; it is that of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, the Deputy Grand Master; and the Present and Past Grand Officers." Those who know the Earl of Lathom and have seen him in Grand Lodge must have been struck by that personal appearance, that specimen, that he is in my opinion, of a thorough Englishman; not only good looking in himself, but good in all he does. He is a good cricketer; I believe he is a good rider to hounds, and he is a good, straightforward Englishman in every way, and we are very proud of him in that capacity. He has a geniality in his position which render him extremely popular among all who know him. The duties of the Grand Officers are very varied. Those who are in office have duties prescribed for them. But there are duties when the officers are out of office, when it is difficult to define their position; but I believe these officers have a thorough feeling, for their duty is to do their best for the Craft, to give advice where it is needed, to be constant in their attendance at Grand Lodge, and to support the dignity

of our Order. That they do this generally I believe is an acknowledged fact. That is the way in which I have always found them received. Whenever I have been in lodge or provincial grand lodge the presence of a Grand Officer has always been most cordially received and fraternally accepted, and therefore we have reason to believe that their conduct generally is approved of. I know that they try to do their duty. If they fail it is in consequence of those feelings to which we mortals are subject. I really believe they do their best. We have so many toasts this evening that I will not detain you longer than ask of you to drink this toast, and calling upon the Right Worshipful brother who presided over this festival last year, Bro. Col. Lloyd Philipps, Provincial Grand Master of the Western Division of South Wales.

Bro. Col. LLOYD PHILIPPS in responding to the toast said: It gives me great pleasure to come here and to return thanks for such a toast. I am sure that everything that your R.W. Chairman said of Lord Lathom is fully deserved, and you all know that the present and past Grand Officers have always endeavoured to do their duty, whether in this great city or in the provinces with which they are connected. (Hear, hear.)

The toast having been drunk,

The CHAIRMAN said: In proposing the next toast I have to make some few observations. We have had an omission on this occasion which I will ask you to correct. We have omitted "The Sister Grand Lodges of the rest of the World." We have on this occasion a very distinguished brother sitting on my left. He is not a provincial grand master, but there he is before you, a living Grand Master in his own right—General Laurie, the Grand Master of Nova Scotia. It is very seldom when we are able to have in our society an actual grand master excepting our own, and I am quite sure I am speaking the sentiments of you all when I say we give him the heartiest welcome. We are always glad to see those who hail from other lodges. We always meet when we visit any of our colonies with the greatest warmth from our brother Freemasons, and we are very glad to return it. I ask you to drink "The Health of General Laurie, the Grand Master of Nova Scotia, and the Sister Grand Lodges all over the world." (Cheers.)

General LAURIE in replying said: Right Worshipful sir and brethren, in referring to the toast which has been given with such grace from the chair—"The Sister Grand Lodges"—I may say it at present naturally suggests the sister grand lodges of English-speaking people, because they after all are those which most strictly practise Craft Masonry as we understand it. The questions may arise, sir, why there should be any sister grand lodges? why we should not all be under the time-worn banner of the old Grand Lodge of England. (Hear, hear.) But, sir, the question answers itself to a large extent. We have the Grand Lodge of Scotland, we have the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and you must recollect that when your Grand Lodge chartered lodges in the colonies they looked upon those colonies as unoccupied territory, and we had lodges working under old charters from England, Scotland, and Ireland in the same towns. Now, that of itself would cause an immense deal of confusion. I shall not touch upon the question which explains itself as to why our cousins in the American States naturally formed their own grand lodges when they declared their political independence; that was natural, and we will not go into it. But in the case of the colonies I think I have explained it to you to a certain extent when I say it caused terrible confusion, and worse than confusion, when we had lodges working under three different constitutions and under different reputations in the same town, and it did not conduce to that brotherly love that should always prevail among Masons. When the matter was first put before your Grand Lodge, particularly the Grand Master and your Board of General Purposes and your Grand Lodge, they saw the force of the arguments advanced, and it was considered desirable to recommend that we should form separate grand lodges, and carry on the organisation of the work of Masonry in our own locality and under our own authority. I think, sir, that Masonry has not suffered by this. I can assure you that the sentiments entertained at the old mother Grand Lodge were quite as warm as they were in the days when we were a Provincial Grand Lodge. I can tell you, sir, that one of the duties with which I was charged in coming over a few weeks since was that one of my lodges unfortunately having had a Masonic Hall and the whole of its furniture and its charter burned, I was to see if it was at all possible to get a copy of their old charter furnished to them by the Grand Lodge of England. Of course it was their intention to get a new charter from our Grand Lodge; but their sentiments to the old Grand Lodge were so strong that they wanted a copy of their old charter. I had the satisfaction when I visited your Grand Secretary's office to find an old college comrade, an old comrade under fire, Col. Clerke, and I must congratulate you on having as official manager of your business a gentleman and a brother who is so thoroughly competent to send away disappointed applicants in as happy a state as if he had been able to grant them all they wanted. He informed me that the request could not be granted, but it was in such a way that the brethren may be almost as pleased as if a new charter had been granted from the supreme authority to that lodge. (Laughter.) But our lodge recognises that it was high on the roll of Grand Lodge of England, and it looks back to the time when it stood under your banner and still feels that it rests under those banners. On behalf of all Masons where they follow out our system of Craft Masonry or where it ranges under the system of Orientals as some do, I desire to return thanks for the kind way in which you have given and the brethren have received this toast. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN, proposing the toast of the evening, "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," said: It is with the object of supporting this Charity, brethren, that we have met on this occasion. I can give you a very recent report, for it was only about 50 hours ago that I was at the Asylum. That, I say, was very deep self-reproach as the first visit I had paid to it, but it shall certainly

not be the last. (Hear, hear.) I am sure brethren if any of you who had not been there will only go, you will be as charmed with it as I was. It is hardly possible within the limits of a short speech to describe what I saw, but I have a memorandum here which will tell you all perhaps that it is necessary to know about it. The Institution was founded in 1842; the permanent income of this branch is only £1,900, while the annual cost to carry it on effectually is £4,380, and since the Widow's Fund was established in 1849, 332 Widows have been elected. (Hear, hear.) There is an asylum at Croydon attached to the parent Institution, and any one visiting that Institution will be struck by the extraordinary comfort and contentment everywhere to be seen. (Hear, hear.) I spoke to every one of the inmates, and there was only one complaint: that came from an old lady who complained because the ceiling of one of her rooms was blackened in consequence of the chimney smoking. (Laughter.) The complaint was made in no querulous spirit and it was the only one which I received. We can imagine what would have been the fate of these inmates but for the existence of this Institution—it would have been the workhouse. I am not one of those who abuse the workhouse. In my official capacity as a justice of the peace I see a great deal of workhouses, and there is certainly no effort spared to make the occupants comfortable and happy; but in the workhouses those who have perhaps passed a happy wedded life must separate. In this Institution however you see old men and old women, childless perhaps, and dependent entirely upon one another, going down the hill of life together, and that is one of the most touching features of the Institution. (Hear, hear.) That alone ought to recommend it to our consideration and our support. (Cheers.) I feel as if I were preaching a charity sermon. I am reminded of a sermon said to have been preached on one occasion by Dean Swift. It is related of him that on one occasion when he was staying in a country village there was to be a charity sermon preached in the parish church; but at the last moment the clergyman did not arrive. I do not know whether Dean Swift was a Freemason, but he agreed to do what he could. He got into the pulpit and chose this text: "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord." Dean Swift then said: "My beloved brethren, I call your attention especially to the fact that he who giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord. If you approve of that security, down with your dust." (Laughter.) I wish I could preach a sermon in such a terse and forcible manner; but I ask you to forget and to forgive all the faults of the preacher to-night, and to think only of the worth for whose support he pleads. (Cheers.)

Bro. James Terry then read the following list of subscriptions:

LONDON				£	s.	d.	Lodge				£	s.	d.
Bro.	Rev. A. F. A. Woodford	12	12	0	256	Bro.	J. A. Farnfield	...	44	12	6		
"	W. H. Dean	...	5	5	0	259	"	J. H. Parker Wilson	42	15	0		
"	Wm. Clarke	...	10	10	0	435	"	W. Ball	25	3	0		
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3	"	Jas. Peacock	...	18	18	0	554	"	J. J. Berry	...	55	11	0
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8	Bro. W. A. Grogono	...	17	10	0	822	"	Montague Hawkins	...	57	15	0	
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10	"	Thos. Weller-Poley	...	47	5	0	862	"	A. J. Bolton	...	28	7	0
11	"	Geo. Anderson	...	27	8	6	871	"	Jno. Geo. Vohmann	...	34	11	0
14	"	Walter Jarvis	...	10	10	0	907	"	William Wordley	...	78	15	0
15	"	A. Posner	...	47	5	0	975	"	Jas. Garnar	...	178	10	0
18	"	Walter E. Williams	...	13	13	0	1227	"	Adolphus Clark	...	40	0	0
19	"	Henry Glenn	...	89	5	0	1259	"	Wm. Hancock	...	343	6	0
21	"	T. F. Peacock	...	49	15	6	1275	"	D. Moss	...	28	6	0
21	"	Saml. Hill	...	49	15	6	1278	"	R. S. Sturtevant	...	27	3	0
22	"	E. Fras. Storr	...	50	2	0	1319	"	John Maclean	...	26	5	0
26	"	Geo. B. Brodie	...	52	10	0	1321	"	John Salmon	...	40	0	0
28	"	J. E. Lloyd	...	30	9	0	1329	"	R. B. Bryant	...	50	6	6
29	"	Edwd. Terry	...	24	3	0	1394	"	B. Humphrey	...	88	11	6
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58	Comp. C. E. Smith	...	35	14	0		Brownrigg	...	125	15	0		
Lodge					1397	"	Thos. W. McNally	...					
65	Bro. J. Roberts	...	125	0	0	1420	"	W. W. Young	...				
72	"	Fred. Thurston	...	100	0	0	1421	"	Albert Meyers	...			
73	"	Wm. Klingenstein	...	37	16	0	Chapter						
79	"	C. Fowler	...	47	5	0	1471	Comp. Jas. Terry	...	125	15	0	
87	"	A. W. Woodliffe	...	53	10	0	Lodge						
90	"	Josiah Griffin	...	75	2	0	1489	Bro. William Stephens	...	105	0	0	
95	"	R. T. Hill	...	42	0	0	1507	"	Geo. Clark, jun.	...	43	5	0
108	"	Edwin B. Holloway	...	66	3	0	1537	"	Ralph Clutton	...	90	6	0
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145	Comp. T. Bull	...	84	0	0	1572	"	Jno. Clarricoats	...	15	15	0	
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147	Bro. John Dixon	...	60	10	0	1593	"	Albert Escott	...	31	10	0	
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157	Comp. Charles Pulman	...	45	3	0	1607	"	Thos. Jones	...	132	6	0	
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198	"	F. Orchard	...	36	11	0	1716	"	Joseph House	...	10	10	0
228	"	A. H. Hickman	...	86	4	6	1716	"	Thos. Griffiths	...	63	0	0
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I think it is right that I should express to you why it is that I occupy the chair this evening. In this country if there is one sport which is more popular than another, or one thing that is more characteristic than another of Englishmen, it is the grand sport of fox hunting. It requires skill, judgment, good sight, a good seat, and a great many other good qualities. The only being that does not enjoy the pastime is the hunted fox, and his is the position in which I find myself this evening. I have been fairly hunted and worried by Bro. Terry. If you strike out the "y" from his name and substitute an "i" for it, and add to the letters "er" then you have "Bro. Terrier," who has been hunting me. In Surrey this fox that he has been hunting has 25 or 36 earths where he is able to shelter himself. In good sporting counties when the fox takes his departure there is an old earth stopper to prevent his getting back into it, and the fox makes for another which is left open. If he has afforded good sport and a good run, and if the hounds have been fairly beaten he gets into it. But what happened to me in my own province was when I got to a new earth Bro. Terry got there, dragged me out, and worried me till I promised to be here on this occasion. He succeeded in his object; there he is, he has broken the old fox up and I congratulate him very much on the result. If it had not been as it has been you would have had to blame not the fox but the terrier. (Laughter).

The Rev. C. J. MARTYN, D.P.G.M. of Suffolk, said: Brethren, a toast has been put into my hands to propose in which I am sure we must all feel deeply interested; it is "Success to the other Institutions, the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." As Bro. Terry has said they have got their work cut out to beat the result of this festival, but if you cannot do it, go and do likewise. I cannot give you a better sermon than that, "go and do likewise on these occasions." The festival of the Girls' is in May, that of the Boys' is in June. Let your subscriptions on those occasions be equal to those of to-night, if you do not surpass them. All I can ask you to do now is to drink success to them.

Bro. F. R. W. HEDGES in reply said: R.W. Sir, Bro. Martyn, and brethren, I rise with great pleasure to acknowledge on behalf of the Boys' and Girls' Schools the very kind manner in which this toast has been received this evening and to tender in their name my warmest thanks. The generous support accorded to these Institutions during the past year demands our sincerest acknowledgment, and I avail myself with pleasure of this most fitting opportunity to express our unfeigned gratitude and thanks on their behalf. We have met together this evening, R.W. Sir, to celebrate the first Masonic Festival of the year. The result of which has been such that we must and do congratulate most heartily both the Benevolent Institution and its executive upon it. I may, however, R.W. Sir, on this occasion be allowed to remind the brethren that the Festivals of the other two Institutions have yet to follow, and I would earnestly plead on their behalf that they may have as great a success as that which we have witnessed to-night. Bro. Terry, sir, has thrown us down a challenge this evening, and I can only say that if the Craft will back us as it has the Benevolent Institution we shall be only too happy to do our best to meet it. The Boys' Festival, as you are aware, takes place in June; and while we all must sincerely regret the illness which has prevented Bro. Binckes being with us this evening, I am sure all will join with me in wishing him a speedy restoration to health and strength. The Girls' Festival takes place on 9th May, under the presidency of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Hants and Isle of Wight, and it is only right that I should mention that at present the list of Stewards is not so large as it usually is at this season of the year, and that, therefore, in order to ensure its success a very considerable effort will be necessary. R.W. Sir, I thank you for associating my name with this toast.

The CHAIRMAN: Brethren, my next toast is that of "The Stewards." I am sure our hearty thanks are due to them. Not to be invidious I cannot help thanking with all my heart the 22 Surrey Stewards who have come up from my own province to support me on this occasion. For the last 13 years now I have been so accustomed to their kindness and support that I knew they would not fail me on this occasion. There is another body also, the Stewards from the Western Division of Yorkshire. I was there in the autumn of last year and I assure you I met with a right royal reception. If I had been the Prince of Wales himself I don't think I could have received a greater ovation from those kind brethren. I do not venture to think that it was on my account they did it, but still I avail myself of this opportunity of thanking them for their kindness on that occasion, and also for so largely contributing to the success of this.

Bro. EDGAR BOWYER in reply said: I beg to thank you, sir, most heartily for the very kind compliment you have paid the Stewards to-night in proposing their health, and you, brethren, for so cordially drinking it as you have. I take it that the duties of the Stewards of to-night have been twofold—first, in endeavouring to get together the magnificent list of subscriptions which you have just heard announced, and, secondly, in seeing to your comfort at the banquet table to-night. If we have secured your approval in the one respect, I trust we have in the other, and I beg to thank you most heartily for the kind compliment you have paid the Stewards in drinking their health.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed "The Ladies," and the brethren adjourned to the Temple where a delightful concert was given under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, Past Grand Organist, and Bro. S. Lehmeier, by Miss Clara Samuell, Miss Mary Beare, Miss Francis Hipwell, Miss Marie Belval, Bros. Faulkner Leigh, Franklin Clive, Egbert Roberts. Bros. Wilhelm Ganz, and S. Lehmeier presided at the pianoforte, and Herr Poznanski performed on the violin.

The toastmaster of the evening was Bro. James Hayho. The concert grand pianofortes were supplied by Emil Ascherberg, of Dresden and London.

FREEMASONRY IN ENGLAND IN 1743.

In some researches the other day in Horace Walpole's "Letters" I came across the following reference to Freemasonry. It occurs in a letter addressed to Sir Horace Mann, British Minister at Florence, and bearing date 4th May, 1743. "The Freemasons are in so low repute now in England that one has scarce heard the proceedings at Vienna against them mentioned. I believe nothing but a persecution could bring them into vogue again here. You know, as great as our follies are, we even grow tired of them, and are always changing." The proceedings mentioned as having been taken against the Freemasons in Vienna must be held to refer to the suppression of "The Three Cannons"—*Die Drei Kanonen*—which had been established in the capital of Austria only the year previous. It is on record that, though Francis I., Emperor of Germany, who was initiated into Freemasonry in 1731, did all he could at Florence, when he assumed the government of Tuscany, and subsequently at Vienna, to protect the Fraternity, his wife, the Empress-Queen Maria Theresa, was strongly opposed to it, and, according to Findel, in 1764 strictly prohibited its meetings. It is said that on an occasion mentioned in the "Pocket Companion" of 1754 a lodge meeting in Vienna was broken up by a body of grenadiers, who made twelve of the brethren prisoners, the Emperor himself narrowly escaping by a back staircase. Be this as it may, the condition of the Society in the Austrian capital was a precarious one, both in the year noted by Horace Walpole and during the whole of Maria Theresa's long reign of 40 years.

As regards the low repute of the Craft in England at the time referred to, I presume that to whatever extent it prevailed it must have had its origin in the dissensions which had broken out in the Craft a few years previously, namely, about 1738, the year to which is usually assigned the beginning of those troubles which culminated in the establishment subsequently of a second grand lodge in England in rivalry to that of London. During the years 1742-44, when Lord Dudley and Ward was Grand Master, there was, says Bro. Findel in his examination of Kloss' treatise "On the Ancient Masons," complete peace in the Fraternity. But he goes on to observe, "The war in Flanders, from 1740-48, brought the English and French Masons into closer proximity, who had then an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the newly-devised so-called High Degrees; and with the invasion of the Pretender, Charles Edward Stuart, 1745-56, an offshoot was probably transplanted into Scotland. The seeds thus disseminated had the more time to thrive, as the Grand Master Byron, from 1747-52 was constantly absent from the country and the Grand Lodge became completely powerless, as no regularity in the business was observed." It is probable the "complete peace" which prevailed 1724-44, during Lord Ward's Grand Mastership, must have been interpreted by Horace Walpole as such a state of complete stagnation that in his opinion "nothing but a persecution could bring the Freemasons into vogue again in England." That in the long run he was wrong in his belief has been proved by events, yet the peace of Lord Ward's time may have been more apparent than real, and following as it did on the differences of 1738, and being followed by the apathetic rule of Lord Byron, may have exercised in connection with the newly-imported "so-called High Degrees," no little influence in bringing about the establishment of the Schismatic Grand Lodge of London.

MASONIC HALLS.—One of the most important adjuncts of and requisites for Freemasonry. All the evils of, and nearly all the attacks on, the Masonic system have sprung from the meeting in taverns. No doubt in former days such a state of things arose from the necessity of the case where lodges were sparse and brethren were few. But "nous avons changé tout cela," and let us hope permanently for the better. The first Masonic Hall was erected in Philadelphia in 1754, which is clearly established in the memorial volume, edited by Bro. C. E. Meyer and others. The second seems to have been the one at Marseilles, in the year 1765, if Smith's description can be relied upon. Freemasons' Hall was first opened and dedicated May 23rd, 1776. But the hall did not suffice for the wants of the brethren, and in 1864 the foundation stone of the new buildings was laid in the presence of our old and lamented Grand Master, Lord Zetland. That building, now completed, reflects the greatest credit on all concerned, and is fitly the head-quarters of English Freemasonry. During the last quarter of a century the building of Masonic Halls has set in with commendable zeal and great energy; Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Bradford, Sheffield, York, Plymouth, Devonport, Bristol, Birmingham, and innumerable localities boast of buildings which say much for the skill of their designers, and are an honour to the Craft. Nothing, we are certain, will so tend to elevate condition of Freemasonry, and to raise it also in public opinion, as the fact that the Fraternity is accustomed to meet in private halls for all the work and all the gatherings of Freemasonry. Of course, no rule is without its exception, and it is impossible to lay down even on this most important subject a law of the Medes and Persians which altereth not. But we feel sure of this—that the more Freemasonry is segregated from houses of public entertainment in Masonic Halls the better will it be for Freemasonry in every respect. We will not go into Dr. Oliver's well-known description of what a Masonic Hall is, as that will more properly come under lodge room: but there can be little doubt that a good deal of the present prosperity of English Freemasonry is owing to that movement in favour of Masonic Halls and æsthetic tastes, and a more ornate ceremonial, which, impossible in an hotel or public house, however respectable per se, are the necessary concomitants of a Masonic Hall, solely devoted to Freemasonry, and simply destined to Masonic ceremonies.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia*.

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To Correspondents.

"Stellar Theology."—A notice of this work will appear in our next.

The following reports stand over until next week: Staffordshire Knot Lodge, No. 726. Phoenix Chapter of St. John, No. 1235.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Broad Arrow," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Court Circular," "The Citizen," "Masonic Chronicle," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The Keystone," "The United Service Gazette," "The Hull Packet," "Tapis," "Masonia," "Landreth's Catalogue, 1883," "Boletín Oficial," "La Revista Masonica."



SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 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 fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have with great pleasure read the letter of my esteemed friend, Bro. W. J. Hughan, in yours of today. I also see a letter signed "A. G. B.," but my rule is never to write any letter I do not sign, so I have a rule never to answer or even notice any anonymous letters, and so shall simply answer Bro. Hughan's.

Now, venturing to differ from "our great Masonic historian" may be presumption on my part, but I think he is wrong this time for once. Our R.W. brother admits there was in 1725 a Grand Lodge in York, calling itself the "Grand Lodge of All England." In page 26 of his valuable "Masonic Register" he states this Grand Lodge was formed by the old

lodges in York "that had for many years (possibly centuries) assembled in that city." Now it is quite clear that this body did not form the Provincial Grand Lodge of London and Westminster, although it lasted for many years.

In "Cole's Engraved Constitutions," 1731, is given "a speech delivered to the Worshipful and Ancient Society of Free and Accepted Masons at a Grand Lodge held at Merchants' Hall, in the city of York, on St. John's Day, 27th December, 1726, the R.W. Charles Bathurst, Esq., Grand Master."

Now this Grand Lodge was the same as the London and Westminster Grand Lodge, simply what we would now call a provincial grand lodge.

Now as to the London and Westminster Provincial Grand Lodge.

There was certainly a provincial grand lodge formed in London, as by page 70 of the Book of Constitutions published in 1723, it is stated "there was a meeting on St. John's Day, 27th December, 1721, attended by 150." The preface to this constitution is written by Bro. Desaguliers, D.G.M. Now who these 150 brethren were is not stated, but page 58 of these Constitutions states "And now by command of our said R.W. Grand Master Montague, the author of this Book has compared them with, and reduced them to, the Ancient Records and immemorial usages of the fraternity, and digested them into this method with several proper explanations for the uses of the lodges in and about London and Westminster."

Again, at page 65, Law 22 is "That brethren of all the lodges in and about London and Westminster shall meet at an annual communication and feast in some convenient place on St. John's Baptist Day or else on St. John Evangelist Day, as the Grand Lodge shall think fit." At page 73 follows the approbation that "The history, charges, and regulations had been examined with several copies from Italy and Scotland, &c. Therefore we, the present Grand Master of the R.W. and most ancient fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, the Master and Wardens of particular lodges as (with the consent of the brethren and fellows in and about the cities of London and Westminster) having also perused this performance, do join our laudable predecessors in our solemn approbation thereof."

These extracts prove beyond a doubt that this so-called Grand Lodge was like that of York, nothing more, and in fact claimed to be nothing more than a provincial grand lodge, and that the 150 brethren belonged to that province alone.

Now surely what was at most a single provincial grand lodge cannot in any way be said to be the foundation of the present United Grand Lodge of England, as if a single provincial grand lodge could be such the Grand Lodge of Scotland is the premier grand lodge, as Mother Kilwinning (of which I have the honour to be a member for years), not only having been but still being a provincial grand lodge, her earliest record now forthcoming being dated 20th December, 1642, nearly 80 years before this Provincial Grand Lodge of London and Westminster was ever thought of, and one of Mother Kilwinning's charters was granted on 20th December, 1677, to Canon-gate Kilwinning Lodge, and that lodge is still working. The second in antiquity would be Ireland. The present Provincial Grand Lodge of Munster records date from 27th December, 1726, and the Cork Corporation records show that a charter was, on 2nd December, 1725, "issued out for the Master, Wardens, and Society of Freemasons according to their petition," thus showing this Provincial Grand Lodge of Munster had existed for years long before 1725. Now to found a grand lodge it is at least absolutely necessary that at least the vast majority of all the lodges in the country should join in founding it.

Now, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Munster and all and every other provincial grand lodges and lodges joined in founding on 3rd February, 1729, the present Grand Lodge of Ireland, the Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Munster being the first Grand Master. Mother Kilwinning and all other provincial grand lodges and lodges joining on St. Andrew's Day, 30th November, 1736, in founding the present Grand Lodge of Scotland. But it was not until 1st December, 1813, the Provincial Grand Lodge of London and Westminster and all other provincial grand lodges and lodges joined in founding the present United Grand Lodge of England. Consequently the premier grand lodge is Ireland, founded 3rd February, 1729; the second in antiquity is Scotland, founded 30th November, 1736; and the junior is the United (and only) Grand Lodge of England, founded 1st December, 1813.—Yours fraternally,

JAMES H. NEILSON.

32, Leeson-street Lower, Dublin, Feb. 24th.

OUR MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the speech of Bro. Mason as reported in yours of 27th Jan., he hints that it would be possible for the authorities of the Girls' School to accommodate every candidate on the list and still have room for more. Although this has since been contradicted by the Secretary, Bro. Hedges; also by the Chairman of the House Committee, Bro. Matthews; yet it suffices to start an argument upon as to the advisability or otherwise of clearing off lists of adopted and approved candidates for any of the Institutions, even if there was ample room. I don't suppose either

the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution or Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will have the slightest chance of trying the experiment for many years to come, if ever, but as the Girls at least have had one opportunity recently, and possibly may have another ere long, I will therefore take the liberty of trying to exemplify what I mean by taking a case from the Girls' School list, not by any means with the intention of making an invidious distinction, but simply because I know all about it.

Very far down on the list of unsuccessful candidates at last October election stands the name of a girl who but for some unaccountable dilatoriness would have been on the list for previous election period, and consequently would now doubtless be in the Institution receiving free education, board, clothing, and other home comforts at the expense of the charity.

Her father, who was only about eleven years a subscribing member, resigned Masonry over thirteen years ago—a few months after his marriage—his children, some five in number, were consequently born since he resigned, and although in tolerably easy circumstances, moving in respectable and affluent society, a merchant and a property owner, his name cannot be found as a contributor on the lists of any of our Charities, either local or general, but on the contrary when asked to become a contributor is reported to have expressed himself to the effect that those who were likely to stand in need of such institutions might support them, but that neither he nor his would ever require or accept such aid, and consequently he would not contribute anything.

Of course the widow's petition was in due form and as duly recommended by the W.M., Wardens, and a majority of the brethren of his lodge then present, but out of some 65 members of that lodge there was not at the moment the petition was approved a single contributor to the Girls' School, and even the lodge itself has less than half-a-dozen Girls' votes, and yet this case was approved, adopted, and entered on the list of eligible candidates by the Committee of the Institution simply on the merits of the petition and recommendation without further reference.

But as the case is not approved and will not be adopted by the provincial charity organisation to which the case belongs, it may remain on the list till disqualification by age necessitates its removal, unless there is another grand clearance of the lists.

In face of these facts I cannot agree with Bro. Mason that even if there were room it is desirable at any time, in order to avoid a contest, to declare vacancies for all the approved candidates. The province from which a case comes has more facilities for discrimination than a committee of London brethren who do not consult the Provincial organisations, and as the voting power has to come at all events to a very large extent from the candidate's district or province the voting recorded shows their appreciation of the eligibility of the candidate.

In what I have already said I do not wish to be understood as disapproving of the present mode of placing candidates on the list, but I do disapprove of clearing the list even if there were more vacancies than candidates, simply because it may thereby happen that a candidate from a province will get into the Institution although disapproved by the province in question.—Yours fraternally,

DESERVING CHARITY.

P.S.—This case is not supported by the province because the widow had, to say the least of it, a moderate competency left her, has influential and prosperous connections, and had got already through their influence two of her children into other benevolent institutions.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In view of the forthcoming quarterly meeting of Grand Lodge on Wednesday next, the 7th inst., when the brethren will elect a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, I venture to express the hope (which I believe is widely shared in) that a successor will then be appointed to the distinguished brother who has occupied that position for several years past.

The Constitutions provide that all Grand Lodge offices shall be vacated annually; and although it may be expedient at times to re-elect, this can hardly apply to the Grand Treasurership, and there is no reason why one brother should hold the office in perpetuity to the exclusion of brethren equally worthy of preferment.

Moreover, it may fairly be questioned whether the members of Grand Lodge are justified in relinquishing the trust which is vested in them of making an annual selection for this office, seeing that the evil consequences are that emulation, which is the life of Masonry, is discouraged, and an indifference engendered which ultimates in secession.

Practically, the Craft have but this one purple collar at their disposal; and the responsibility rests with them if they do not confer it year by year, upon one of their fellows who is deserving of the distinction.

Our ranks abound with brethren who would reflect honour upon the office, and whose worth and services the Craft cannot recognise in any other way than this. I am glad therefore to know that one of this number, who has been a member of the Order for nearly 40 years, and is P.M. and Treasurer of a well-known lodge, and also a Vice-Patron of all our Institutions, is to be proposed as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Few, I think, will disagree with the correctness of the principle of electing a new Grand Treasurer annually. It is only because this proper course has been deviated from that now it seems like an innovation, and to savour of invidiousness to go back upon the constitutional lines.

I feel sure, however, that our present Grand Treasurer will not for one moment entertain the thought that any personal reflection upon him is involved or intended in what is about to be done. He has had ample evidence of the high regard he is held in, and cannot possibly be insensible to the fact that he is a general favourite throughout the Craft.—I remain, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,

N. B. HEADON, P.M. and Treasurer
The Great City Lodge, 1426.

65, Friday-street, 1st March.

RE THE EXTRA GRAND LODGE GRANT OF £800 TO THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May one inquire why only £540 of the extra £800 voted by Grand Lodge in June last to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is to be granted in annuities? and why £260 is withheld from being applied to purposes of relief for which it was voted?

According to your computation, 22 additional candidates might be placed on the list of annuitants this year; but only 15 are at present so placed, and seven who might be relieved are to be turned away, not for want of this £260, but for some other reason.

Surely, when Grand Lodge made this handsome addition to the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution it was that the money might be applied to help the old Masons and widows to the full extent of the grant, and not that one third may be locked up. Grand Lodge had better save its own money than make grants simply for other bodies to put by.

No doubt there are reasons, good or indifferent, but one would like to know them.—Yours fraternally,

A SUBSCRIBER TO BOTH FUNDS.



LE MONDE MACONNIQUE.

This French Masonic monthly comes before us this week, under a new editor. Bro. Grimaux having been called to the Secretariat of the Grand Orient of France, a Bro. Rocher becomes the editor in his place. Who Bro. Rocher is, or what his services to Maconic literature are we know not. Wishing well to the "Monde Maconnique" as we do, we cannot fail to be struck with its "new departure." Up to the present the rulers of the Grand Orient have asserted constantly and the "Monde Maconnique" has repeated habitually the statement, that the French Freemasons had nothing to do with political questions. And if the practice of many French brethren denied the theory, we were assured that there was no authoritative sanction for these constant irregularities in speech and action. The "Monde Maconnique" under Bro. Rocher in an article "La Franc Maconneire," with the signature of C. M. Limousin, Alpina, 15th January, 1883, and which article is in no way objected to by Bro. Rocher, uses these remarkable words which to all who understand French must have very serious significations: "Au jour, qui ne saurait être éloigné ou nous aurons complètement triomphé sur le terrain politique, nous aurons à poursuivre la lutte sur le terrain sociale, &c. L'encore il appartiendra à la Franc Maconnerie dont le symbole est absolument sociale, d'entreprendre et accomplir l'émancipation du peuple."—"In the day which cannot be far distant, when we shall have triumphed in the political, we shall have to continue the struggle in the social arena. Then, again, it will belong to Freemasonry, whose symbol is absolutely socialist, to undertake and accomplish the emancipation of the people." We wish to protest here, in the name of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, against this attempt to mix up political factions and a socialist propaganda with the loyal, religious, reverent, and law-abiding principles of true Freemasonry. It is the destruction, nay, the curse, of some branches of foreign Freemasonry that they will most improperly associate themselves with political movements and socialistic programmes.

THE CENTURY. Second Notice.

There is a remarkable article in the last "Century" on Locker and Praed, which deserves study and careful consideration. Admiring and appreciating Frederick Locker as we do, heartily and entirely, we cannot concede that in any one particular he is superior to Praed. Praed, the "facile princeps" of the Romantic-Rococo School,—or anything else you like to term it,—is still untouched in his supremacy. He has had many imitators, but no equals. In his powers of versification, his sense of harmony, his liquid numbers, his pointed alliterations, his wondrous pathos, and his latent wit, in fact, alike in mechanism and spirituality, he is still "anax andron" of his own specific poesis. To say that Locker has a wider range or more deep sense of humanity and life, or greater knowledge of the world is a very dubious proposition, inasmuch as in his general poems and his political ballads, never yet edited, Praed evidences far more acquaintance with all subjects and all points which rule the intellect, move the sympathies, touch the hearts of men. Praed no doubt is to some extent immature in his wondrous effusions, and what he would have been had his life been preserved who can venture to say? All his latest productions seem to point yet to an "Ultima Thule" of poetic excellence yet to be reached. What can be said is we think this: Praed wrote in 1830, Locker a generation later, and therefore Locker appeals more forcibly to us "ad homines" than does the dead and buried bard of an older generation. But as long as the English lan-

guage remains, these unapproachable verses of Praed will ever be appreciated by the educated, the cultured, and the sympathetic, as containing in them many a touch of the beautiful, many a glimpse of the sublime, many an ideal of the poet, many a healing hope of humanity; and which alike their matchless softness and sweetness of perfect harmony can linger with us through the brighter and darker days of life, to refresh us with their wit or their tenderness, to cheer us with their reality or their truth.

THE STORY OF THE BIBLE. By CHARLES FOSTER. Charles Griffin and Co., Exeter-street, Strand.

The idea of this work is a very good one, and is admirably carried out in this compact volume. It is an attempt to tell the story of the Bible to children in simple common language. It is a work of 697 pages, illustrated by 286 engravings, and several maps, some of them full page. We confess we like the plan of the book, and think it a very useful present for young people. With too many the annals of God's antient people and the records of the Inspired Volume are a mere matter of past history. It is most important for after life to impress on the vivid and retentive mind of childhood the actuality of the events and personages whom we read of in the Bible, and of their examples of imitation or warning for us. Just as in life to-day and in the world around us we behold hourly how the twisted skeins of good and evil, joy and sorrow, are gradually unrolled in the good overruling providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., so in the sacred volume we have lessons and warnings in moving events and examples set before us constantly for our instruction and solemn edification to the very end of time. This would be a very good volume for any library destined for the young, and some of us older boys and older girls might well peruse it for the matter of that.

Reviews.

GLIMPSES OF OUR ANCESTORS IN SUSSEX. By Bro. CHARLES FLEET. Second Series. Farncombe & Co., Lewis.

This is the "second series" of these justly popular papers. We alluded to the first series in the *Freemason*, and ventured to predicate for it much deserved popularity. The result has verified our expectations. Bro. Fleet takes us, with a very agreeable pen, to interesting scenes and ancient houses, and gives with a graphic skill a glimpse into old world life and old world ways in a famous county of ours. We like to follow him amid the Sussex high ways and by ways, and whether he discourses of Sussex nobles or Sussex farmers, the middle class of two centuries ago, the cricketers of the day, the ancient halls and the venerated customs of by-gone days, flourishing or extinct families, we are pleased to accompany him on his pilgrimage, to pore over his effective illustrations, or listen to his easily tripping words. Many of us will spend half-an-hour very well indeed in dipping into these glimpses of the Sussex of old days.



126] OLD MASONIC MSS.

I have great pleasure in announcing the discovery of two more copies of the "Old Charges," through the medium of Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.M., &c., of Manchester. We have been corresponding lately about old Royal Arch records, and in his examination of the records belonging to the ancient chapter at Colne, No. 116, came across two paper scrolls which he thought worthy of special mention. I at once recognised them as transcripts of the "Old Charges," and they are now before me for collation, &c., with some 50 others I have copies of. The W.M. and M.E.Z. of No. 116 Lodge and Chapter respectively, kindly granted this favour to me through Bro. Sillitoe, the latter brother having already done such good service to the Craft by his researches and zealous endeavours to promote its best interests. According to Bro. Gould's numeration in his invaluable history, this raises the total to 53. I propose to call the documents: Colne MS. No. 1, A.D. 1680 (circa.); Colne MS. No. 2, A.D. 1700 (circa.) The elder one contains the rare "Apprentices Charges," and so is valuable; the junior though of the ordinary text, having a few specialities. Hope to report more soon. I am ready for the next. W. J. HUGHAN.

127] CHARLES SACKVILLE.

The more I think over the medal the more I begin to doubt its reality. I lighted since I last wrote on a quotation from Spence in a letter to his mother, dated Turin, August 15th, 1740, who mentions the "adepts" (Rosicrucians), and as knowing one of them then at Turin. This adept was a Frenchman, called Aubry, who told him there were only 12 in the world, and that he had met 11 lately in England. I am now endeavouring to see if any light can be thrown by Spence's known works on this medal. Charles Sackville, Earl of Middlesex, was clearly in England in 1734, though he may have been again in Italy in 1740. Perhaps 1740 is a mistake for 1730. DRYASDUST.

128] I am glad to be able to give you information which determines the date of the visit paid by Charles Sackville, Earl of Middlesex, to Florence, in company with the Rev. Joseph Spence. It is from the life of the latter by Mr. S. Weller Singer, prefixed to the "Anecdotes, Observations, and Characters of Broks and Men, collected from the conversation of Mr. Pope and other eminent persons of his time. By the Rev. Joseph Spence." It was towards the close of the year 1730 that Mr. Spence "received an invitation to accompany Charles, Earl of Middlesex, and made the tour of France and Italy with that nobleman" in quality of a companion, not as governor. Their route was by Lyons, Turin, Milan, and Venice to Rome, taking Florence on their way back, and from thence by way of Paris they returned to England. Later on the biographer says: "At Florence their stay was protracted through the winter months, and the society and other enjoyments of the place were so delightful to them that they again saw the carnival here, and were not unwillingly detained by an uncommonly inclement spring until the month of June, when they re-passed the Alps, stayed at Paris a few days, and returned to England at the commencement of July, 1733." There is also an editorial footnote in another part of the book,

which begins: "Mr. Spence writes to his mother from Florence, Oct. 12th, 1732." These excerpts bring us to an interesting point, namely, that Charles Sackville, Earl of Middlesex, was in Florence in the year that is commemorated on Natter's medal of Carolus Sackville, described as "Magister Florentinus." I will add that there is a footnote to Mr. Singer's biography of Spence to the fact that "Mr. Spence gave to his mother a detail of his three tours, and the principal occurrences in them in frequent letters, which are still preserved." Mr. Singer's edition of these remains was published in 1820, 52 years after Spence's death, which occurred on 20th August, 1768, a few months before that of his former travelling companion, the said Charles Sackville, Earl of Middlesex, and at the time of his death Duke of Dorset. It is noteworthy that, in his preface, Mr. Singer says: "Whatever may have been the motive with which this compilation was begun, it was evidently continued, completed, and transcribed with a view to the public; Mr. Spence had conditionally sold it to Dodsley, meditating its posthumous publication, but his executors," Dr. Ridley, Dr. Lowth, and his nephew the Rev. Edward Rolle, "were armed with a discretionary power, and prevailed on the bookseller to forego his claim, probably deeming many of the anecdotes of too trifling a nature to add anything to the reputation of their friend; or it may have been in compliance with the wish of Lord Lincoln (afterwards Duke of Newcastle), who was averse to their being made public. One of the manuscript copies was, therefore, presented to his lordship, and the other consigned to a chest with all Mr. Spence's manuscript remains." Mr. Spence was Professor of Poetry at Oxford 1728-38, was appointed Regius Professor of Modern History at the same university and vicar of Great Horwood, Bucks, in 1742, and a Prebend of Durham in 1754. He resided chiefly at a house given him by Lord Lincoln in 1747, at Byfleet, near Oaklands, Surrey, where he was drowned in a canal, in his garden, 20th August, 1768. His *magnum opus* was his "Polymetis; or, an Enquiry concerning the Agreement between the Works of the Roman Poets and the Remains of the Ancient Artists," &c., published in 1747, second and third editions appearing in 1755 and 1774 respectively. The point now to be considered is "Where are these manuscript remains" of Mr. Spence, including the letters to his mother which contain details of the "principal occurrences" during his tours with Lord Middlesex, Mr. Trevor, and Lord Lincoln. Perhaps some brother can throw light on the subject. As this note has run to some length I must defer further remarks on "Dryasdust's" note of last week. I will merely observe that, so far from being offended by his description of "my idea of circumstantial evidence" as being "very circumstantial," I consider he is paying me a great compliment. What else ought such evidence to be if it is not what it professes to be? G. B. A.

129] LOUVETEAU, LEWIS.

In Fisch's vocabulary at the end of his "Philosophie de la Franc Maconnerie," quite a late work of 1863, he states "Lowetot" is the son of a Mason, and "Lowetonne" the daughter. He adds, "on dit aussi," Lovetot, Loveton, Loveton, et Louveteau. I do not see that we have at all reached a clear understanding of the time when the words say, "Loveton" in France, and "Lewis" in England were first used technically in either country, or what is their real etymology. Lewis, like Cowan, seems, though probably of trade use, Masonically of most uncertain origin and derivation. MASONIC STUDENT.

130] OCCULT LITERATURE.

Brethren interested in the study of "Occult Literature" will be glad to have their attention drawn to a catalogue of some hundreds of books relating mainly to that subject, now published by Mr. John Wilson, 12, King William-street, Charing-cross, London, W.C., a notice of which appeared in last week's *Freemason*. Mr. Wilson is a most obliging, intelligent, and fair dealer in second hand books, particularly those on occult subjects, as also Freemasonry. W. J. HUGHAN.

131] THE TITLE "FREEMASON."

A friend writes me that the following occurs in the Manchester Registers: Edward Holland being in previous entries styled *gentleman*. "1603-4, Feb. 12, Humphrey son of Edward Holland freemason Capt." W. H. R.

132] DR. DESAGULIERS.

The number of the *Genealogist* for April, 1881 edited by Dr. Marshall, contains some interesting information, the more so as it supplies facts not usually to be found in our Masonic cyclopedias.

The Rev. John Theophilus Desaguliers was the son of the Rev. Jean Desaguliers, pasteur of Aitré and some-while pastor of the French Chapel in Swallow-street, by his wife Margaret Thomas La Chapelle, to whom he was married at Rochelle, 24th Jan., 1677.

The Rev. Jean Desaguliers was born August, 1644, and died 6th Feb., 1698-9, æt. 54. He was ordained by the Bishop of London (Compton) Deacon and Priest in one day, 28th Nov., 1692. His wife, Margaret, died 14th March, 1721-2, æt. 82, and was buried on the 17th March, at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

They had, with other issue, the Rev. John Theophilus Desaguliers, the eminent philosopher, born at La Rochelle, 12th March, 1683, died 29th February, 1744. He was a student of Christ Church, Oxford, B.A. in 1709, A.M. from Hart Hall 1712, D.C.L. 1718, F.R.S. 1714.

He was ordained (also by Bishop Compton) 4th June, 1710, and became Rector of Stanmore Parva, co. Middlesex. He was chaplain to the Duke of Chandos and the Prince of Wales, &c., and died 29th February, 1743-4, at the Bedford Coffee House, Covent-garden, and was buried 4th March, in the adjacent Chapel Royal of the Savoy, "in the Body of the Chapel." His will, dated 26th November, 1743, was proved in the Prerogative Court, Canterbury, 1st March, 1743-4, by his son, John Theophilus, sole executor (Anstis, 68).

By his wife Joanna, daughter of William Pudsey, Esq., of Kidlington, Oxon, to whom he was married at Shadwell, 14th October, 1712, and who was buried at St. Anne's Westminster, 21st July, 1753, he left issue.

The pedigree of the "Descendants of Jean Desaguliers, (Hugenot Refugee)," from which the above is an extract, is communicated by Henry Wagner, Esq., F.S.A., is of some length and of considerable interest. W. H. R.

133] ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, DONCASTER.

I note your remarks in last week's *Freemason* with reference to St. George's Lodge, Doncaster, No. 242, and as to the possibility of there having been an earlier lodge at that place. From a careful search amongst the records and correspondence of the old Grand Lodge at York, I can find no trace of any lodge or any application for a warrant earlier than 1779. Before applying to the Grand Lodge of London it would appear that the Doncaster brethren purposed to obtain a Constitution from the Grand Lodge of York, as will be observed from the remarks below, which are taken from a report of the proceedings of the Druidical Lodge at Rotherham for the year 1779, transmitted to the Grand Lodge at York, the Druidical Lodge being (as you are aware) a lodge working under the York Constitution. The minutes referred to are as follows: "Friday, 27th August, 1779. Bro. Hassall on the behalf of Mr. Parker, Mr. Kay, and Mr. Berside, all of Doncaster, made a motion to this lodge to petition the same for a recommendation for a set of Constitutions from the Grand Lodge at York." "Friday, 24th September. The motion made by Bro. Hassall at the last lodge respecting the petition for a set of Constitutions from the Grand Lodge at York to be held at Doncaster stands postponed until the next lodge." "Friday, 22nd October. This night Bro. Hassall withdrew his motion respecting the petition for a set of Constitutions for Doncaster." Nothing further appears to have been done in reference to the proposed application for a Constitution from the Grand Lodge at York, the action of the proceedings of the Druidical lodge for the following year (1780, when the warrant for St. George's Lodge was obtained from London) being silent. Probably Bro. Hughan will be able to inform me whether the three brethren named above (Parker, Kay, and Berside) were instrumental in forming the St. George's Lodge. The only other incident bearing on the question is the letter from Doncaster under date of 11th July, 1780, and signed "R. Berkeley, Grand Treasurer," (in reply to one from the Grand Secretary at York) which says "Your favour of the 8th instant, to Mr. Mennard was duly received, in answer to which which a constitution for a Lodge of Freemasons to be held in this town has been regularly applied for and granted." Whether there was an earlier lodge at Doncaster it is impossible to say, but if so I am inclined to agree with you that it must have been charterless, my impression being that there would have been some record at York if there had been an earlier chartered lodge.

JOSEPH TODD, P.M. and Treas. York, No. 236.

CONCERT AT THE MANCHESTER ATHENÆUM.

A vocal and instrumental concert and diversified entertainment was given on Thursday, the 22nd ult., in the above building. The promoters of the concert were two of the leading spirits in connection with the new Masonic temperance lodge that will be consecrated in this city on the 28th of March, and the greatest praise is undoubtedly due to Bros. Daniel Edwards (first W.M. of the Wolsley Lodge) and P. H. Davis, who is to be the J.W., for their arduous labour and expenditure of time in bringing about what ultimately proved to be a big success not only as regards the large and fashionable audience who assembled on the occasion, but also with respect to a handsome balance resulting from the undertaking of between £40 and £50, which sum we understand will form a fund exclusively devoted to charitable purposes. The whole of the artistes who appeared willingly gave their services, and certainly did their utmost to please their hearers. As we have been asked to give a detailed criticism of the various performances we readily acquiesce in so doing.

Part the first commenced with a very meritorious performance on the zither by Messrs. J. H. and J. Moss, which was followed by a song from Miss Kenyon, "Ehren on the Rhine," very nicely sung; Mr. A. Brandt, of the Minnehaha Minstrels, appeared next, and amused the audience immensely with a comic rendering of "My name is Norval." Notwithstanding the protestations of the conductor, Bro. P. H. Davis, against encores, the audience would not be satisfied until Mr. Brandt reappeared, when he scored another success with a parody on "Excelsior" entitled "Up'ards." Mr. J. Murray next appeared and performed a fantasia from "Faust" on the oboe, which was well received but which we venture to think might have been given with more expression. Miss Connie Prince came next and sang "Some day," but this charming ballad would have been heard to greater advantage had the lady moderated her voice more. She was however more successful with her song in the second part of the programme, entitled "The miller and the maid." After Mr. J. Hamilton had appeared in his nigger entertainment, Mr. J. S. Carman, who possesses a good bass voice, sang "Stranded," for which he received great applause. Our versatile brother, Professor Campbell, next appeared on the platform with his piccolo, upon which he performed Waldenfel's "Les Folies" in a finished and spirited manner. In reciting Poe's poem of "The raven" Miss J. E. Davis displayed considerable histrionic ability, her accentuation being very good. Mr. Walter Casson followed with a characteristic song, "I was a boloney sausage poy," for which he received an encore, but as this favour was forbidden by Bro. Davis to the audience, Mr. Casson simply bowed his acknowledgments. Miss Kate Spary, of the Bristol, Bath, Clifton, and Brighton Aquarium concerts, raised the audience to a pitch of enthusiasm by her brilliant and delightful rendering of Bishop's "Tell me my heart," and for which, despite Bro. Davis's injunction, she was encored and then sang "Love was once a little boy." Bro. R. R. Lisenden's English concertina performance was the next item in the programme, and consisted of imitations of various instruments, concluding with "The bells." Throughout his performance he was continually applauded, his most successful efforts being an imitation of the huckle call and the strolling Tyrolese minstrels. The only fault that could be found with this seldom heard performance was that it was too short. M. Leon de Prévoist was enthusiastically received and played most artistically "Alexis," a solo for the cornet, by Hartmann. The first part of the programme concluded with some sword tricks by Sergeant John Lee, of the 91st Highlanders, which were much appreciated.

The second part commenced with what was termed the "Kickological goblin gambols and grotesque antics, by the wonderful Fays," three in number. These gentlemen (one of whom is dressed in female attire and executes a

skipping dance most gracefully) are exceedingly clever, and well deserved the rounds of applause bestowed on their performance. Messrs. Brandt and Casson again contributed to the enjoyment of the audience, the first named gentleman singing a comic song entitled "The long and the short," and the latter a humorous ditty. Miss Kenyon, who was announced to sing "Let me dream again," substituted by desire "The message," but we think the alteration was a decided mistake, as the latter song is decidedly more suited to a tenor voice. A deal of mirth was created by Mr. John Allen's (Minnehaha Minstrels) Hibernian impersonation, and his song "Morrarity." After which Bro. Herr Alors Brousil (chef d'orchestre Princes Theatre), enchanted his hearers with a violin solo, "The last rose of summer," which was played with great taste and feeling, eliciting loud applause and gaining an encore, in response to which our talented brother played "Home, sweet home." Bro. Ben Brierley, the Lancashire poet and humourist, recited in the native dialect one of those funny effusions for which he is famous, and which was well received. Miss Kate Spary appeared again and sang "Bride bells," which was much enjoyed, after which Mr. J. H. Moss played some melodies on the fairy bells, and this unusually long programme was brought to a close with a magical exhibition by Professor le Mare, whose superior in this line of business it would be difficult to find. M. de Bussy and Professor Thomas Campbell were the accompanists and admirably fulfilled their duties.

PORTUGAL.

Under the title of "The Grand Lodge of the Honourable Fraternity of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England," we find in the *Chaine d'Union*, a French Masonic paper, the following:—

"This rite, established in Portugal under the protection of the Lusitanian Grand Orient by our Bro. J. d'A. de Franc a-Netto 33°, as we already have published in the *Chaine d'Union*, in 1881, has now separated in consequence of some alteration introduced into the Grand Orient's constitution with which it did not agree. The Supreme Camera or Grand Lodge of this rite separated with its lodges, has its proceedings separately, and established its constitutions according to those of the Grand Lodge of England. The Lusitanian Grand Orient tried to avoid the separation by a decree published after such separation had taken place, by which it pretended to dissolve the lodges of the Fraternity, but the superior authority of the rite that laid in the Supreme Camera or Grand Lodge protected the lodges and established definitively the Grand Lodge. After all the situation is regular and equal to what is adopted and in use in England, where the chapters and Masonic bodies of the high degrees are entirely separated from the Grand Lodge of England of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons. . . . Our English brethren will feel rather astonished when they find in Lisbon lodges working in the English rite and in English style. We are glad to notice the improvement, and will always heartily notice whatever advancement may take place in the Peninsula towards pure and true Masonry.

Obituary.

THE LATE LORD EGERTON.

The death is announced of the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Lord Lieutenant of the county of Chester, father of the present D.P.G.M. of Cheshire, who succeeds to the title. Deceased, who was in his 77th year, had been in bad health for some time, but latterly had appeared much better. The deceased peer, William Tatton Egerton, was of ancient lineage, being descended from Robert Tatton of Wythen-shawe, who had for ancestors Nicholas Tatton, baron of the Exchequer of Chester in 1451, and Robert de Tatton, of Northenden, 1297. His father, Wilbraham Egerton, his grandfather William, and his great uncle Samuel were members of Parliament for Chester, whilst he himself spent nearly 30 years of his life in the House of Commons. In political life his character was one of acknowledged weight and influence, and in both Houses he served as chairman of Private Bill Committees, though for some time he had ceased to take an active part in Parliamentary duties. He was a justice of the peace and deputy-lieutenant, and in the various offices which he filled he won the confidence of those with whom he was associated. The father of Lord Egerton married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Christopher Sykes, of which union there were several sons and daughters, the eldest son being William Tatton, who was born on the 30th of December, 1806. Educated at Eton, Lord Egerton afterwards proceeded to Christ Church, Oxford, and it was in the year 1830 that he was returned to the House of Commons for Lymington. After the passing of the first Reform Bill he was elected member for Cheshire, and he represented his own county for more than a quarter of a century. It was in 1859 that he was raised to the Upper House under the title of Lord Egerton of Tatton. He married the Lady Charlotte Elizabeth Loftus, eldest daughter of the Marquis of Ely, who died in 1878, having had several sons and daughters. In public and private life the late Lord Egerton was highly esteemed. A firm friend, a candid counsellor, and generous interpreter of every duty belonging to his high station, he was valued by all who came in contact with him. His duties as a county gentleman were habitually and conscientiously attended to as far as health and manifold engagements would permit. As lord-lieutenant of his county and chairman of quarter sessions he was assiduous, painstaking, and considerate. When he sat upon the bench prisoners were always sure that their cases would be investigated carefully, dispassionately, but shrewdly. As a landlord Lord Egerton took the most serious views of his responsibilities, and was accustomed to act with promptitude, rapidity and straightforwardness. His charities were numerous and were spread over a wide area. He gave of his substance in small sums as well as in large—in the shape of donations to struggling men and of benefactions to public institutions. All that he did in this way cannot of course be known, but the public has long had before it evidence to repletion of his generous tendencies and the ungrudging character of the support which he gave to any cause which appeared to him to be deserving. His charities were at the same time always discriminatingly dispensed, and in this respect he was a pattern worthy of imitation by those who have to spare of the good things of this life. He was an active member of the committee of the Lancashire Cotton Relief Fund, which sat in Manchester in 1862-5, and during that time he employed hundreds of poor operatives in his own county.



Craft Masonry.

BURLINGTON LODGE (No. 96).—The above lodge met on the 13th ult. at the Albion Tavern, when Bro. Lieut. Davis was installed as W.M. by the outgoing Master, Bro. Wild. The brethren present were Bros. J. A. Wild, W.M.; F. A. Davis, S.W.; R. J. Trencher, J.W.; J. N. Chancellor, S.D.; A. P. Doulton, J.D.; J. G. Langton, I.G.; W. Wilson, P.M.; A. W. Barber, Sec.; Ex-Sheriff C. W. C. Hutton, P.M., Treas.; C. L. Mittingale, P.M.; A. R. Humphreys, P.M.; Major B. Fletcher, P. G. Davis, C. A. Hutton, and D. Macdonald. The following visitors accepted invitations: Bros. the Lord Mayor, P.M. 34; Col. Peters, 1807; Joshua Nunn, Pres. Board of Benevolence, P.G.S.B.; L. Young, 874; D. W. Langton, 1063; Major Wilde, 1827; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; G. Bateman, 180; R. Clay Sudlow, W.M. 1965; C. Sanders, 166; A. M. Broadley, P.D.G.M. Malta and Tunis; C. Palmer, Sec. 1672; Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, S.W. 259; Lieut. Henry Wright, S.D. 1827; Harold Carter, 92; C. A. Martin, P.G.D.; E. E. Wendt, Grand Secretary for German Correspondence; A. H. Clarke, 1466; T. Lee Roberts, 323; J. Hughes Hallett, late Lodge of Harmony; and L. Fraser, Northern Lodge of China.

BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 302).—The annual installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Monday, the 26th ult., at Bro. Clemow's Hotel, better known as Anderson's, the brethren present being Bros. Geo. Gabb, W.M.; G. Wale, P.M.; W. Wilkins, S.W.; W.M. elect; G. D. Bundy, J.W.; H. C. Jeffreys, Sec.; R. N. Field, M.C.; W. Batty, S.D.; W. Williams, J.D.; A. H. Harvey, P.M.; G. Brooks, P.M.; F. J. C. Taylor, P.M.; S. J. Byng, P.M.; J. H. Prince, J. Cracknell, R. A. Bonner, H. Norrington, W. Ashby, W. Beal, J. Phillips, S. N. Chaplin, Charles Castell, Walter Smith, Walter Dalton, C. Fry, C. A. Legge, L. Baskcombe, E. Floyd, H. A. Pocock, G. Matson, John Gilbert, P.G.T. Middx. Visitors: Bros. Fredk. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M. 1309; Henry Shaw, P.M. 831; E. Baxter, P.M. 8; G. T. Clayton, S.W. 1872; W. Chapman, S.D. 880; A. S. Hart, S.D. 1872; W. Ansell, P.M. 30; G. T. Chretien, 1328; J. C. Cross, W.M. 1096; M. L. Lailher P.M. 1216; E. O'Moore, 1775; T. J. Bond, P.G.S.B. Middx.; J. Fiddler, 1550; R. P. Forge, W.M. 1950; E. Woodman, S.D. 1050; C. Dearing, 1602; Capt. L. A. Pollard, 415; John Holland, 228; R. W. Harris, 1135; T. J. Lawrence, 22; D. P. Holness, P.M. 1471; J. R. Hunt, 933; J. G. Potter, 11; T. Spearing, Southern Star; W. Sexton, 1231; and W. Lestocq, 1319.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, the installation of Bro. Wilkins, S.W., was proceeded with. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Field, P.M., installed the W.M. elect into the chair of K.S. in a most impressive style. Every word of the beautiful ceremony was felt as well as uttered, so attentive were the members that one might have heard a pin drop. The new master would have felt the charges go home to him, and they will doubtless have an appreciable effect on him during the next twelve months. We have often heard the installation ceremony, but never realised it more than on Monday, and hope to have an opportunity of hearing Bro. Field on another occasion. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. D. Bundy, S.W.; W. Batty, J.W.; R. H. Harvey, P.M., Treas.; H. C. Jeffreys, Sec.; W. Williams, S.D.; H. Norrington, J.D.; Charles Castell, I.G.; R. N. Field, P.M., M.C.; Spencer Chaplin, Assistant Wine Steward; Charles Fry, Assistant D.C.; John Gilbert, P.P.G.T. Middx., Tyler.

After duty had been done to a sumptuous banquet, grace was sung by a glee party under the direction of Bro. J. W. Sexton, of Westminster Abbey. During dinner the Battersea Amateur Orchestral Band played a selection, conducted by Bro. T. Spearing, which added a great deal to the pleasantness of the dinner. During the evening the following glees were sung: "The mighty conqueror," "By Celia's arbour," "Phyllis dyes her tresses black," and "Hail! smiling morn."

In giving the toast of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen" the Worshipful Master said he would make the toasts short, as there were a great many to be gone through. Her Majesty he (the W.M.) said was beloved not only in England, but throughout the universe. The W.M. then gave "Her Majesty the Queen, mother of the head of the Craft."

The National Anthem was then sung.

In giving the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the Worshipful Master said perhaps every one had not had the opportunity of seeing as he had done how his Royal Highness really enjoys working in the Craft. Whenever his Royal Highness was able to attend Grand Lodge he did so.

"God bless the Prince of Wales" was next sung.

The toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next honoured.

Bro. Lestocq then recited in admirable style Bro. Sims' poem, "Christmas Day in the Workhouse," for which he received well-merited applause.

The I.P.M., Bro. Gabb, then said he stood in a more peculiar position than when he stood before them a month ago. It was a great pleasure to propose "The Health of the W.M." The W.M. owes a great deal of the pleasure of his position to the brethren, and therefore he (Bro. Gabb) hoped the lodge would do their best to make the new W.M.'s year of office a pleasant one, and assist him in every way they could. He assured Bro. Wilkins he had his best wishes and those of all the brethren.

The Worshipful Master in reply said he could assure them he owed a great deal to the lodge for the kind way they had drunk his health, and asked them to second what the I.P.M. had just said by assisting him during his year of office.

In giving "The I.P.M. and the Installing Master" the W.M. said every one must be thankful, for they had carried out their duties in a manner pleasing to all. With respect to the I.P.M. no one knows the difficulties he had

to contend with; much of the success of the Burgoyne Lodge was owing to him; it had had troublous times but he had guided it safely through. With reference to Bro. Field, the Installing Master, he had also great pleasure in giving his health, inasmuch as he was W.M. when he (Bro. Wilkins) was initiated, and it was at his special request that he had installed him.

Bro. Gabb in rising to respond was greeted with cheers. He said it was very pleasant to find his health so well received. Nations have their trials, business firms have their trials, and lodges have their trials; the Burgoyne Lodge had not been exempted, but it had come out well from its trials, and he would do his very best to make it second to none in the United Kingdom. The officers appointed that night were all good men, and if they would only stick to it the year 1883-4 would be a very happy one in the annals of the lodge.

Bro. Field said he thanked the W.M., S. and J. Wardens, visitors, and brethren for receiving the toast proposed by the W.M. He had had the honour to admit him to light, and the pleasure of exalting him in the Royal Arch and now to install him into the chair of K.S. He had attained the pinnacle of his ambition. He had known Bro. Wilkins long and had a high opinion of his friendship, commenced in Masonry only to end he hoped in death. Bro. Field, one of the most kind and genial of the many members of the lodge, resumed his seat amidst applause.

In giving the toast of "The Visitors" the Worshipful Master said he would not ask all to respond, but he would read the list of those present. The Burgoyne Lodge was always glad to see visitors.

Bro. Baxter in responding said the W.M. having done him the honour to couple his name with the toast he felt the high compliment and thanked him in the name of the visitors for the great treat they had had. It always afforded him pleasure to visit the Burgoyne Lodge, but particularly that evening when the W.M. had provided them with such excellent music during dinner time. Now-a-days no man is appointed to office unless he can work or has distinguished himself in some way; he was quite sure all the new officers had been well chosen; Bro. Field had admirably performed the installation ceremony and the comforts of the visitors had been well attended to by the Wine Steward, and therefore he thanked them again.

Bro. Ansell also replied, and said although a stranger he thanked the lodge for allowing him to say a few words. He had enjoyed the installation, and felt proud that lodges coming after his, No. 30, were equal to take up the work of those older lodges. He instilled into the brethren the virtue and necessity of charity, and said that in his own lodge they put 10 per cent. of the funds away for charity.

Bro. Bird, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, in responding said, in common with those who had spoken, he hoped as the lodge had had its trials and the visitors had been so well received that it would be a pity to have any more troubles. He hoped trouble was banished for ever. By the Constitutions they were enjoined to visit other lodges and see that the working was uniform. He had learned something that evening, and would take it back to his lodge. It was the third invitation Bro. Williams had given him, but he had not been able before to accept them, and should he be honoured again with an invitation he certainly would accept it.

Bro. Larham also responded, but his remarks were quite inaudible.

The Worshipful Master next said the Past Masters numbered about eight or nine and were the pillars of the lodge; they had carried out their duties in a most efficient manner, and were always willing to lend assistance and give advice, and the brethren knew them to be good Masons.

Bro. Brooks, P.M., was very proud to be called on to respond. He was initiated in the lodge and had served the various offices; it was pleasing to see officers coming forward to take their place in the chair.

Bro. Harvey, the Treasurer, in reply to his health, told the brethren they had nothing to thank him for as he had only just taken office. They had presented him with a good balance, larger than ever it has been. He would look jealously after the interests of the lodge. He believed it his duty to pay cheques if sanctioned by the W.M., but he would endeavour to keep down the expenses and increase the Charity Fund, and if any brother would propose any such motion he would heartily support him.

Bro. Jeffreys, the Secretary, also replied to the toast of his health.

The remaining toasts were "The Officers," to which they severally replied.

Bro. Lestocq gave another recitation, "Hans Breitmann's first smoke."

The brethren and visitors after an exceedingly pleasant evening spent together dispersed at a late hour.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford, on the 21st ult. Bro. W. A. R. Harris, W.M., assisted by his officers having opened in the usual manner, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge then opened in the Second Degree. Four brethren being candidates for the Third Degree were examined, found perfect, and afterwards raised by the W.M. in a most satisfactory manner. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree some routine business was transacted, including voting 15 guineas to the Masonic Charities, the lodge sending a Steward to each. Bro. Johnson, P.M., for the Aged, Bro. Good, W.M., the Boys, and Bro. Pakes, P.M., Sec., for the Girls. The lodge being resumed in the Second Degree, the W.M. called upon Bro. George Andrews, P.M., to take the chair and install the W.M. elect. The retiring W.M. then presented his successor, Bro. E. Good, S.W., to the Installing Master, who performed the ceremony in a calm, clear, and distinct manner, every word telling. The W.M. having been regularly installed into the chair of K.S. received the usual salutes from the brethren and invested his officers. Bros. Horton, S.W.; Stringer, J.W.; W. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; Pakes, P.M., Sec.; Harvey, S.D.; Fisher, J.D.; Thomas, I.G.; George Andrews, P.M., Dir. of Cers.; and Bavin, Tyler. The manner in which this was done showed careful study and perfect command, as in addition to the ceremonial addresses the W.M. added a few kind and graceful words to each officer on presentation. The Three Charges were then delivered by the Installing Master in a most faultless manner. The W.M. then presented the I.P.M. with a very handsome jewel which had been voted by the lodge. The more than usual compliment having been passed to the Installing Master, the

widow of a deceased brother was voted three guineas and the lodge closed in due form.

At the banquet which followed, after due justice had been done to the excellent menu provided by the courteous host, Bro. Morgan, the W.M. very tersely gave the usual Masonic toasts.

In giving "The Visitors" the W.M. alluded to the pleasure he himself and all members of the Royal Oak felt in their company, and only regretted that some of them had been obliged to leave early.

Bro. H. B. Taylor, Sec. 1531, in reply assured the W.M. and members, that the visitors much enjoyed the way in which the work of the lodge had been conducted and the hospitality extended to them.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Health of the I.P.M.," which was received with cheers.

The Immediate Past Master having replied proposed the toast of "The W.M."

Other toasts followed, including "The Officers," proposed by the W.M., who in giving it hoped that by strict and punctual attendance they would assist him in keeping up the character of the lodge, and he felt sure if such was done, with the assistance he himself would receive from the Past Masters, none of the members would ever regret the evening they had just spent.

The vocal talent of several brethren added much to an enjoyable meeting, and the Tyler's toast having been duly honoured, the company soon afterwards dispersed.

Amongst the visitors present we noticed Bros. Hutchings, P.M. 147; Speight, P.M., Sec. 147; Dawkins, W.M. 79; Pooley, 140; and Limn.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 19th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. Present: Bros. John Hughes, W.M.; David Hughes, S.W.; H. McClelland, J.W.; Hy. Darcy, P.M., Treas.; C. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; E. Harris, S.D.; H. Harbord, J.D.; R. Clinch D.C.; Daniel Hughes, I.G.; R. P. Stevens, R. Gillard, and R. F. Whur, Stewards; Woodstock, Tyler; Ginger, P.M.; Griffiths, P.M.; Eade, Gross, Laurence, Hardwick, J. L. Ford, Barwell, Bisley, Fimister, Vale, Fletcher, Prince, E. Venner, H. Smith, Haylock, Faux, Hoddinott, Roberts, Rubardt, Taylor, Watkins, Torry, and Easey.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Fletcher was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Watkins raised to the Third. Bro. Hy. Darcy, P.M., Treas., proposed, and Bro. Whur seconded, that 20 guineas out of the lodge fund be placed on the W.M.'s list as Steward of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 1563).—This lodge held a meeting at the Masonic Hall, Café Royal, on Thursday, the 22nd ult. The lodge was in mourning out of respect to the late Bro. Scott, Secretary. Present: Bros. J. A. Hammond, W.M.; Thos. Eastgate, S.W.; G. F. Jones, J.W.; J. E. Shand, P.M., Treas., Sec., pro tem; H. S. Lee, S.D.; W. C. Smith, J.D.; F. Hill, I.G.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; B. H. Swallow, P.M.; W. S.; E. White, P.M.; J. Edell, E. B. Cox, Strevens, Holmes, Radclyffe, Gourlie, Higgins, and others. Visitors: Bros. Dr. Ramsay, P.G.W. Middlesex, P.M. 259; W. J. Collins, S.W. 766; R. F. MacSwiney, J.D. 108; R. McCall, S.W. 108; Dudley Rolls, P.M. 12; L. Ruf, P.M. 12; M. Crook, 1614; and others.

The lodge having been opened Bros. Antoine and Wilson were duly passed to the Degree of F.C. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Watts and Harrington, and being unanimous in their favour they were impressively initiated. A vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of the late Bro. Scott. Bro. B. Turner resigned his membership. The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

ST. DUNSTON'S LODGE (No. 1589). The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st., on Wednesday night, Bro. W. Wellsman, P.M., occupying the chair of K.S. The following members of the lodge were present:—Bros. G. Manners, W.M.; H. W. Clemow, J.W.; T. A. Woodbridge, Treas.; A. Tisley, Sec.; Rev. W. Martin, Chap.; W. Farrington, Org.; W. E. Farrington, J.D.; R. H. Clemow, I.G.; J. W. Benningfield, D.C.; H. W. Dalwood, P.M.; J. H. Dodson, P.M.; J. C. Dwarber, P.M.; J. Waller, A. H. Jenkins, H. G. Harris, J. A. Harrison, W. M. Edwards, W. H. Longman, R. Skelton, G. W. Brown, D. R. C. Lowe, A. C. Morton, A. Dickensson, M. J. Robinson, W. H. Giscard, T. J. Elliot, G. H. Mason, H. J. E. Young, F. J. Chambers, E. D. Maddick, E. F. Youngman, Ellis Jones. Among the visitors were: Bros. W. A. Tinney, P.M. 1319; W. Ansell, P.M. 30; R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144; A. Nuthall, W.M. 889; W. W. Green, P.M. 108; G. Hollington, P.M. 933; W. H. Jackson, junr., P.M. 1745; Ben. Turner, P.M. 1328; W. Lake, P.M. 131; W. Gomm, P.M. 780; W. S. Dickens, P.M. 860; R. W. Dunn, P.M. 1860; W. E. Bailey, P.M. 1008; C. J. S. Alphonse, P.M. 108; C. W. Thompson, P.M. 1601; J. Fortescue, 1507; G. Norrington, 1669; J. W. Routledge, 1660; E. L. Archer, 1252; G. F. Chretien, 1328; J. S. Lavington, S.D. 857; H. F. Frost, 1426; W. P. Treloar, 63; W. Phelps, 1703; R. Jaques; A. D. Faulkner, 463.

The ceremony of installation was very impressively performed by Bro. Wellsman, P.M., who rivetted the attention of the brethren in his exhortation to a due exercise of the great Masonic virtues. The new W.M. having been saluted in the several degrees, appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. G. Manners, I.P.M.; H. W. Clemow, S.W.; F. Farrington, J.W.; T. A. Woodbridge, Treas.; W. Wellsman, P.M., Sec.; Rev. W. Martin, Chap.; W. Farrington, Organist; W. E. Farrington, S.D.; R. H. Clemow, J.D.; J. W. Benningfield, I.G.; and J. Barber, D.C.; R. Skelton, Steward.

At the subsequent banquet, The W.M. proposed the health of "The Queen and the Craft," and of "The M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Carnarvon, Earl of Lathom, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. G. Manners, I.P.M., then in eulogistic terms proposed "The Health of the new W.M., Bro. A. Tisley," remarking that the members of the lodge knew well the manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of Secretary, a

position which he had occupied from the formation of the lodge, and that gave them confidence that he would equally well discharge the duties of W.M. He had given evidence of it that day. The work he had had to do he had done well, and it was an evidence of what was to follow. He therefore gave them with very great pleasure "The Health of their W.M., Bro. A. Tisley."

The Worshipful Master returned thanks for the very cordial manner in which his health had been received, and hoped that the night which he considered would be to him the great night—that night twelvemonth—when he installed his successor in the chair, they might be as well satisfied with him as they were now, and that he might have fulfilled the expectations which had been kindly expressed. He could, at any rate, assure the brethren that he would discharge the duties attaching to the chair of K.S. to the best of his ability.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters of the Lodge," remarking that they had done their work in their successive years in a manner that would do honour to any brother in the Craft. It afforded him particular pleasure and satisfaction to have such a pillar of strength and wisdom as Bro. Manners to support him as Immediate Past Master, as it was only by the assistance which he and the other Past Masters would be able to afford him that he hoped to get satisfactorily through his year of office. In the name of the lodge he had very great pleasure in presenting Bro. Manners, P.M., with a Past Master's jewel, as a token of their recognition of his valuable services during the past year, and he might add that the lodge hoped to have the pleasure of seeing him at as many of their meetings as his numerous engagements would permit.

Bro. Manners briefly acknowledged the presentation.

The Chairman next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," coupling with it the name of Bro. Thompson.

Bro. C. W. Thompson, P.M., in responding remarked that he was glad to know that the connection of the lodge of the parish of St. Dunstan was not only nominal, but that most of its members belonged to the parish and that they had the rector as their Chaplain.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Wellsman," who had in so admirable a manner performed the impressive ceremony that evening.

The toast was enthusiastically drunk, and Bro. Wellsman in responding expressed a hope that some other lodges might be established, which like this, and the Cripplegate, and the Aldersgate Lodges, might have a local habitation and a name.

"The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" and other toasts followed.

The pleasure of the evening was enhanced by the performance of a selection of vocal music, under the direction of Bro. H. Marchant, assisted by Madame Frances Brooke, Miss Clara Woolaston, Bro. Arthur Thomas, and Bro. H. Prenton.

ORPHEUS LODGE (No. 1706).—The monthly meeting of this prominent musical lodge took place on Saturday evening last at the Freemasons' Hall, when there were present: Bros. John Hodges, W.M.; Joyce Murray, I.P.M.; Eaton Fanning, S.W.; Willey, J.W.; supported by all the other officers. There was a large gathering of musical brethren and their visitors, and the work was ably carried through, as it always has been in this lodge.

After the lodge work, the brethren adjourned and sat down to a repast which was followed by one of the most brilliant programmes produced by this qualified lodge.

The W.M. filled as he has hitherto done the post of musical director, and his successful efforts were praised by all present, and when we mention that he was willingly and ably assisted by Bros. Guy, Kenningham, Hanson, Gilbey, F. G. Smith, Bevan, Lawler, and several other musical brethren, any brother can imagine how admirably and perfect the rich programme was rendered.

The usual toasts were given, the veteran Bro. Lawler's health being drunk with much enthusiasm.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The election meeting of this old and favourite lodge was held on Monday, the 26th ult., at the Industry Masonic Hall, Jackson-street, when the W.M., Bro. J. G. Smith, had the pleasure of seeing a large number of his brethren present, also a goodly list of visitors. The proceedings commenced at 7.15 p.m., when the W.M. took the chair, supported by the following members and friends: Bros. John Wood, I.P.M.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M.; R. F. Cook, P.M.; F. P. Joan, P.M.; W. F. Carman, as S.W.; W. B. Elsdon, J.W.; M. Corbitt, P.M.; Treas.; D. Sinclair, P.M.; M.C.; A. Rhagg, Sec.; W. M. Pylus, S.D.; E. Shewbrooks, J.D.; Wm. Dalrymple, I.G.; W. Brown, S.S.; R. Ferry, Org.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; J. F. Corbitt, G. J. Scott, T. Shepherd, J. T. Corking, Thos. Metcalf, W. Whitfield, J. G. Joicey, W. Richardson, W. Stafford, Thos. Thompson, Thos. Tucker, J. T. Harrison, R. Brason, John Snowdon, A. Simpson, E. Liddell, W. F. Raeburn, W. Garbutt, C. Green, Jos. Cook, P.M. 481; C. B. Ford, W.M. 481; J. McKay, S.W. 481; Thos. Dinning, J.W. 481; W. Watson, 481; J. Duckett, P.M. 481; R. Robson, P.M. 424; J. W. Courtenay, S.W. 424; J. C. Lawson, J.W. 424; J. E. Reid, Sec. 424; W. Gillies, S.D. 424; J. G. Greener, J.D. 424; Jas. Wakinshaw, S.S. 424; Tom Spedding, J.D. 424; H. S. Bird, S.W. 1664; A. M. Loades, P.M. 24; J. B. Garland, S.D. 24; W. Mathieson, 481; E. Dunford, S.W. 406; E. Wilson, 1756; J. Brown, 1342; A. Barker, P.M. 1342; and others.

The ballot was taken for three candidates duly proposed, and all were unanimously elected. Messrs. John Patterson and Richard Jas. Bacon being in attendance and properly prepared were initiated into the mysteries as E.As. by the W.M., who also delivered the charge of the Degree. The J.W. explained the working tools. The annual elections then took place, when Bros. John Moulton, S.W., was elected as W.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M.; Treas.; R. Ferry, Org.; and Curry, Tyler. The finance Committee were re-elected.

After other business was transacted the "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren were tendered and the lodge closed in due form. The installation of Bro. Moulton as W.M. will take place on Easter Monday (March 26th.) The brethren adjourned to the refreshment hall and spent the remainder of the evening in listening to the songs and part songs of the admirable choir attached to the lodge.

PRESCOT.—Lodge of Loyalty (No. 86).—The little town of Prescott, situated near Liverpool, retains more of the ancient habits, customs, and institutions of the country than any other place in the whole of broad Lancashire, the time immemorial curfew bell being still tolled nightly at the hour of eight from the parish church tower, but apparently without having the effect of giving true signal as to the extinguishing of all lights; and not the least interesting of the many century-old landmarks treasured by the steady-going residents of the town is the possession of what is perhaps the oldest lodge in the Province of West Lancashire—this is the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 86, the charter of constitution (now in an admirable state of preservation and carefully treasured) bearing the date of 1753; and the brethren connected with this branch of Freemasonry are naturally very proud of their ancient records and the 130 years' existence of the "Loyalty." During that long period it has experienced numerous vicissitudes, but the fact that many brethren of note and influence have recently been and are still connected with it gives it a vitality which is not always to be found even in younger branches. The annual installation meeting of the members took place on Wednesday afternoon, the 21st ult., at the Crown Hotel, where Bro. John Bamford was duly placed in the Worshipful Master's chair in an effective manner by Bro. E. Johnson Brown, P.M. Bro. Captain J. W. M'Farr, the popular retiring Master, was invested and took his place as the I.P.M., and the following were the officers selected for 1883-4: Bros. S. H. Hartley, S.W. (by proxy); Dr. Egerton Hall, J.W. (by proxy); W. Tyner, P.P.G.S. of W., Treas. (re-elected for the seventh time); J. Goldsworth, Secretary; F. Pritchard, S.D.; J. Leatherbarrow, J.D.; E. Mawdsley, I.G.; J. R. Wood, Org. (re-appointed); W. Goldsworth, S.S.; F. Leyland, J.S.; and B. Lawton was re-elected Tyler. Universal regret was felt at the news of the serious accident to Bro. Dr. E. Hall, details of which are given elsewhere, who was thereby prevented from being present at the meeting and taking his place as the newly-appointed Junior Warden. Bro. W. Newsham, P.M., in feeling terms called the attention of the members to the sad occurrence, and the W.M. and other brethren expressed the hope that their esteemed brother would soon be restored to health.

An excellent banquet was served at the Crown Hotel in the evening, under the presidency of Bro. Bamford, W.M., at which the standard loyal and patriotic toasts were cordially given and responded to, a choice musical programme being provided by Bros. G. Barton, J. R. Wood, and others.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—St. Hilda Lodge (No. 240).—The monthly meeting of the members of the above lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, on Monday, 12th ult., when there was a good attendance, among others present were: Bros. Dr. De Clare Yeld, W.M. St. John's, So; Thomas Coulson, W.M. 1970, P.G.J.D.; J. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. T. Wilson, P.M.; Joseph Robertson, P.S. and Dir. of Cers. 1970; J. J. Abbey, P.M.; Thomas Potter, P.M.; and others. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. J. H. Thompson, W.M., assisted by Bros. G. S. Shotton, I.P.M.; Thomas Bincks, S.W.; George Robson, J.W.; George Davidson, S.D.; E. A. Cowling, J.D.; and other officers.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for the following candidates: Joseph Graham, Samuel Fowler, and William English, all of whom were declared duly elected. Messrs. English, John Tunstall Clarke, and Henry Edward Wenman, having been properly prepared were regularly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., who was assisted by Bros. J. T. Wilson, P.M., and G. S. Shotton, I.P.M., the latter of whom delivered the charge very impressively. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. J. R. Lawson was duly passed to the P.C. degree by Bro. James Roddam, P.M., &c. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. J. Lowes was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Roddam.

The lodge was closed down when Bro. J. H. Thompson, W.M., intimated that he had received a circular from Bro. C. S. Lane, P.M., &c., of West Hartlepool, stating that he had undertaken the duties of Steward for the Province of Durham at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons to be held on February 28th. The Worshipful Master briefly, owing to the advanced hour, urged the claims of the charity on the attention of the brethren, and moved that the sum of £5 be given to the funds. The Worshipful Master stated that owing to the bye-law he could not move £5 ss. without giving a month's notice which would make the vote too late to be of service to Bro. Lane. The motion having been seconded by Bro. J. J. Athey, P.M., was carried.

Bro. Athey then gave notice that after the next meeting he would move that an additional five shillings be sent to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons.

This being all the business the lodge, having performed a heavy night's work, was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. In the course of the night Bro. J. H. Thompson, W.M., announced to the brethren that Bro. T. G. Mabane, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., and Dir. of Cers., had that morning been appointed Registrar to the South Shields County Court, and was absent in London to receive the confirmation of the Lord Chancellor to the appointment.

The healths of Bro. W. English and the other new initiates were drunk with honours, and the brethren enjoyed a pleasant evening.

WHITEHAVEN.—Lewis Lodge (No. 872).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 19th ult. Bro. Thos. Glessall, W.M., presided, supported by the following: Bros. Geo. Dalrymple, I.P.M., P.G.D.C.; H. Burns, S.W.; Wm. Carmichael, J.W.; J. Jackson, S.D.; J. McGill, J.D.; Robt. Twentymann, Sec.; T. B. Williamson, I.G.; J. M. Salisbury, P.P.G.T.; Tyler; R. D. Metcalf, Steward; W. B. Cowman, P.M.; Thos. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; C. J. Dalton, P.M.; W. Lewis, J. S. Moffatt, T. F. Mayson, Isaac Jaques, J. S. Braithwaite, J. Kirkbride, J. M. Clarke, and the following brethren as a deputation from Sun and Sector Lodge, 962, were introduced to the W.M.: Bros. Rev. Edwin M. Rice, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; James Thompson, W.M., P.G. Steward; T. Dixon, P.M.; J. C. Thompson, H. Thompson, and John Paterson, S.D.

On the confirmation of the minutes, the business before the lodge was to initiate two candidates and pass one brother, but through unavoidable circumstances not one of the three was present. "Hearty good wishes" having been given the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned for a short time to honour the loyal and Masonic toasts.

The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Visitors" in flattering terms, and said it was pleasing to witness the good feeling that existed between 962 and 872. It was but another testimony of that glorious prediction of Scotia's Bard—

"It's coming yet, for a' that,
That man to man the world o'er
Shall brethren be for a' that."

Bros. Rice, Thompson, and Dixon responded, and each expressed a wish that the members of 872 should visit Sun and Sector Lodge shortly.

The proceedings terminated with Bro. Salisbury giving the Tyler's toast.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—An ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd ult. The W.M., Bro. W. D. Merritt, was supported by a large number of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. W. G. Brighton, P.M. and P.Z.; S.W.; Dr. F. Dorrell Grayson, S.W. 160, J.W.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.Z., Prov. G.D.C., Sec.; G. R. Dawson, S.D.; J. F. Harrington, P.M. 160, P.P.G.P., J.D.; C. Floyd, W.M. 1817, I.G.; J. C. Johnstone, P.M., P.P.G.D., M.C.; A. W. Martin, Tyler; T. F. Barrett, I.P.M., Prov. G.R.; Dr. E. E. Phillips, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D., Org.; G. Berry, P.M.; J. M. Farr, I.P.M. 1817, Prov. G.S.B.; W. Gregson, H. Luker, W. Waterhouse, L. Warren, jun., W. B. Kimsey, J. A. Withers, L. Wood, and others. Visitors: Bros. Col. the Hon. O. G. Lambart, W.M. 1460; J. Ayling and E. Bacon, 1817; Smith, 1734; Bates, P.M.; F. Biscoe, 1734, and others.

Bro. W. B. Kinsey having been passed, the worthy Treasurer of the lodge, Bro. F. Wood, P.M., took the chair, and in good style initiated his nephew, Mr. E. F. Wood, and also Mr. C. F. Woosnam, into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. The sum of five guineas was voted out of the lodge funds to be placed on the list of the I.P.M., Bro. T. F. Barrett, who is serving as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and two joining members having been proposed the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

ALFRETON.—Royal Alfred Lodge (No. 1028).—The eighteenth anniversary of this lodge was celebrated on Tuesday, the 20th ult. There was a numerous gathering of brethren to honour the ceremony of installing Bro. Henry Cupit, P.M., as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. G. J. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.A.P. The following officers were afterwards appointed and invested by the W.M.: Bros. F. Lovelock, S.W.; A. Schofield, P.M., J.W.; W. Wilson, P.M., Treas.; H. Rowbottom, Sec.; G. Wild, S.D.; J. W. Haslam, J.D.; W. D. Cupit, I.G.; and G. Bunting, Tyler. After the duties of the lodge the brethren adjourned to their annual banquet at the George Hotel. The following were present: Bros. Henry Cupit, W.M.; W. Wilson, P.M.; W. Manning Lacey, P.M.; G. J. Wood, P.M.; F. Lovelock, Sec.; G. B. Sharp, S.D.; J. W. Haslam, I.G.; H. Rowbottom, W. D. Cupit, T. Hardstaff, C. Shaw, and G. Bunting Tyler. The visitors, who included brethren from Derby, Chesterfield, Belper, and Ripley, were Bros. W. Heathcote, P.M. 1085, P.P.G.S.D.; H. Barker, 1324; W. Beadon Woodforde, 787; F. Bennett, S.W. 787; W. Lovelock, P.M. 787, P.P.G.S.B.; W. P. Bowler, W.M. 787; John Crossley, P.M. 787; W. E. Webster, 787; E. J. H. Hoskyns, 787; J. Clark, W.M. 1324; G. Staley, P.M. 1324; Percy Wallis, Prov. G.D. of C.; W. B. Hextall, P.M. 1085, P.P.G.S.W. Derbyshire; W. H. Fisher, P.M. 1324; W. de B. Jessop, J.D. 1324; Douglas Upton, S.D. 1324; A. Milner, P.M. 681; John Simkiss, 787; Joseph Pym, P.M. 787, P.P.G.S.D.; R. Knowles, and R. C. Strelley, 1098.

HORSHAM.—Mid Sussex Lodge (No. 1141).—The installation meeting and banquet was held at the Assembly Rooms, King's Head Hotel, on the 19th ult., when amongst those present were the following: Bros. Duke, W.M. 1184; Tompson, W.M. 56; Mussen, W.M. 1797; T. Sadler, 1149; Figg, P.P.G.D.; E. Taylor, P.G.P.; T. Harms, J. Moon, Trower, Phillips, and others.

Bro. A. Pennells, the W.M. elect, was presented for installation, and the ceremony having been performed in a most impressive manner by Bro. Phillips, the W.M. proceeded to invest his various officers for the ensuing year, and they were as follows: Bros. W. L. Thomas, I.P.M.; W. H. Sadler, S.W.; T. Hills, J.W.; W. Lintott, Treas.; Woodhams, Sec.; L. B. Henderson, S.D.; Barnett, J.D.; Matthews, D. of C.; Aldridge, I.G.; Nash, Stwd.; W. Randall, Tyler. Bro. Thomas was presented with a Past Master's jewel. At the conclusion of the ceremony of installation the members repaired to the banqueting room, where they sat down to a splendid repast provided by Bro. G. A. Howes. The tables were decorated with flowers and plants from the nursery of Messrs. Allman. The tables having been cleared, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The brethren of this prosperous provincial lodge met on the 15th ult., at the Masonic Hall. The W.M., Bro. Charles W. Duke, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 40, presided, supported by Bros. J. B. Sargent, I.P.M.; A. D. Womersley, S.W.; W. Lamborn, P.P.G.J.D., acting J.W.; E. R. Currie, Chap.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., Treas., S.D.; C. R. Chandler, P.P.G.P., P.M., Sec.; Walder, acting J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; W. Till, I.G.; Jesson, Tyler; B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G.S.D., P.M.; Charles Martin, C. Armstrong, Dracquer, R. Hughes, Jordain, W. E. Skinner, F. Duke, 40.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Dr. R. T. Davison, M.D., who was declared duly elected. It was proposed and seconded that the sum of £10 10s. be voted from the lodge funds towards the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The W.M., Bro. Duke, will represent this lodge, together with the Derwent Lodge, 40, at the forthcoming festival. It was resolved that a letter of condolence be forwarded to the widow and family of the late Bro. George Weller, P.P.G.D. of C., P.M. and Treas. 40. Bro. J. B. Sargent,

I.P.M., proposed and Bro. R. Hughes seconded Mr. Henry Foster as a candidate for initiation. Several minor matters having been disposed of, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to a collation. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were proposed and acknowledged.

BUXTON.—Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann (No. 1235).—The Festival of St. John was held on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Court House, in the presence of a large assembly of brethren. The W.M., Bro. C. Wilkinson, opened the lodge, there being present Bros. W. D. Sutton, I.P.M.; R. Hulme, J.W.; J. Gladwin, S.D.; W. F. Mill, J.D.; John E. Harrison, Sec.; E. C. Milligan, P.M.; P.P.G.D.; J. H. Lawson, P.M.; P.P.G.D.; E. J. Sykes, P.M.; Josiah Taylor, P.M.; P. Le Gros, P.M.; W. Boughen, P.M.; T. Cooper, Org.; R. H. Lomas, W. Cheevers, E. Broomhead, S. Jacques, H. D. Hudson, G. Goodwin, J. E. Sutton, W. F. Frost, T. W. Varley, W. Lees, and others. Amongst the numerous visitors were Bros. James Heelis, P.M. 62, P.G. Reg. East Lancashire; John Chadwick, P.M. 44, Prov. G. Sec. East Lancashire; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 645, 1387, P.P.G.D. of C. East Lancashire; James Whitehead, P.M. 1952, P.P.G.D. of C. Derbyshire; C. Ferguson, 1952; P.P.G.S. of W.; T. E. Jones, W.M. 1952; Josiah Wedgwood, P.M. 477; J. O. Mantion, P.M. 1085; J. Cartwright, W.M. 633; N. Dumville, P.M. 152; Joseph St. Leger, 1952; T. G. Edwards, 139; Gilbert Hay, 1779; J. C. Hyde, 1952; J. Hallam, 1952, and others.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed the W.M. elect, Bro. J. H. Lawson, P.M., was presented to Bro. E. J. Sykes, P.M., for installation, and with all the rites and ceremonies of the Order was ably inducted by him into the chair of K.S. Bro. Sykes afterwards invested the following officers: Bros. Robt. Hulme, S.W.; Josh. Gladwin, J.W.; A. E. Ainsworth, P.M., Treas.; Robt. Lomas, Sec.; W. F. Mill, S.D.; John E. Harrison, J.D.; E. C. Milligan, P.M., M.C.; Thos. Cooper, Org.; W. C. Cheevers, I.G.; Robert Lane, Std. Br.; Samuel Jacques and E. Broomhead, Stewards; and John Perkin, Tyler. The ceremony throughout was admirably performed and elicited the applause of all present.

The lodge was closed in due form, after which the brethren adjourned to the St. Ann's Hotel, where mine hosts, Bros. Harrison and Le Gros, had prepared a recherche banquet, which added lustre to the well-earned reputation of this far-famed establishment. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Lawson, presided, and was supported by about 60 companions and brethren (this being a joint banquet). The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably proposed and enthusiastically received, after which

Comp. Sillitoe proposed the toast of "The Newly-installed Principals of their Chapter," in doing which he remarked that it had been his pleasure to exalt their M.E.Z. to the Royal Arch Degree, and had since invested him in the subordinate offices and also installed him in each of the three chairs.

Comps. Boughen, Moore, and Whitehead responded. Bro. John Chadwick then proposed "The Masonic Charities," and forcibly impressed upon all present the duty of every Mason to support them to the utmost of their power. He entered at some length into the usefulness of the each of the three London Institutions, and at the conclusion of his impressive remarks, that ever ready Bro. John Stanley announced that he was prepared to represent the lodge as a Steward at one of the festivals and lost no time in commencing his labours as such, which no doubt eventually would show a favourable result.

"The Health of the Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Hulme, S.W., and responded to by Bro. Heelis.

The toast of "The Newly-Installed W.M." was proposed by Bro. Sykes and responded to by Bro. Lawson, who concluded by proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," and during his speech presented to Bro. Wilkinson a very handsome Past Master's jewel which had been unanimously voted from the funds of the lodge as an acknowledgment of the services rendered by that worthy brother.

Bro. Wilkinson returned his thanks in a few well chosen words.

Several other toasts were afterwards proposed and duly honoured.

During the evening some excellent songs were ably sung by Bros. Dumville, Wint, and others, and an enjoyable evening was brought to a close, every one expressing their great satisfaction with the proceedings of the day.

HEBBURN.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 1643).—On the 14th ult., the annual meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Hebburn Quay, when there was a very crowded attendance of members and visitors to assist in the installation of Bro. G. Hardy, P.M., D. of C., the W.M. elect. The lodge was opened by Bro. Wm. Bewick, W.M., assisted by his officers. After the routine business Bro. J. McCulloch, P.P.G.J.W., took the chair of K.S. as Installing Master and performed the interesting ceremony with great impressiveness, giving the several charges with much effect. Bro. J. Roddam, P.M. 240, assisted as D. of C. Bro. G. Hardy, W.M., having been duly saluted in the Three Degrees, appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. Wm. Bewick, I.P.M.; Chadwick, S.W.; C. W. Newlands, J.W.; Watkinson, S.D.; J. Roich, J.D.; F. W. Pittuck, Sec.; J. McCulloch, P.M., Treas.; D. of C.; Duncan, I.G.; J. Hickman, Org.; Dr. Sweet and F. West, as Stewards; and Murray, Tyler. Bro. J. McCulloch, Treas., reported the finances of the lodge to be in a highly satisfactory condition. After transacting other ordinary business the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren retired to the banquetting room, where an abundant and well-ordered feast was provided by Bro. A. A. Hall. The chair was occupied by Bro. G. Hardy, W.M., who was supported by Bros. R. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec.; J. McCulloch, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Bewick, I.P.M.; J. Mitchell, P.M.; W. Eckford, P.M.; J. Wraith, P.M.; J. Roddam, P.M. 240; J. E. Smith, W.M. 48; J. H. Thompson, W.M. 240; C. McNamara, W.M. 97; Hugh Golder, W.M. 1119; G. Davison, S.D. 240; R. Wightman, P.M. 541; W. Whyte, S.W. 991; and others. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly given.

Bro. R. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec., in responding on behalf of "The Prov. Grand Master (the Most Noble the Marquis of Londonderry, K.G., &c.), and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge," expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present at the Perseverance Lodge and to congratulate the W.M. on again being appointed to that proud position. He

likewise thanked the brethren for the very handsome manner in which they had assisted him in contributing so liberally to the funds for the proposed College of Music.

Bro. Wm. Bewick, I.P.M., proposed in neat terms "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Geo. Hardy," which was drunk with great enthusiasm.

The Worshipful Master in responding said he had often said he would willingly undertake any office in the lodge, if in doing so he contributed to its success. He did not expect however the brethren would have asked him for a second time to fill the chair. However, circumstances over which they had no control had compelled them to depart from the usual course, and he had consented to once more become their W.M., on the conviction it would ultimately be for the benefit of the lodge, and he had no doubt but he would receive the cordial and unanimous support of the brethren.

"The Visiting Brethren" was responded to by Bros. J. E. Smith, W.M. 48; C. McNamara, W.M. 97; J. H. Thompson, W.M. 240 and 1970; D. Whitehead, W.M. 1334; and Hugh Golder, W.M. 1119.

"The Installing Master," "Masonic Charities," and other toasts were likewise given.

During the banquet Mr. W. Souble presided at the piano, and afterwards an excellent musical programme was contributed by Bros. D. Whitehead, J. Leatham, and D. Goodhead, of Durham Cathedral, Mr. J. M. Richardson presiding at the piano. A most successful and agreeable evening was spent.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES.—Thames Lodge (No. 1895).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, on the 19th ult. Present: Bros. R. T. Hodge, M.A., P.P.G.S. of W., W.M.; C. D. Hoblyn, I.P.M.; B. Hunn, P.G. Steward, S.W.; J. W. Rhodes, J.W.; G. E. Brakspear, Treas.; J. McBean, as Sec.; F. Marsh, S.D.; Rev. G. W. Rolfe, J.D.; A. Brakspear, P.G.S. of W., M.C.; C. A. Robinson, as Org.; W. H. Harrison, I.G.; W. Vidler, Steward; and R. Rogers, Tyler; also Bros. E. Baines, A. D. Brooks, C. Bye, W. A. Simmons, L. Noble, and W. N. Diggle. Visitors: Bros. Rev. R. W. G. Circuit, Chap. 1887; and Capt. H. Rhodes, 278.

There being an unusual amount of work the brethren were called for 5.30. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. A successful ballot was then taken for Capt. W. H. Tapp as a candidate for initiation, but his regiment having been ordered to Ireland he was unavoidably absent. Bro. Simmons was raised in a very impressive manner to the Sublime a Degree of Master Mason. Bros. Diggle and Eassend was raised to the Degree of a Fellow Craft, and Corporal W. B. Hodge, 2nd Life Guards, and Mr. C. Crocker being in attendance they were admitted and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The W.M. announced that he had accepted the office of Steward for the Boys' School, and Bro. G. E. Brakspear that of Steward for the Girls' School.

A brother was proposed as a joining member. The charity box having been passed round and "Hearty good wishes" offered by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom, and the brethren adjourned to supper at the Red Lion Hotel.

Upon the removal of the cloth the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The toast of "The Initiates" was enthusiastically received, the initiation of Corporal Hodge (Bro. of the W.M.) having been somewhat delayed in consequence of his having been wounded while serving with his regiment in Egypt. He is now happily recovered.

Both candidates expressed themselves much impressed with the ceremony of initiation.

Several brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening with songs and recitations, the Tyler's toast bringing a very pleasant evening to a close.

ALDERSHOT.—Army and Navy Lodge (No. 1971).—This popular and influential lodge met at the Masonic Hall, on the 21st ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Assist. Com., General Cook, supported by Bros. the I.P.M., Capt. Croisdale, P.M., and P.P.G.S.B.; Dr. Grier, S.W.; Major Douglas, P.M., and P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; Col. Richardson, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Capt. Cole, Dr. Barker, P.M.; Foster, Youd, and others.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bros. Dr. Barker and Foster were elected as joining members. The two candidates for passing were unavoidably absent, and the Worshipful Master said he would therefore embrace the opportunity of occupying a portion of their time, he trusted profitably, in reading a lecture on the "History of Freemasonry." The lecture bore evidences of deep Masonic research and study, and proved most acceptable to the brethren who had the good fortune to listen to it, and to those who are personally acquainted with Bro. Cook it is almost needless to add that he performed his task in a most pleasing and admirable manner.

Bro. Capt. Croisdale, P.M., and P.P.G.S.B., at the conclusion of the lecture proposed that a vote of thanks should be awarded to the W.M. for the truly Masonic treat he had given them, and in the course of his observations said that Masonically it would be difficult to imagine anything more interesting and instructive than the lecture they had just listened to with so much pleasure. It was a new feature in connection with the Aldershot Lodges, and one which in his opinion was well worthy of emulation, inasmuch as it would have a tendency to make their lodge meetings peculiarly interesting, and even valuable, to the Masonic student and all those who desired to increase their Masonic knowledge and acquire correct information respecting the institution they had so solemnly engaged themselves to support. This proposition having been seconded by Bro. Colonel Richardson, P.M., and P.P.G.S.B., was carried with enthusiasm.

Bro. Dr. Grier was elected to represent the lodge at the Provincial Grand Lodge Committees during the ensuing year.

Bro. Capt. Croisdale then announced to the lodge that their Secretary, Bro. Major Douglas, P.M. and P.P.G.S.B., had been recently advanced to higher Provincial honours at the recent Provincial Grand Chapter meeting, having been appointed P.P.G.S., and the announcement was received with universal satisfaction, and Bro. Douglas was greeted and congratulated accordingly.

After the transaction of other routine business the lodge was closed about nine p.m., and the brethren separated after spending a most enjoyable Masonic evening.

INSTRUCTION.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—This lodge met at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday, the 22nd ult., Bros. J. N. Bate, W.M.; M. E. Stokes, S.W.; F. Thurston, J.W.; A. J. Style, S.D.; C. H. Wiltshire, J.D.; Dick, I.G.; James Stevens, P.M., Preceptor; Richard Poore, Secretary; J. Terry, P.M., and others. The lodge was opened and the minutes were read. On being passed to the F.C. Degree Bro. James gave proof of efficiency, and the lodge being raised to the Third Degree that ceremony was ably rehearsed. The W.M. also gave the charge in the Second Degree. The lodge having been lowered Bro. Stokes was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was then duly closed.

WELLINGTON LODGE (No. 548).—The members of this lodge held their usual meeting on Monday, the 24th ult., at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford; Bro. David Rose, P.M. 1475 and 1622, as W.M., to work the Fifteen Sections. Present: Bros. Melbrush, P.M. 13, S.W.; H. B. Taylor, Sec. 1531, J.W.; Hilton, S.W. 1475, S.D.; Pitt, 147, J.D.; Jobson, 147, I.G.; Andrews, P.M., Preceptor; and Gibson, Hon. Sec. Bro. Rose was assisted in the working by the following brethren:

First Lecture.—First Section, Bro. Rotheroe, 30; Second, Bro. Brown, P.M. 160; Third, Bro. H. B. Taylor, Sec. 1531; Fourth, Bro. Gibson, I.G. 1531; Fifth, Bro. Geo. Andrews, P.M. 871; Sixth, Bro. Hilton, S.W. 1475; and Seventh, Bro. G. Andrews.

Second Lecture.—First Section, Bro. Tullett, 1326; Second, Bro. Gibson; Third, Bro. Hilton; Fourth and Fifth, Bro. G. Andrews.

Third Lecture.—First Section, Bro. Bellis, S.W. 1901; Second, Bro. Brown, P.M.; and Third, Bro. Gibson.

Bro. Rose discharged the duties with his usual ability, and the brethren ably assisted him, notwithstanding that there was a very small attendance of the members. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Rose for presiding, who in reply said it always gave him pleasure to attend the lodge; he had been a member for 18 years and during that time it had reached the lowest ebb and had attained the highest pinnacle. He hoped that the new members who had lately joined would assist in keeping it well before the Masonic world.

Four brothers having been admitted members the lodge was closed in due form.

STAR LODGE (No. 1275).—This lodge met last Saturday, and as usual there was a large attendance, Bro. E. Good, W.M. 871, occupying the chair; Bro. Bellis, S.W.; Emblin, J.W.; Tullett, S.D.; Harvey, J.D.; Miller, I.G.; Andrews, P.M., Preceptor; Walter Martin, Hon. Sec. The W.M. worked the ceremonies of First and Second Degrees, Bro. Cricknell and Powell respectively personating the candidates. The work was carried out in a most creditable manner by all engaged. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Martin then announced that he had sufficient funds to have two ballots that evening in connection with the Charitable Association. The lodge was then closed down in the Three Degrees and afterwards adjourned.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 26th ult., at the Norfolk-square Hotel, Paddington, when there were present Bros. F. T. C. Keeble, P.M., W.M.; D. Gellion, P.M., S.W.; H. Chalfont, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Treas.; Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M., Sec.; C. S. Mote, S.D.; D. Hart, J.D.; C. J. Fox, I.G.; Craig, P.M.; Chapman, Morse, Macfield, Swain, E. F. Ferris, 1543; Pitt, D. Stroud, Wood, Cursons, Robinson, Death, Foskett, and Harris.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes read and confirmed. The lodge was called on and off. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ferris being candidate. Bro. W. Harris presented the lodge with aprons for each officer, and Bro. C. S. Mote the platforms for the pedestals. A vote of thanks was unanimously carried. The First and Second Sections were worked by Bros. Cursons and Craig. Bros. R. Macfield, 1328; F. Swain, 1328; and E. F. Ferris, 1543; were elected joining members. The lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 26th ult., at Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney. Present: Bros. Gray, W.M.; Martin, S.W.; Polac, J.W.; Clifford, Treas.; Hildreth, Sec.; Evans, S.D.; Pope, J.D.; Francel, I.G.; Forss, Tiffin, and Jones. Bro. Forss acted as Preceptor.

Lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed. Bro. Forss then worked the First and Second Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Tiffin was elected a joining member, and Bro. Martin being appointed W.M. for the coming week the lodge was closed in due form.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—At the regular meeting of this lodge held at the Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, on Monday, 26th February, the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren of the Kent Lodge of Instruction: Bros. J. Andrews, P.M. 1227, W.M.; J. Pinder, P.M. 15, S.W.; A. Clark, P.M. 1227, J.W.; W. Pennefather, P.M. 1623, Preceptor.

The lodge was opened in due form at 7 o'clock p.m., and after the usual preliminaries the Lectures were worked by the following brethren:

First Lecture.—First Section, Bro. J. Millington, 861; Second, Bro. G. W. Rowe, 1227; Third, Bro. W. Sergeant, S.W. 1227; Fourth, Bro. W. Martin, S.W. 870; Fifth, Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M. 1745; Sixth, Bro. J. Pinder, P.M. 15; and Seventh, Bro. J. H. Pringle, J.W. 781.

Second Lecture.—First Section, Bro. W. Pennefather, P.M. 1623; Second, Bro. C. Patrick, J.D. 1227; Third, Bro. J. Laurence, I.G. 1326; Fourth, Bro. J. Pinder, P.M. 15; and Fifth, Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M. 1745.

Third Lecture.—First Section, Bro. A. Clark, P.M. 1227; Second, Bro. J. H. Pringle, J.W. 781; and Third, Bro. J. Taylor, J.W. 554.

The following brethren were present: Bros. J. T. Rumball, 1623, acting S.D.; J. King, 1623, acting J.D.; C. Patrick, J.D. 1227, acting I.G.; also Bros. A. Black, 871; F. H. Inman, 861; J. Rhodes, 1524; H. Lindfield, J. F. Goodall, 211; and several others, in all some thirty in

number. The work was exceedingly well done and reflected great credit on all concerned, the W.M. was unanimously elected an honorary member for which he returned thanks; some dozen brethren were also admitted joining members, and after a most instructive and successful meeting the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned to Monday, 5th March, at eight o'clock.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1641).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, on the 22nd ult. Present: Bros. Gulliford, W.M.; Coleman, S.W.; Hyams, J.W.; Abrahams, S.D.; Hawke, J.D.; Reynolds, I.G.; Richardson, Preceptor; Myers, A. Dickson, and Farwig.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Myers having offered himself as a candidate for the ceremony of raising, the usual questions were put and answered. Lodge opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge called off and resumed to the Second Degree, Bro. Richardson, Preceptor, worked the First Section of this Lecture. Bro. Richardson, Preceptor, proposed that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week, seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. Officers in rotation. Bro. Farwig acknowledged his gratitude to the brethren who had contributed to the handsome present which he had received. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned to Thursday, the 1st day of March.

WALMER.—Lord Warden Lodge (No. 1096).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 19th ult., at the lodge room. Present: Bros. G. Band, W.M.; J. V. Court, S.W.; H. Chambers, J.W.; G. Beale, Sec.; J. Dow, S.D.; J. Shepherd, J.D.; R. Duval, I.G.; E. Kirby, P.M., Preceptor; and T. H. Craske.

Lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and carried unanimously, after which the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in a very able and impressive manner, Bro. Beale acting as the candidate.

Bro. Band, W.M., then proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of the lodge to Bro. Kirby, P.M., P.G.S.B. Kent, on his leaving the neighbourhood, for the very valuable and efficient services rendered by him as Preceptor of this lodge of instruction. In the course of his remarks the W.M. said he had known Bro. Kirby for a number of years, and he had much pleasure in stating that during the time he had been acquainted with him he (Bro. Kirby) had been a very active and hard-working member, and his experience taught him that Bro. Kirby had done much for the benefit of the Craft in general and for this lodge in particular. He was sure all the brethren would fully endorse the few remarks he was offering as a tribute to the many and valued services Bro. Kirby had rendered; and they all sincerely regretted that they were about to lose the benefit of those services which had so greatly assisted and guided them all in their Masonic labours. In speaking for himself personally, the W.M. tendered his sincere thanks to Bro. Kirby for his kindness in taking him by the hand and assisting him in all his humble endeavours for the benefit of the Craft generally, to which he had the honour to belong, in furtherance of the common good of the most honourable Fraternity of ancient Freemasonry.

Bro. Chambers, J.W., rose and said he had much pleasure in seconding the proposition which Bro. Band had so ably brought forward, and was sure he fully endorsed everything Bro. Band had said respecting their highly esteemed Bro. Kirby, whom they were all sorry to lose.

The proposition being put in due form was carried unanimously.

Bro. Kirby in a very neat and appropriate speech, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the signal honour conferred on him. He was very sorry he was going to leave them, but his newly acquired business compelled his doing so. It was highly gratifying for him to know that he was taking with him their earnest good wishes for his future welfare, and he should never forget the many pleasant and happy meetings he had had with them, and the cordial good feeling and harmony which always existed amongst them, and he hoped that the same harmonious feeling which had characterised them in the past would still mark their labours in the future.

It was proposed by Bro. Dow and seconded by Bro. Kirby that the W.M. and officers perform their various duties at the next meeting of the lodge. The motion was carried unanimously.

No further business offering the lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Arch.

NORTHAMPTON.—Northampton Chapter (No. 360).—This chapter assembled at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 22nd ult. Present: Comps. J. U. Stanton, P.Z., M.E.Z.; H. J. Atkins, H.; Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, J.; Geo. Robinson, P.Z., E.; Jno. Bingley, N.; Geo. Ellard, Pr. Soj. pro. tem.; J. T. Green, P.Z., and Jno. Kellett, P.Z., Asst. Sojs. pro. tem.; Butler Wilkins, P.Z., D.P.G. Supt. Norths and Hunts; Geo. Cotton, P.Z.; E. Roberts, G. H. Percival, H. Brown, H. Hill, J. J. Hart, J. Havilland, J. Clayson, R. Croft, A. Cockerill, A. Jones, James Currall, T. Emery, T. Wetherell, T. P. Dorman, Jas. Terry, P.Z. 228, Sec. R.M.B.I.; R. H. Griffin, P.Z. 442, G.P.D.C. Norths and Hunts; and others.

Bros. H. Gimpson, 360, and H. W. Todd, 560, were duly balloted for and elected, the M.E.Z. performing the ceremony of exaltation, Comps. H. and J. taking their part in a most admirable manner, and Comp. Terry assisting in the ceremony. Comp. Butler Wilkins then proceeded to install the M.E.Z.; H. J. Atkins, H.; the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, J.; and Jno. Bingley, N.; the ceremony being performed in his usual impressive manner. The M.E.Z. then proceeded to invest his officers: Comps. Saunders, H.; J. Bingley, J.; J. Robinson, P.Z., E.; the N. elect was absent through illness; J. U. Stanton, P.Z., Treas.; Butler Wilkins, P.Z., D.C.; Geo. Ellard, Pr. Soj.; H. Brown and G. H. Percival, Asst. Sojs.; R. Croft, Org.; and Dean and Kirby, Janitors.

On the adjournment the companions sat down to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the M.E.Z.

Comp. Wilkins suitably responded to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers."

Comp. Green proposed "The Newly-installed Principals," referring to the admirable manner in which each had discharged his previous duties both in Craft and chapter.

The Principals severally responding to the toast.

Comp. Stanton, in responding to the toast of "The P.Zs.," referred to the fact that the continued prosperity of the chapter and their liberality to the Charities was in a great measure due to the interest taken by the P.Zs. in its welfare and efficient working.

Comp. Sanders proposed "The Visitors" in a very practical manner, to which Comp. Griffin responded, referring to the good understanding existing between the chapters in the province, and concluded by proposing "The Masonic Charities," thanking those present for their liberal contributions to his provincial Steward's list on this and former occasions.

Comp. Terry in responding gave several interesting facts in connection with the Institution with which he is more immediately connected, and also thanked those assembled for the kindness which he always received at their hands and also for their generous contributions.

The M.E.Z. in proposing "The Officers of the Chapter" took the opportunity of referring to the harmonious way they had hitherto worked together and the excellent manner in which they had performed their duties, especially mentioning the admirable manner in which Comp. Ellard (who was called upon at short notice owing to the illness of the Principal Sojourner), had that evening performed the duties of Principal Sojourner.

The several officers responded.

Comp. Stanton gave "The Newly-Exalted Comps. Timson and Todd" who duly responded.

Comp. Stanton alluded to the absence of Comp. M. A. Boémé, who had removed to Worthing, and referred to the loss the chapter (of which he was the senior member) had sustained, he having for many years taken the warmest interest in its welfare.

Comps. Atkins, Stanton, Hart, Simpson, Emery, and others added to the harmony of the evening.

The Northampton Chapter has for many years been a good working chapter, and no doubt will maintain its reputation for some years to come, and deserve the approbation given by Comps. Terry and Griffin.

LEATHERHEAD.—Grove Chapter (No. 410).

—This excellent chapter, which formerly held its meetings at Ewell, and has since been located in various quarters, has now taken refuge at the Swan Hotel, Leatherhead. At that hotel it held a meeting for the third time last Saturday, with Comp. G. B. Foster, M.E.Z.; Comp. H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D., P.M., P.Z., as H.; and Comp. G. D. Lister, P.M., P.Z., J. There were also present among other companions Comps. Charles Greenwood, P.G.S.B., P.C.D.C. (Royal Arch), P.M., P.Z., G.S.E. Surrey; and Clayton Litchfield, P.Z. 410.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes the chapter voted five guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in support of the presidency of General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G. Supt. Surrey, at the festival of that Institution last Wednesday.

The companions afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, which was graced by a most beautiful and bountiful supply of flowers from the hothouses of Mrs. Wylie, Carrilla Lacey, Dorking. A delightful evening was spent by the companions, who honoured the usual Royal Arch toasts.

WARRINGTON.—Gilbert Greenall Chapter

(No. 1250).—The first anniversary of this prosperous chapter was held on Tuesday, 27th ult., in the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street. After the minutes of the last convocation had been read and confirmed, Comp. P. J. Edelsten, P. Prov. G. Std. B., P.Z. 143 and M.E.Z. of the chapter proceeded to install the three Principals, viz. E. Comp. Richardson, M.E.Z.; E. Comp. Sutton, H.; and Comp. Galloway, J.; in accordance with the usual rites and ceremonies which was done in a very efficient and impressive manner. The M.E.Z. then invested the following officers: Comps. P. J. Edelsten, I.P.Z.; S. Wallhead, S.E.; A. G. Webster, S.A.; W. Taylor, P.S.; R. Heaton, Treas.; and T. Domville, Janitor.

The retiring M.E.Z. (Comp. P. J. Edelsten), was then presented with a very handsome P.Z's. jewel supplied by Comp. Galloway, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Comp. Edelsten, P. Prov. G. Std. B., P.Z. 1250, by the Gilbert Greenall Chapter, 1250, as a token of esteem and to mark its appreciation of his valuable and efficient services during his year of office as the first M.E.Z. of the chapter." The recipient duly acknowledged the testimonial from the chapter in a very feeling manner. The business of the chapter being concluded, the companions adjourned to banquet under the presidency of the M.E.Z. (Comp. Richardson). The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with various songs, rendered in a superior manner, and after spending a very pleasant evening the Companions duly separated in perfect harmony.

Black Masonry.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).—

This lodge held a meeting at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 20th ult. Among those present were Bros. Richnell, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex and Surrey, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., &c., P.M., acting S.W.; J. H. Dodson, J.W. and Treas.; W. Wigginton, P.G. Supt. of Wks., &c., P.M., Sec.; Alfred Tisley, I.P.M.; Charles Brown, J.O.; Harding, I.G.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler then took place with the following result: Bros. Sir Charles Palmer, Bart., W.M.; J. H. Dodson, Treas.; and Harrison, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel having been voted to Bro. Richnell the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The customary toasts followed and were duly honoured. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

HASTINGS.—East Sussex Lodge (No. 166).—

The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Castle Hotel, on Tuesday, the 20th ult. The W.M., Bro. C. W.

Duke, G.M. Stwd, Prov. G. M.S.W., P.M., supported by Bros. the Rev. E. F. Cave-Brown-Cave, P.P.G.M. Chap., S.W.; F. Rossiter, Prov. G.M.D. of C., J.W.; E. W. Hennah, Prov. G.M.S. of W., M.O.; H. J. Dawson, Prov. G.M.I.G., S.O.; W. H. Russell, Prov. G.M. Stwd., J.O.; R. J. Reed, Prov. G.M. Sec., Sec.; H. T. Cross-thwaite, Reg. of Mks.; T. W. Warkwick, S.D.; J. Bray, J.D.; T. H. Hallett, Org.; F. Duke, acting I.G.; and Leslie, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Dr. Trollope, R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M. Sussex, P.M. 165; Richard Pidcock, Prov. G. R. of M., 166.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Henry Kimm, 1184, and Bro. W. H. Knowles, 40, which proving to be unanimous they were duly advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by the W.M. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, when Bro. the Rev. E. F. Cave-Brown-Cave, P.P.G.M. Chap., S.W., was selected for that honour. Bro. W. Leslie was re-elected Tyler. On the proposition of the W.M. seconded by the J.W., the sum of £5 5s. was voted from the lodge funds and placed on the list of Bro. Trollope, R.W. Prov. G.M.M., towards the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, 1184, was proposed as a candidate for advancement by the W.M.

Bro. Trollope then rose and stated he had very great pleasure in proposing that a handsome Past Master's jewel be presented to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had conducted the work of the lodge for the past two years, and likewise drew attention to the almost unprecedented circumstance of Bro. Duke having filled the chair of the East Sussex Lodge three times.

Some formalities having been transacted the lodge was closed.

FRIZINGTON.—Henry Lodge (No. 216).—

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st ult., Bro. B. Craig, W.M., P.G.I.G., in the chair, with the following officers: Bros. D. Bell, S.W.; F. T. Allatt, J.W.; Jas. Routledge, M.O.; Geo. Lowden, S.O.; Jas. Black, J.O.; Jas. Harper, P.M., P.P.G. S.D., Treas.; Jas. Peel, Sec.; Chas. Gowan, S.D.; J. Close, Tyler, P.P.G.T.; W. Martin, P.M., P.G.S.D.; and Richard Wilson, P.G. Steward. The minutes were read and confirmed, and two candidates proposed for advancement, and lodge was then closed in ancient form.



Young Mr. Lytton Sothorn is about starting through the provinces on his own account, playing Lord Dundreary and other characters of his late father.

Miss Marion Terry is, we regret to say, unwell. A few evenings ago during the performance of "Comrades" she fainted in the second act.

Mr. F. C. Burnand is writing a new comedy, "Artful Cards," for Bro. Toole. His burlesque "Blue Beard" will be brought out at the Gaiety on the 12th inst.

The ground has been cleared for Mr. Wyndham's new theatre in Northumberland Avenue, close to the Grand Hotel, and the work of building will be carried on with all possible speed.

Messrs. Holt and Wilmot take over the management of Astley's on Easter Monday and will produce Bro. Willing's "The Ruling Passion" as played at the Standard.

Bro. W. J. Hill takes a farewell matinée at the Gaiety on the 7th inst., when many of the leading artistes will give their services in different pieces. Bro. Hill is about going on a long provincial tour.

Miss Santley has engaged Miss Kate Munroe to play the Merry Duchess in Bro. Sims' new comic opera, to be brought out at the Royalty on its reopening in April. This lady will be an acquisition to London.

"God and the Man," the extraordinary title of Mr. Buchanan's novel, will be dramatised for the Adelphi, and is to be produced on the 10th inst. The Lord Chamberlain objects to the title for the play.

The Surrey pantomime, "Puss in Boots," will be withdrawn to-morrow (Saturday), and "Hand in Glove" will be revived. In this piece Mr. George Conquest will appear. The only pantomime now in London will be "Sindbad" at Drury Lane.

Bro. Irving will not revive "The Lyon's Mail" until after Whitsuntide, when "Much ado about Nothing" will be withdrawn to make way for a complete set of performances of the American repertory. The company will have six weeks' holiday before going across the water.

The new Alhambra, Leicester-square, will probably be rebuilt by the end of October. It will be an elegant and roomy edifice, provided with all the latest improvements for the safety and comfort of the audience. Its cost is estimated at £50,000. Bro. W. Holland, the manager, took a benefit at the Gaiety on Wednesday, when many of the principal artistes appeared in their favourite and well-known characters.

Bro. Bancroft has given notice that if the adaptation of a French novel by Mr. Frith, son of the celebrated R.A., announced for performance, is a colourable imitation of M. Sardou's "Fédora," which Mr. Herman Merivale is translating into English, he will proceed against every one concerned in it—author, players, and lessee. But Bro. Bancroft is not likely to have this expense, as managers and actors have refused to have anything to do with Mr. Frith's play.



The Trustees of the British Museum will hold their special meeting on the subject of the purchase of the Ashburnham MSS. to-morrow (Saturday).

The Merchant Taylor's Company have forwarded a cheque for a hundred guineas as a donation to the funds of the Royal Cambridge Asylum for Old and Disabled Soldiers.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., was present at a meeting on Saturday last of the Committee in favour of special religious services being held for the people in theatres, halls, and mission rooms.

Bro. the Crown Prince and the Crown Princess of Germany have devoted the fund contributed by the public for the celebration of their silver wedding, amounting to \$50,000 marks, to benevolent purposes.

Bro. the Duke of Albany has consented to lay the foundation stone of the new building of the Birkbeck Literary and Scientific Institution on Monday, the 23rd of April.

At the suggestion of the Prince of Wales an entertainment will shortly be given by the members of the Savage Club, the proceeds of which will be devoted to founding a scholarship in the Royal College of Music. This certainly verifies the well known adage that "Music hath charms to soothe the Savage breast."

Bro. the Emperor and Crown Prince of Germany intend being present with the great functionaries of State at the fourth centenary celebration at Eisleben, on 10th November next, of Martin Luther's birth, and the Emperor has consented to unveil a statue to the memory of the great reformer.

By the death of his father Lord Egerton of Tatton, Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason for Cheshire, succeeds to the title, and a vacancy is thus caused for Mid-Cheshire in the House of Commons.

On Monday evening a ballad concert was held at the Albert Institute, Windsor, under the patronage of the Princess Christian, in aid of the fund for the relief of the inundated poor in the district.

Bro. Lord Wolseley presided on Monday evening at the tenth annual dinner of the South London Rifle Club, held at the Holborn Restaurant, and in returning thanks for the toast of "Success to the Club" laid stress on the importance of having our soldiers well trained as marksmen.

H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany gave birth to a daughter on Sunday evening, and her Royal Highness and the infant princess are both progressing favourably. The happy event was announced in London on Monday by a Royal salute of 21 guns in St. James's Park.

H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and her daughters, the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, with the suite in attendance, left Marlborough House for Sandringham on Monday.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., P.G.M. Derbyshire, left Windsor Castle on Sunday evening, and was succeeded in attendance on the Queen by the Home Secretary.

The Prince of Wales, by command of Her Majesty, will hold a levee at St. James's Palace, on Monday, the 12th inst. Presentations to his Royal Highness will, as usual, be held as equivalent to presentations to the Queen.

Bro. Sir W. H. B. Ffolkes, Bart., M.P., presided on Tuesday at a meeting at King's Lynn of the supporters of the West Norfolk Hunt, when the resignation of Mr. A. Hamond as Master was regretfully received, and Mr. A. C. Fountaine, of Norfolk, was suggested as his successor. It is in contemplation to present a testimonial to Mr. Hamond, the sole cause of whose retirement is failing health.

It is expected that Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Secretary of State for War, will be in a position to bring the Army estimates before the House of Commons on Monday next.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh left St. Petersburg for Berlin on Monday afternoon, in order to be present at the silver wedding festivities of the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany.

Bros. the Hon. D. Plunket, M.P., and Sir Baldwin Leighton, Bart., M.P., were among the guests at the Earl and Countess Stanhope's dinner party on Saturday last.

The Prince of Wales left London for Berlin on Saturday evening, in order to be present at the deferred festivities in honour of the silver wedding of the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany. His Royal Highness reached Berlin on Sunday evening at 10.30 p.m., and was received on his arrival at the station by the Crown Prince and Princess, Prince William, the Commander of the Guard Regiment, the members of the British Embassy, &c. On Monday morning he received a deputation from the Blucher Regiment of Hussars, of which his Royal Highness has lately been appointed honorary Colonel, and later in the day visited the Emperor and Empress and other members of the Imperial family. He has also called upon Prince Bismarck and Count Von Moltke. During his stay in Berlin the Prince will remain the guest of the Crown Prince and Princess.

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Bro. King Harman has been elected M.P. for the City of Dublin.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart., has made a donation of £10 to the Zenana Mission.

It is understood that the Prince and Princess of Wales will witness the march past of the volunteer troops after the field-day at Brighton on Easter Monday.

Bros. the Lord Mayor and Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser and Sheriff Savory have received invitations to dine with the Sadlers Company on Monday, April 23rd.

The First Commissioner of Works has announced that in future Kew Gardens will be opened at twelve instead of one o'clock in the day.

Lord Rosebery has purchased the water works at Queen's Ferry, and intimated his intention to present them to the inhabitants for the public benefit.

The Gazette announces that the Queen will hold drawing rooms at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday next, the 6th inst., and on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at three o'clock p.m.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will visit the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, at the Guildhall Tavern on Thursday, March 29th. A large and distinguished company is expected on the occasion.

A dinner will be given by the members of the Marlborough Club to Lord Alcester on his return to England. The Prince of Wales will preside.

Bro. G. Vickery, of Adde-street, is the architect for the new buildings now being erected between 45 and 50, Fore-street, and Mr. Lawrance, 1, Wharf-road, City-road, is the contractor.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor has kindly consented to attend a sermon at Finsbury Chapel, on behalf of the London Philanthropic Society for relieving the poor with bread and coals throughout the metropolis during the winter.

Bro. W. E. Joyce, Editor of the *Shipping Gazette*, was unanimously elected on Thursday last as W.M. of the United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507, for the ensuing year.

Bro. G. P. Festa, W.M. of the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, whose zeal on behalf of the charities is so well known, has qualified himself as Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, besides taking up a goodly amount as Steward for his lodge. We believe it is Bro. Festa's intention to become Vice-President of both the Boys' and Girls' Schools this year.

The Duchess of Albany has consented to become patroness of a fancy dress ball, to be held at Willis' Rooms on Thursday, April 26th, in aid of the funds of the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square.

The *Church of England Temperance Chronicle* published under the editorship of Mr. F. Sherlock, contains a memoir and a portrait of Bro. G. R. Sims, author of "The Dagonet Ballads," and "The Lights of London."

"A Review of the Belt Trial," by an Outsider, is to be published immediately by Messrs. F. V. White and Co.

Bro. Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Gloucestershire, has consented to preside at the annual festival in aid of the funds of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond-street, to be held at Willis' Rooms on Wednesday, April 11th.

The Queen has appointed Bro. the Crown Prince of Germany and Prussia to be an honorary member of the Military Division of the First Class or Knights Grand Cross of the honourable Order of the Bath.

Thursday last, being the anniversary of the birthday of Bro. George Washington, American Commander-in-Chief during the War of Independence, and first President of the United States, was observed as a general holiday throughout that Country. The American Minister at Rome also held a grand reception in honour of the occasion.

Mr. Gladstone reached Paris on his return to England from Cannes on Tuesday morning, and at once drove to the British Embassy. In the course of the day, accompanied by Lord Lyons, he called on the French Minister for Foreign Affairs. He also visited President Grévy. A grand dinner was given in his honour by our Ambassador on Wednesday evening, the guests being some 30 in number.

A ball in aid of local and Masonic charities took place at the Assembly Rooms, Merton-road, Bootle, near Liverpool, on the 22nd ult., when there was a large assembly of the brethren and the general public. The company included his Worship the Mayor of Bootle (Mr. J. Webster, J.P.), Bro. W. Poulson, J.P., ex-mayor; Mr. T. P. Danson, J.P.; Bros. J. P. M'Arthur, J.P., Prov. G.J.W.; J. Newell, J.P., P.P.G.S.W.; Jackson, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Wells, P.P.G.D. of C.; S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B.; and others. The stewards were Bros. Dr. T. F. Young, W.M.; 1473; S. E. Ibbs, J. P. M'Arthur, J. C. Paterson, W. H. Clemmy, Dr. H. Taylor, J. Platts, J. Duncan, W. R. Brewster, W. Brogden, Lieut.-Col. T. D. Pierce, L. W. Hayes, and J. Buchanan. Bro. R. Scott, of the Windham Hotel, was the caterer.

It is certain the Queen's Physician, Dr. Fairbank, has written strongly recommending LENTILLA, or TONIC DAILY FOOD. It cures Indigestion, Heartburn, Constipation, Liver and Stomach Complaints, &c., besides having such wondrous nourishing properties. Makes Soups, Porridge, Custards, Puddings, Biscuits, &c. Tins, 1lb. 1s. 6d.; ½lb., 10d. Barrels, 25lb., 30s.; 14lb., 10s. Of all Chemists.—Proprietor, H. J. Deacon, Beckenham, Kent.—[ADVT.]

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Bro. Alderman De Keyser will take the chair at the fifteenth annual dinner of the Railway Signalmen's United Aid and Sick Society at the Freemasons' Tavern on Tuesday, the 6th inst., and Mr. J. Medcalf, district goods manager G.N.R., will occupy the vice-chair. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Mr. F. H. Horscroft.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Sir Moses Montefiore has a large garden at Safed, in the Holy Land, which he bought to encourage agriculture among his co-religionists, and this has been laid waste by Turkish officials, owing to an excessive demand for taxes being met with a plea for time to make inquiry as to the justness of the impost.—*City Press*.

Bro. Lord and Lady Pelham and Bro. Lord Brabourne were among the guests at the wedding breakfast given by the Dowager Countess of Winchelsea, on the occasion of the marriage of her daughter, the Lady Evelyn G. Finch Hatton, with Mr. Henry Upton, nephew of General Viscount Templeton, K.C.B.

The services of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shaw-Hellier's regiment, 4th Dragoon Guards, will be called in requisition on Easter Monday with a view to preventing the public from trenching on the ground set apart for the Volunteer sham fight on Brighton Downs on that day.

The hon. secretaries of the Egyptian Exploration Fund announce that Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, LL.D., has accepted the office of president of the society, and has headed the subscription list with a donation of £500.

Sir N. de Rothschild, Bart., M.P., presided on Sunday last at the Central Synagogue Chambers at a meeting held to collect funds for rebuilding the Jews' Free School in Bell-lane. It was announced at the conclusion that £11,000 out of £20,000 required had been promised. Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart., sent 100 guineas.

An article on the Newspaper Libel and Registration Act, with notes, comments, and the latest decisions, has been written by Mr. W. F. Finlason, barrister-at-law, for the new edition of "The Newspaper Press Directory." This is the twenty-fifth issue of the directory under the editorship of Bro. Wellsman.

Bro. H. Jeffs, P.G.W. Gloucester, and City Sheriff, was recently the recipient of a very gratifying testimonial in the form of a handsome gold chain of office, subscribed for by the brethren of the province. The pressure on our columns this week prevents our giving a report of the interesting proceeding, but we hope to do so next week.

The growing taste in England for lighter beverages has for some years shown itself in the increased consumption of light wines and more recently of Lager Beer. A brewery for the latter is now in full operation at Tottenham under the name of the Austro-Bavarian Lager Beer Brewery, London, and judging from its excellent quality, which does not appear to differ from the best of the Bavarian samples, we believe it is likely to be very successful.

Mr. W. C. Kemp, late of Reigate Grammar School, and son of Bro. W. J. Kemp, P.M. and Secretary of the Royal Albert Edward Lodge, 1362, P.G.P. Surrey, has obtained a mathematical scholarship at Worcester College, Oxford, of the value of £80 per annum. The examination was entirely open and without limitation as to age, and consequently the competitors were numerous, and Mr. Kemp, who is not yet 19 years of age, is to be congratulated upon his striking success. In 1881 he obtained the exhibition of £70 per annum, given by Worcester College to the best Oxford local candidate of the year.

Bro. Dr. E. Hall, medical officer of the Prescott Union, met with a serious accident on the 21st ult. When driving through the market-place, Prescott, his horse, which was of a restive disposition, suddenly shied and ran away, and on turning a corner one of the wheels of the vehicle caught the kerbstone, and Bro. Hall was thrown with great violence to the ground, sustaining severe cuts and contusions about the right temple and right cheek. Medical assistance was summoned as quickly as possible for the unfortunate gentleman at his residence. The principal wounds had to be stitched, but in the evening Bro. Hall was reported to be progressing favourably, although suffering greatly from the very severe shock.

On Friday evening, the 23rd ult., a meeting of the members of the House Committee of the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, was held in the building, at which Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G.R., chairman of the committee, presided. There were also present Bros. J. T. Callow (Secretary), H. A. Tobias (Treasurer), J. Pemberton, J. W. Ballard, R. Martin, jun., Smith, R. Foote, J. Beesley, J. C. Robinson, P. B. Gee, G. Morgan, T. Whitehead, H. Firth, D. Jackson, H. C. Maguire, M. Hart, G. Morgan, J. B. Mackenzie, and others. It was reported that the decorations of the building, of a most effective nature, were being carried out in a satisfactory manner, and it is expected the work in connection with the chapter room will be completed about the middle of March. The lodge room will be also handsomely decorated, and the committee intend to make refurnishing part of the scheme of improvements for which £1000 was recently borrowed. It was resolved that a grand reunion, similar to the highly-successful gathering which took place some time ago, should be held about October next, at the completion of the decorative work.

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

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, March 10, 1883.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 3.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bge.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 5.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129, Leadenhall-street.
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
" 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1924, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley.

Chap. 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 1056, Victoria, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.

Mark 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

Red Cross, Premier Conclave, F.M.T.

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, MARCH 6.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 9, Albion, F.M.H.
" 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 166, Union, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot., London Bdg.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., E.
" 1261, Golden Rule, 8, Air-st., Regent-st., W.
" 1381, Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 1383, Friends-in-Council, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns H., High-st., Woolwich.
" 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., 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, MARCH 7.

Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7.
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hot., Putney.
" 1707, Eleanor, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1766, St. Leonard's, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
" 1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tav., E.C.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Grand Avenue M.H., 88, Gracechurch-st., 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, MARCH 8.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 238, Pilgrim (German), F.M.H.
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., W.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion Tav., Leytonstone.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hl.
" 1708, Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley.
" 1791, Creation, F.M.H.
Chap. 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-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, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., 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, MARCH 9.

Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
" 134, Caledonian, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
" 1702, Sub Urban, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
Mark 198, Croydon, 105, High-st., Croydon.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st., W., at 8.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith, at 8.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st. Manchester-sq.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
Ubique, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.

SATURDAY, MARCH 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.
" 1607, Loyalty, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
" 1686, Paxton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.
" 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.
" 1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
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MONDAY, MARCH 5.

Lodge 104, St. John's, Ashton Hot., Stockport.
" 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Chap. 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Manchester.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7.

Lodge 287, Unanimity, Dog and Partridge, Stockport.
" 1013, Royal Victoria, Castle Hotel, Preston.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tuebrook, Lp'l.
Mark Lodge 11, Joppa, M.C., Birkenhead.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
Antient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Hot., Rock Ferry.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Faith Encampment, M.H., Wigan.

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