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THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge took place on Wednesday last under the presidency of the Earl of LATHOM, D.G.M. There was a very full attendance of the brethren. We specially refer our readers to the full and accurate account of the proceedings elsewhere, in order that they may realize the various important matters discussed and decided. We congratulate all our readers on the unanimous re-election of H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER.

A CHANGE has taken place in the Grand Treasurership, Bro. JOHN DERBY ALLCROFT having been elected by Grand Lodge in the stead of Bro. Lieut.-Colonel JOHN CREATON, P.G.D. Without entering into either the policy or propriety of the change, about which we have, in allowed Masonic liberty, Editorially an opinion of our own, we think it right to call attention to the fact itself.

THE services of Bro. Lieut.-Colonel JOHN CREATON, P.G.D., to the Craft are too well-known to require notice or need eulogium. They have been very great, and few brethren have ever done so much in various ways and under different contingencies to earn the good opinion of their brethren, to extend the beneficent principles, or uphold the living interests of English Craft Freemasonry.

WE are glad to see that the wise proposal of the Board of General Purposes to reconsider the 800 amendments has been unanimously acceded to by Grand Lodge.

IT would have been impossible in one or even several sittings to go through them all, seriatim, and as they deserve a calm and careful consideration we rejoice to think that they are to receive once again the supervision and the sifting of the Board of General Purposes.

IT is impossible, we think, to overestimate the importance of the discovery of the entry of a "gentleman" "Freemason" in 1603. This little fact upsets all previous theories, and demolishes with one stern realism, all existing lucubrations on the subject. Hence that fact which for some time has been dawning on the minds of Masonic Students in this country, namely the existence of a seventeenth-century Freemasonry akin to our own, will henceforth demand greater attention than has hitherto been devoted to it, and a less "dilettanti" treatment. At present all that relates to seventeenth-century Freemasonry is in doubt and uncertainty. Very little is known about it. Mystery seems to surround it on every side. Probably the civil wars dealt harshly with all similar bodies, and the fervour, and we must add, the riot of the Restoration were not calculated to bring back the interest of the student or the statesman to such old associations. We think too the influence of hermeticism may have helped rather to discountenance the mere Craft bodies, as Sir JOHN HEYDON complains in 1667 of "mechanics" having been taught hermeticism. That however such bodies existed, ASHMOLE's initiation in 1646, and RANDLE HOLMES's declarations about 1670 prove, and PLOT's evidence is very clear and convincing on the subject, that in Staffordshire at any rate, if not all over the kingdom, Masonic lodges had existed within and previously to "legal" memory. We await therefore subsequent researches on this subject with interest and hope, and we will add, even

with impatience. We recommend all our friends to imitate the admirable example of our true Masonic Students, not to keep interesting Masonic facts to themselves, but to offer them "pro bono publico" for the edification of the Masonic public, and the assistance of our Masonic historians.

BRO. W. J. HUGHAN's announcement of the Colne MS. Constitutions will be read with interest in Great Britain, America, and the Canadas. Time was when our knowledge of the old Constitutions or Guild legends was very limited indeed; now it is largely extended and receiving important additions year by year. All that has been done only proves, however, how much may be achieved. There must exist in many old lodge boxes up and down the country many materials for lodge history, many remnants of forgotten MSS. and dusty minute books. We shall never master the real history of Freemasonry in this country until we can obtain a clear realization of what Masonic documents still exist. Many have been destroyed through the stupidity, or blindness, or ignorance of old Masons; many still are extant, shrouded in obscurity and weltering in ignominious obscurity, mildew, and decay.

IT has always seemed to us a most shortsighted policy, a most un-Masonic feeling, to discourage Masonic investigation and thwart Masonic enquiry. As Freemasons we are lovers of "light" as opposed to darkness, of knowledge as antagonized by ignorance. The history of our lodges in particular constitute after all the history, by a wonderful paradox, so to say, of Freemasonry in general, and we cannot understand or develop a right Masonic history at all, unless we really gain and clearly master the authentic annals of lodge life and struggles under favourable and unfavourable circumstances, in all that ebb and flow of prosperity and adversity, success and failure, which constitute the unfailing characteristic of the law of existence alike for individuals, nations, and earthly associations. Therefore it is we venture to urge upon all who are in authority to help research and favour investigation. Many a doubtful point in our history, many a hiatus in our annals, many an explanation of what is dubious or debateable, uncertain or unsatisfactory, will at once become clear, filled up, and intelligible, if only we can see with our own eyes what our forefathers thought and said, wrote and resolved. Lodge minutes, venerable MSS., Masonic Constitutions, lodge lists, are all invaluable to the Masonic expert and student, as though in fact the Hebrew or Cuneiform to the "oi polloi" may be full of meaning to those competent to master these exoteric or esoteric learning. A date, a name, a word, a statement, which most would pass over all but unheeding, will reveal a great deal to them, inasmuch as it is by these very minutiae, these apparently incongruous and unmeaning particularities, that the Masonic historian guides his pen, makes good his thesis, substantiates his position, and renders his argument clinching and convincing. One word of warning we would fain add. Let all writers give the very words of the documents they quote, the MSS. they collate. We do not want the commentaries of the commentator, or the paraphrase or exegesis of the scribe, but we do ask for the "ipsissima verba" of the document or MS. itself. It is again only the expert who can rightly judge of the real value of the actual words made use of. A word, the smallest word possible, may convey a great deal, a very great deal, nay, everything, to the practical student; hence it becomes an unpardonable offence against Masonic criticism to gloss over or record paraphrastically actual MS. entries and passages. They may seem to have nothing in them of interest or importance, but they have in truth a very startling realism for those who know how to understand them, or possess the key to their interpretation. We therefore, venture to press this subject on all enquirers and all correspondents, and we beg them to give the very words of the MS. they collate, the documents they quote from, the references they bring forward.

OUR readers will have noticed with great regret the announcement of the lamented decease of Bro. HARRISON, Q.C., one of the Grand Deacons. His loss will be sensibly felt by a large circle of attached friends in the profession, and among his brethren in Masonry.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, presided; General Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, acted as Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Dorset, as Past Grand Master, and there were also present the following Grand Officers:

Bros. the Rev. Thos. Cochrane, G. Chap.; Lieut.-Col. J. Creaton, G. Treas.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Capt. Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds, G.J.D.; Sir Albert W. Woods, G.D. of C.; R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., A.G.D. of C.; John Mes- sent, G.S.B.; H. S. Alpass, G. Std. B.; William Cusins, G. Org.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; W. R. Wood, G. Purst.; L. F. Littell, A.G. Purst.; Gen. Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey; Montague Guest, P.G.M. Dorset; Gen. J. W. Laurie, G.M. Nova Scotia; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, P.G.C.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Rev. R. J. Simp- son, P.G.C.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G.C.; Rev. J. E. Cox, P.G.C.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; J. Sampson Peirce, P.G.D.; J. H. Scott, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; W. A. F. Powell, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; J. Perry Leith, P.G.D.; H. Maudsley, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; Reginald Bird, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somer- ville-Burney, P.G.D.; J. Glaisher, P.G.D.; J. L. Thomas, F.S.A., P.G.A.D.C.; G. Burt, P.G.A.D.C.; Magnus Ohren, P.G.A.D.C.; C. Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; G. Lam- bert, P.G.S.B.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; W. P. Nettleship, P.G.S.B.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; C. E. Willing, P.G. Org.; W. Clarke, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; J. Wright, P.G.P.; James Klench, P.G.P.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; and James Brett, P.G.P.

A large number of Lodges were represented, amongst others the following:—

Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, represented by Bros. Dr. Samuel Benton, W.M.; Alfred Brookman, I.P.M.; Samuel White, S.W.; E. Y. Jolliffe, J.W.; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M.; and George Kenning, P.M.
Alliance Lodge, No. 1827—Bros. Major T. Davies Sewell and Wildey Wright.
Belgrave Lodge, No. 749—Bro. Garrod, P.M.
Creton Lodge, No. 1791—Bro. J. I. Cantle.
Canterbury Lodge, No. 1635—Bro. the Rev. E. K. Kendall, W.M.
Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 917—Bro. G. M. Taylor, P.M.
Fortitude Lodge, No. 131—Bro. W. Lake, P.M.
Islington Lodge, No. 1471—Bros. J. L. Mather, P.M.; and Edgar Bowyer, P.M.
Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192—Bros. W. T. Rickwood, P.M.; Chas. Arkell, P.M.; Barclay Perkins, J.W.; and Stevenson, S.W.
Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671—Bro. R. A. Morgan, W.M.
Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900—Bros. G. P. Festa, W.M.; and W. H. Dean, P.M.
Neptune Lodge, No. 22—Bros. Britton, P.M.; E. F. Storr, P.M. and Treasurer.
Phoenix Lodge, No. 173—Bro. E. W. Allen, P.M.
Strand Lodge, No. 1987—Bro. James Willing, jun., W.M.; W. M. Stiles, Sec.
St. Mary Abbots Lodge, No. 1974—Bro. Capt. Nicols, W.M.
Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185—Bro. Alfred Staley.
Temple Lodge, No. 101—Bro. J. J. Caney.
The Great City Lodge, No. 1426—W. F. Kibble, W.M.; F. T. C. Keeble, S.W.; Wm. Baber, J.W.; Nathan Bryant Headon, P.M., Treas.; G. W. Blackie, P.M., Sec.; James Stevens, P.M.; James Freeman, P.M.; Thomas Hamer, P.M.; John Seex, P.M.

After the opening of Grand Lodge the regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business were first read; after which the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of 6th December, 1882, were read and confirmed.

The next business being the election of Grand Master,

Bro. RAYMOND THURPP rose and said: Right Worshipful Grand Master in the chair and brethren, I have the honour this evening of proposing to Grand Lodge the re-election of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of our Order. (Cheers.) His Royal Highness has now reigned over the Craft for a period of eight years, and during that time Freemasonry has indeed increased "by leaps and bounds," no fewer than 478 new lodges having been constituted. I do not propose occupying the time of Grand Lodge to-night by expatiating on the merits of our Grand Master or his many personal qualifications for that high office. It would, indeed, be presumption on my part to do so. The brethren are all well aware of the deep interest our Grand Master has always taken, and still takes, in the advancement and prosperity of the Craft, and the time and personal attention he devotes to the promotion of its best interests; and, sir, we also know that whenever the presence of our Grand Master is actually required in Grand Lodge His Royal Highness is always here to aid our deliberations with his counsel and advice. (Cheers.) I, therefore, confidently propose to Grand Lodge that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales be elected Grand Master of the Order for the ensuing year. (Cheers.)

Bro. W. COPPARD BEAUMONT: Right Worshipful Grand Master, I rise with great pleasure for the purpose of seconding the proposition that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales be re-elected as our Grand Master for the ensuing year. I think after our brother's speech that I can say little in support of the proposition of Bro. Thrupp, and I shall, therefore, content myself by simply seconding it. (Cheers.)

The Earl of LATHOM in putting the motion said it was needless for him to say anything in support of it.

The motion was carried unanimously amidst loud applause, and Sir Albert Woods (*Garter*), G.D.C., proclaimed his Royal Highness as duly elected M.W.G.M. of Freemasons for the year ensuing.

Bro. G. J. MCKAY in proposing the re-election of Col. Creaton as Grand Treasurer said he thought it would be highly indiscreet for Grand Lodge to change the office of Grand Treasurer year after year. The duties of the office had been most faithfully performed by Col. Creaton, but it would be superfluous for him to recount the way in which they had been discharged.

Bro. G. P. BRITTEN in seconding the motion said Col. Creaton had done the work for years, and had done it thoroughly well, and in a way that was a credit to Masonry, and he was very sorry to hear that there was a talk of some opposition to his re-election. The brother whom it was proposed to submit in opposition to Col. Creaton, Bro. John Derby Allcroft, he had the honour to know very well—a large-hearted, generous, honourable, thoroughly high-minded, right-thinking man, in whose favour he could not speak too strongly. But he was very confident that if Bro. Allcroft had been consulted he would have said that to displace another after five years' service, who had warmed to the harness and settled down to the work, would be not only grievous folly, but a grievous injustice and scandalous ingratitude.

Bro. ALFRED STALEY, W.M. 185, P.M. 1728, proposed Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, 259, P.M. and Treasurer 1657. The qualifications of Bro. Allcroft for this position were well known to those who were present. It was out of no disrespect to Col. Creaton that Bro. Allcroft was brought forward, but as the collar of Grand Treasurer was the only collar the Craft had the power to vote it was the wish of the members of the Craft that this proposition should be put before them. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. RICHARD A. MORGAN, W.M. 1671, in seconding the motion said he did so on this ground that with the exception of the collar of Grand Master this was the only collar it was in the hands of Grand Lodge to bestow. They also felt that it was right that this collar should be given in perpetuity to any brother. They had the honour—he thought they ought to consider it an honour—to confer the collar on worthy brethren, and this collar should not be given year after year to the same brother, but given on the same principles as other offices were given in Grand Lodge, where brethren afterwards enjoyed past grand office. He was certain that in proposing Bro. Allcroft they did not do it in any spirit against the present Grand Treasurer, but only on the principle that they ought to exercise their right and not look on this collar as a perpetual collar. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) One other observation Bro. Britten had made. He had said that Col. Creaton was well experienced and well in harness. From what he (Bro. Morgan) could learn the office was solely an honorary position: the money was not handed over to their Grand Treasurer. That, he thought, did away with the remarks of Bro. Britten. He asked them to-night to do their duty and confer this honour on a brother who had been a member of the Craft over 40 years.

Bro. CANTLE, in supporting the original motion said that Col. Creaton by his persevering industry in the affairs of the Craft had endeared himself to every member of the Craft. He need not tell the brethren how hard Col. Creaton had worked or how much he had done for it both as a Grand Officer and as a member of the different Institutions connected with the Craft. The brother placed in opposition to him was a most worthy man, and he must congratulate those brethren who had put him forward, for they certainly could not have chosen a more worthy man than he. (Hear, hear.) They told Grand Lodge that he had been a Mason nearly 40 years, that he was a P.M. and Treasurer of a lodge, that he was a vice-patron of all the Charities. The brother who was now the Grand Treasurer could claim all those honours, and if the books of the Masonic Institutions were referred to it would be found he was a vice-patron twice over of each of them. He (the speaker) knew very well, and all the brethren knew Col. Creaton's zeal for the cause, and what he had done in the past and would do in the future, and although to a certain extent he (the speaker) agreed with the proposition that this gift should be in the hands of the Craft, he would go willingly with them if they had not such a man as they had now in the position. There was no man who had done as much for Freemasonry as Col. Creaton, and while he occupied the position he now held he thought the least they could do was to mark their esteem and respect for him by placing him again in Grand Lodge as their Grand Treasurer.

Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER begged the brethren not to be led away by those who made the matter a question of principle, and not of individuality. They were told that there could be no sympathy on the part of the Grand Lodge in proposing a substitute for the excellent Grand Treasurer, who for four years had faithfully fulfilled all the functions that belonged to the office to the satisfaction of the Craft and the credit of himself. He could not conceive anything more mischievous in effect than as soon as a Grand Treasurer began to know his business that they should substitute another man for him.

Another BROTHER begged to call attention to this fact, that there was no disrespect intended to be conveyed to Col. Creaton. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) Every one well knew his worth. But it was well known that every Master of a Freemasons' lodge was anxious to wear the purple, and the collar of Grand Treasurer was the only collar the Craft had it in its power to bestow. There were men equally worthy with Col. Creaton to wear that collar in Grand Lodge that night, and he, therefore, said it should be handed down from one to the other.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D. (who was met with cries of "vote"), asked what would be thought in a private lodge if a brother proposed a new Treasurer and said he did not propose it as a reflection on the Treasurer? The brethren might talk and repeat that assertion for ever, like a parrot, but they would never make an intelligent brother understand that they did not cast a reflection. (Cries of "Oh, oh.") Their acts would be one way and their words another. Which would they justify?—their acts or their words? Here the motive was let out. A brother might say there was but one collar except that of Grand Master open to—what should he say?—an election. By the way, they had cried "vote;" he thought they meant to say general scramble. (Cries of "Oh, oh," "vote," and general laughter.) He could quite understand that if there were to be the doctrine of the dignified office of Grand Treasurer the word conveyed something like perpetua- tion, stability, and permanence. If that was to be applied to their Grand Treasurer, all he could say was that the office would be quite understood to

be a nominal one. (Hear, hear.) If they came to the question of pure respect he said nothing, because every brother who had spoken had said that there was no personal matter involved in this proposal of a new Grand Treasurer, because no one who knew their present Grand Treasurer could do other than respect him. (Hear, hear, and general cheering.) He saw he had their entire assent when he said that there could be no personal question. (Hear, hear.) Then, why go to the question of principle? What was the principle of making the office a shifting, changing one? (Cries of "Oh, oh," and "vote.") Let them consider what they were doing. He hoped Grand Lodge would pause before it made this office, which was very dignified, one at the mercy of any amendment that might happen at the moment, without being down on the agenda paper, without a word of notice at all. ("Oh, oh.") He, therefore, asked Grand Lodge to pause before it broke through traditions, which, if traditions were worth anything at all and were esteemed anywhere, were esteemed among the body of Freemasons. (Renewed cries of "vote, vote.")

The Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, who rose amidst some signs of impatience, said he came into Grand Lodge having only heard the day before that there would be a question raised about a new Grand Treasurer, and he came with the intention of listening, and was thoroughly open to conviction with regard to the principle involved—for he took it for granted that personal feeling was laid aside, and it was to be decided purely as a matter of principle. He was now in nearly as great a state of ignorance as at the moment that he entered Grand Lodge upon the main point upon which he believed many brethren besides himself would be guided, and it was for the purpose he rose to ask some expert brother to give the following information: Bro. Baker had said that as soon as the Grand Treasurer got to know his business, to put him out would be a very improper thing. A brother sitting near him told him the office was a perfect sinecure under the safeguards and checks which on a late occasion had been very properly hedged round the office of Grand Treasurer. If that were so he ventured to say that the only possible ground for making this a life office, which all the arguments that night had clearly gone to pronounce—for the better the man and the more thoroughly he did his duty if appointed the more worthy he was to be in that office, and therefore it was to all intents and purposes a life office, and if they tried to remove such a man at the end of 10 years they would be doing greater violence than if they removed him at the end of five years; and hence the legitimate outcome of the arguments had been that whoever be Grand Treasurer be he the best Freemason in the Craft, he was to remain there for life. But what he (Bro. Simpson) felt was that, provided this office was a sinecure, provided that neither the solvency nor anything else in connection with the brother was brought into question in the slightest degree, and that it was purely an honorary office, then he thought that the only collar that was at the disposal of Grand Lodge should be so placed at their disposal and fresh blood should be constantly imported into it—(loud cheers)—and that several brethren, as able, as worthy, as zealous as Col. Creaton, than whom he believed there was no brother in that Grand Lodge more respected and honoured—(general cheering)—but that others who might be his equal in all these various points who would be glad to have the opportunity of bearing an honour which any brother might covet, and that without in any degree derogating from those brethren who had held the office in times past, but who might under circumstances such as he spoke of be permanent Treasurers for life. Under those circumstances, unless a brother could give him some explicit information to the effect that it was not a sinecure, nor an honorary office, but one of a thorough business like character requiring the attention of a man as a man of business with regard to the funds of Grand Lodge, unless such an argument was brought forward he must say he was bound to vote in favour of the proposition for a new Grand Treasurer. (Cheers.)

The amendment was carried by a large majority, and on being also carried as an original motion Bro. Britten demanded a poll.

The Earl of LATHOM said he was so perfectly convinced of the correctness of his judgment that the amendment was carried, that on this occasion he decided a poll was quite unnecessary. (Cheers.) He said, Most of the brethren present are probably aware that on the 11th December last, a calamitous fire occurred at Kingston, in the island of Jamaica, when an immense amount of property was destroyed. The District Grand Master in charge has reported that the Masons of his district suffered most serious loss by the fire and has transmitted to the Grand Master an appeal for assistance for them. The Most Worshipful Grand Master has therefore commanded me to submit to Grand Lodge in His Royal Highness's name the following motion which he thinks the Grand Lodge may fairly grant. "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."

Bro. MONTAGUE GUEST, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Dorset: M.W.G.M. in the chair, I shall have great pleasure in seconding the motion.

A BROTHER rose in the hall and said he did not think the amount large enough.

The motion, however, was carried "nem. con."

The following recommendations of the Lodge of Benevolence were then confirmed:

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	0	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

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was afterwards adopted:

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,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
20th February, 1883.

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.

The following report of the Colonial Board was also adopted:

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.,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
6th February, 1883.

The report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts of receipts and disbursements during the year 1882 was likewise adopted; and Grand Lodge was closed in form.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution held its March meeting last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., presided, and there were also present Bros. John L. Mather, A. J. Duff Filer, Joyce Murray, C. F. Matier, George Cooper, H. H. Welsh, Rev. Richard Morris, Head Master; Donald M. Dewar, James Moon, Henry Venn, A. F. Godson, A. E. Gladwell, C. H. Webb, Fredk. Adlard, C. F. Hogard, Edw. Baxter, W. Maple, George P. Gillard, H. S. Goodall, F. Binckes, Sec., and H. Massey, (Freemason).

The business before the brethren was very light, though the minutes of the former meeting, of the Audit Committee, and of the House Committee occupied some time in reading.

There was only one petition before the Committee, and this was deferred for further enquiry.

Bro. Binckes reported that in accordance with the resolution of the Committee at last meeting £1000 had been invested in India Four per Cent. Debenture Stock, and the Committee then adjourned.

FRENCH MASONRY.

We take the following article from the *Corner Stone*, and judging from it that such a movement is actually in existence, we can only express our regret to think that any American Mason would so far forget his duty, as a Mason, as to seek alliance with a so-called Masonic body that allows its members to declare "there is no God." If those non-affiliates are in earnest in their Masonic work, let them unite themselves with their lodges, and give a practical exemplification of the virtues of the Order, instead of dragging it down to the dust and besmearing their lambskins with the mire of infidelity and the filth and "muck" of atheism. Or, if for certain reasons, they do not wish to again enter their lodge-rooms, they can form clubs and practically illustrate their devotion to Hiramism by generous deeds and noble actions. These "influential (?) non-affiliates" have no need to run to the agnostic Grand Orient of France to secure a ritual to teach them how to exemplify love and practice charity. If they are in earnest, they would shun the taint of the bastard so-called Masonry of that recreant organization, and rather strive, by example and precept, to build up the Masonry of their own land, instead of endeavouring to undermine it by introducing in its midst a spurious and unclean thing, clothed with the foul leprosy of infidelity and atheism. The following editorial speaks for itself:—

"A proposition has been made by a number of influential non-affiliates to introduce into America, or at least the English-speaking portion of it, what is generally known as the modern or French Rite of Masonry, by the establishment of a Capitular Lodge in each of the large cities, to work the ritual as sanctioned by the Grand Orient of France. When organised, the Moderns design inviting all Masons to affiliate with them at a very small fee, and in this wise to create a competent fund for charitable purposes, which they design expending in the relief and burial of all respectable Masons, irrespective of affiliation, lodge jurisdiction, and other recent innovations. Of course our Grand Lodge will object stoutly to this pretended invasion of their jurisdiction, and will threaten excommunication of all concerned in the project. But their thunder must fall harmless, inasmuch as they have long since severed fraternal communication with the Grand Orient, and thus of their own accord destroyed the universality of Freemasonry, in which course the French dignitaries have declined emulation, while the non-affiliates, unrelieved and to be buried like dogs, are in no worse condition than they exist at present, and cannot be blamed for uniting with any scheme aiming at amelioration of their forced condition. Our Grand Lodges have inaugurated a war against non-affiliates, and these latter are preparing, not for retaliation, but for self-defence,—*Canadian Craftsman*."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS,

ELECTION, APRIL, 1883.

The votes and interest of the Governors and Subscribers are most earnestly solicited for

ERNEST ARTHUR STEED.

Aged 8 years (24/3/83),

Son of the late Bro. A. Orlando Steed, aged 42, Professor of Music, residing at Penge and formerly at Long Melford, Suffolk, who died suddenly of typhoid fever, leaving a Widow and Seven Children, under 13 years of age, without adequate means of support. Bro. A. O. Steed was a member (J.W.) of the Stour Valley Lodge, 1224, and continued a subscribing member until his death.

The case is strongly recommended by—

Bro. The Right Hon. Lord Waverley, P.G.M. Suffolk.
" Sir Jas. Douglass, Ionic Lodge, 227.
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" A. Legrand, William Preston, 766.
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" W. Worrel, P.M. and Sec. William Preston, 766.
" C. W. Holt, Holmesdale, 874, 1556, Addiscombe.
" W. Cook, Great City, 1426; P.M. and Sec. 1815.

Votes will be thankfully received by the following brethren:—
The Rev. C. J. Martyn, Long Melford Rectory, Suffolk;
W. H. Cummings, Esq., Thurlow-park-road, Dulwich, S.E.; J. H. Jewell, Esq., Westerham, Kent; William Cook, Esq., St. John's, Penge, S.E.

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The case is strongly recommended by the under mentioned Brethren, and who have kindly consented to receive proxies: Bro. Jas. Brett, P.M. 177, P.G.P.; 14, Sidney Road, Homerton.
" Edmd. Coste, P.M., 9, 1314, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; P.Z. 619; Distillery Bank Street, Gravesend.
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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ELECTION APRIL 16TH, 1883.

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Proxies will be thankfully received by the Mother (Mrs. Hill), 17, St. Philip's-road, Dalston, E. (late of 9, Colebrook-row, Islington); also by
Bro. Thomas Bartlett, 52, Wilson-street, Finsbury, E.C.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1883.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FESTIVAL.—A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly allow me space to correct an error which appeared in the list of subscriptions you inserted in your last number.

It is there made to appear that part of the subscriptions brought in by General Brownrigg, C.B., belonged to the Province of Suffolk; it should have been from his Province of Surrey which worked so zealously to support his presidency.

I have received further subscriptions as under:—

Bro. T. D. Birch (No. 1365), £52 10s.; Bro. A. Clark (No. 1227), £10 10s. additional, making his list £189 in all; Bro. C. Tudway (592), £5 5s. additional; and sundry small sums, making the total to date £13,141 10s., and eight lists yet to come in.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am, yours fraternally and obliged,

J. TERRY, Secretary.

Office, No. 4, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

7th March, 1883.

OUR CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Out of your to-day's issue I call the following from certain remarks anent the Boys' School:

"Many wealthy lodges give their subscription of one guinea, some few two guineas, and the great majority, from want of thought let us hope, do not subscribe at all."

By refraining to comment on the latter part of this sentence I may probably do more good than writing a letter of eight pages; my object now is to suggest that in these days of revision an edict should emanate from Grand Lodge making it incumbent upon every lodge to subscribe £2 2s. and every chapter £1 1s. annually to each of our three noble Institutions. Surely, there is not a lodge or chapter that could not afford annually £6 6s. and £3 3s. respectively in addition to their grand and provincial grand lodge dues? Surely, there is not a brother to be found who would raise his voice in any way against my suggestion? This idea if carried out could not possibly interfere with the splendid contributions that are regularly coming in. See what a glorious permanent income our "Charities" would have to depend on. I trust some brother better qualified than myself to approach the proper quarter may champion my theory, and cause to be put into practice that which would bring about a grand result from a very small source.—Yours truly and fraternally,

J. W. P. SALMON, P.M. 163,

March 3rd. P.P.G.D.C. East Lanc.

THE GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My esteemed and usually well-informed brother, James H. Neilson, of Dublin, is in error in saying that Mother Kilwinning is still a provincial grand lodge. It is not so. Mother Kilwinning stands at the head of the roll of lodges holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Its master is "ipso facto" Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire. The lodge itself is not in any respect a provincial grand lodge. Bro. Neilson should renew his acquaintance with my "History of Freemasonry," published in 1873.—Ever truly yours,

D. MURRAY LYON, Grand Secretary.

THE HOUSE OF LENNOX AND FREEMASONRY.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I venture to submit the following particulars to supplement what has already appeared in your columns on the above subject.

The first Duke of Richmond, who is described as "Master of a lodge at Chichester," was Grand Master of England in 1695. Sir Christopher Wren was Deputy. (See Anderson's Constitutions.)

The second Duke was installed Grand Master of England on 24th June, 1724, and a full account of his installation is given in Anderson's book. A copy of this book, now in possession of the Lodge of Union, No. 38, was presented (as set forth in an autograph inscription) "to the Right Worshipful the Master and Wardens . . . of the holy lodge of St. John . . . in the City of Chichester . . . by their most affectionate Bro. Richmond, Leñox, and Aubigny, April 28th, A.L. 5739." In an account against His Grace, produced by Lord March at last lodge, occurs this item: "To the candlesticks and sword used by the Society of Freemasons, £2 0 0." It is not improbable that the articles referred to are identical with those now in use in the Lodge of Union.

Of the third duke, I have not heard that he was a Mason.

The fourth duke (as General Lennox) joined the Royal Clarence Lodge at Brighton in 1804; in the same year he became W.M. of the lodge, and continued in that office for 10 years, having as his deputy Bro. Edmund Scott, grandfather of the present D.P.G.M. of Sussex. General Lennox became Duke of Richmond in 1807. The minute book of the Royal Clarence Lodge has this entry, under date March 17th, 1808:

"The Duke of Richmond sends a message to the lodge by General Mackenzie that he had, as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and W.M. of the Royal Clarence Lodge, laid the first stone of a monument to Lord Nelson with Masonic honours."

His Grace was also first Master of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 624, Chichester, and continued Master from 1811 to 1815, and became Provincial Grand Master of Sussex in 1814.

The fifth duke, when Earl of March, was on Oct. 15th, 1812, balloted for, accepted, initiated, passed, and raised in the Lodge of Friendship, of which lodge his father was then W.M. He succeeded his father as Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, and held that position till his death in 1860. His brother, Lord William Pitt Lennox, was accepted as a candidate in the Lodge of Harmony, No. 35, Chichester, in 1821.

The sixth (present) duke is, I believe, not a Mason. But his eldest son, the Earl of March, M.P., was initiated in the Lodge of Union, No. 38, and two of his younger sons, Lord Algernon and Lord Francis Gordon-Lennox are joining members of that lodge. Lord March, who was G.S.W. of England in 1881, was W.M. of the Lodge of Union, No. 38, last year. He is this year Third Principal of the Cyrus Chapter, No. 38, and Lord Algernon Gordon-Lennox is a candidate for exaltation at the next meeting of that chapter, on the 15th inst.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JOHN ST. CLAIR,

Chichester,

March 7th.

P.M. 38 and 1726,

P.P.G.J.W. Sussex.

STELLAR THEOLOGY, MASONIC ASTRONOMY,
&c. By ROBERT HEWETT BROWN. J. Hogg, Paternoster-row; D. Appleton, New York.

This work comes before us with many claims for careful consideration, and is alike admirably printed and strikingly illustrated. The writer has evidently spared neither time nor trouble in order to produce a satisfactory outcome, and he has accordingly collected and put together a very remarkable assemblage of curious coincidences, and reproduced the results of abstruse researches. And yet we fear despite all that he has thus marshalled and dilated upon, advanced and illustrated forcibly and effectively, the verdict of our modern Masonic critical school will be altogether adverse, in its entirety at any rate, to the views he propounds, the theories he suggests. The connection of Freemasonry with astronomical formulae and the ancient mysteries is not a new suggestion. It has been most elaborately dealt with by "Lenoir" and others, and to "Lenoir" especially Bro. Brown is under great obligations. How far the Ancient Mysteries were astronomical may be a matter of doubt and question, but that Freemasonry as we know it is to be explained by an astronomical theory was not accepted as a fact by those who originally studied "Lenoir," neither will it and can it be acceded to now. That there may be and probably is a connection with the mysteries "Hermetically," Hutchinson advanced and Bro. Gould has recently again touched upon; but beyond the identity of a mystical ceremonial, probational trials, and carefully preserved "apocrypha" no one can safely go. Hermeticism, no doubt, had at all times a great influence on Freemasonry, a source and channel of critical study too long overlooked; but he would equally err who proclaimed Masonry to be only Hermetic. And, therefore, to explain all Masonic usages by astronomical similarities or realities is to repeat the old errors and move in the same old pathway of sheep-walking iteration. Freemasonry as we have it was probably borrowed from many systems, and is the outcome of concomitant bodies, and even of conflicting and antagonistic associations. Bro. Brown in deriving "Freemasonry" from "Phre-Massen" in Coptic goes against all modern criticism, which lays down this "undeviating canon" of philology,

that you are not to seek for what is far off and far fetched when you are able to avail yourself of what is close at hand and clear to the inductive process. The derivation from Phre-Massen is very fanciful and still more doubtful at the best, while that from Macon, Franc maçon, is now almost irresistible. That the tradition of the mysteries lingered on is no doubt true; but that any revival of them took place after the fall of Rome cannot be proved, and must be a very doubtful and hazardous statement. If it be true that the early Christians adopted the terminology of the mysteries to some extent, alike in the expression they made use of and the "disciplina arcani" they set up, "non probatur," so far that such mystical teaching, except by way of absorption or adaptation, ever had anything to do with Hermetic societies. There was no doubt a Christian Hermeticism, which seems to have centered in the "Rosa Mystica" and other cognate symbols, but had nothing to do with the mysteries proper. This work then, though abounding in interesting "excerpts," and striking points, alike inviting perusal and study, will, we fear, hardly accord or safely harmonize with the realistic tendencies and authentic aspirations of our modern critical school.

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Poor faded leaves! nay, let them lie;
My cheeks would only glow
To read of happy days gone by,
And bitter tears would flow.

Record of hours whose hallowed gleams
Shed brightness o'er my soul;
Dearer each word, each sentence seems
As years still onward roll.

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The lines to "M. L." are very touching.
In these long weary hours, love,
When I am far from thee,
My life is but a desert, love,
With no green spot for me.

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The "Guardian Angels" are very effective.
Yes! the mystic cords are wove,
Bonds of heaven link the earth;
Round us ever angels rove,
Smiling on us from our birth.

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Many of us will fully realize the cadences so harmonious and realistic of "Sorrow's Hour."

He's gone! No more that loving hand
Will press my fevered brow;
He's gone to God's mysterious land,
And life seems worthless now.

No more his gentle smile can play
O'er this sweet home of love.
No more those eyes can meet the day,
The deep blue skies above.

Mute is that voice whose tender tone
Once filled my heart with joy;
The pulse is still, the soul has flown
Where bliss hath no alloy.

We might soon fill our scanty space with extracts from this pleasant and graceful little volume, but we prefer to send our readers to the original for their own pleasure and profit.

THE ARABIAN NIGHTS. Part 7. Cassell, Petter, Galpin, and Co.

We are delighted to meet again our very old friends "The Hunchback," and the "Jewish Doctor." Have any of our readers forgotten the story? Do they not recall that dreadful fishbone? If they have, or if they have not, they will excuse us we hope for saying that they are the dullest of the dull, the most unsympathetic of the unsympathetic! We are again reminded of that remarkable tale of Aboulhasen Ali Ebn Becar, the Persian Prince, of Ebn Thaker, and the beautiful and sentimental Schemselnihar. Perhaps to our colder fancies and northern instincts, these episodes, however moving in themselves, and probably life-like and realistic, may seem to savour a little of what is abnormal and unsafe, to be entirely approved of by the prudential or the strict minded. But still they come to us environed with all the gracefulness of Oriental "figurativism" and carry us back vividly to stories we once thought to be full of light and love, and truth and tenderness. Like many another mundane tale and eastern fable, the fairy wand of truth seem to touch them one and all to day, and lo! they fade away and utterly disappear in their picturesque gracefulness, leaving nothing behind them, nothing but "dust and ashes."

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Masonic Notes and Queries.

134] THE TITLE "FREEMASON."

In the extract from the Manchester Registers printed in the *Freemason* last week ("Notes and Queries," 131) the word "bapt," meaning baptised, was by a printers' error made into "Capt." W. H. R.

135] THE GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

The real object of the letter by Bro. Neilson, supporting the article advocating Masonic reform in Ireland, being to obtain a change for the better in that country as respects Grand Lodge management, I have no wish to introduce any "side issues," and so shall content myself with observing that the first or earliest evidence of a grand lodge being formed in the world is to be found in the "Book of Constitutions," compiled in 1720-2, and published in 1723, known as the "General Regulations" of the Grand Lodge of England. This body warranted several lodges in London, and in the country, before any other grand lodge was established, and its claim to be the premier Grand Lodge of the world is beyond question. Of existing grand lodges Ireland comes next, and then I suppose Scotland. W. J. HUGHAN.

136] FREEMASONRY IN DONCASTER.

I think Bro. Todd's communication in last week's *Freemason* settles the point as to a warrant being granted for Doncaster by the "Grand Lodge of all England." It evidently is now decided in the negative, and I am glad to have read his interesting note on the subject. In Bro. Delanoy's History of "St. George's Lodge," No. 242, there is a full list of all the members connected with that lodge from 1780, the only one of the three names mentioned by Bro. Todd, being William Parker who took part in the constitution of the lodge, 4th July, 1780, and apparently was admitted a member on the 17th of the same month. He is described as a "mercier." The Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of England, "Rowland Berkeley, Esq.," was present at the first meeting, as also on April 23rd, 1781, and is the brother from whom the Grand Secretary of the York Grand Lodge heard as to Doncaster. W. J. HUGHAN.

137] LEWIS, &c.

Is it possible that Bro. Fort is after all on the right track in leaning to a Scandinavian origin of Freemasonry as one explanation of its history? for I do not understand him to make that theory an exhaustive one, as well as in ascribing a Scandinavian origin to some of our older terms of Masonic usage and mysticism? If it be true that the "Runes" are but a Scandinavian "user" of the Macedonian trading alphabet; if it be the fact that from Scandinavian builders, affected by Greek and Eastern art, Gothic architecture took its rise, then it is not "very far out," as it seems to me, I confess, to trace the origin of some Masonic Gild terms to the Gothic (Scandinavian) revival of the building art, science, and practice. There is great difficulty in finding the true derivation of "Lewis." Is it by chance Scandinavian in origin? To lift in Danish is "lofte," in Swedish "lyfta," in Icelandic "lyfta." Have we in this the origin of "luis," "levier," "louve"? Curiously enough, Mr. Skeat in his most valuable "Etymological Dictionary," &c., to which I am already indebted for the above hints, tells us that, notwithstanding the frequently asserted Anglo-Saxon origin of "build" and "builders," such origin is not really Anglo-Saxon but Scandinavian, like "boulder." He says that its meaning "was to build or construct a house," from the Swedish "bylja," and that there is really no such word as the alleged Anglo-Saxon "Byldan," to build. There is an Anglo-Saxon word Byldan, to embolden, from "Beald" or "Bald," audacious, but no such word to build. In all probability, Mr. Skeat tells us, "bylja" comes itself originally from bua or bo, akin from the Sanskrit "bhu" to be, and thus "to build means to construct a place in which to be or dwell." If one could find an Anglo-Saxon word Mason or Masoun, the origin of Freemason would be easy enough, as "Freeman" meant a "Freeman," and "Freemason" would mean a "Freemason." But so far we can trace no such Anglo-Saxon word. In Manning's Grand Dictionary he says "Maca" Anglo-Saxon is socius, a companion. The word mason comes clearly from maçon in French, and that is derived probably from the law Latin Macio a maçon or Macerio a stone waller, Maceria being a walled enclosure, from the Greek Makelon. Mr. Skeat says such words exist as machio, macho, maco and macrio; mactio, matio, mattio, and macerio. Many of these words are misreadings or corruptions no doubt, still as mactio comes from "Mactio" and hence Masonry, so masoun and mason come from maçon. The modern German word "Steinmetz" seems to come from the old German "mezzo" a mason, and that from meizen or meizan to hew, and the Scandinavian meita or meitau, to hew, hence meitill, a chisel. I mention all these points as they say for information." MASONIC STUDENT.

138] CHARLES SACKVILLE.

I note "G. B. A.'s" note. I do not see that he strengthens any of his "points" as regards the Duke of Dorset. He explains Spence's mission at Turin in 1740. But a curious point has arisen. Though Kloss admits that the "Strict Observance" calendars, privately printed, "primissu superiorum" (a Jesuit phrase), translated into "mit gehemmigung der Obern," Germanic, appeared 1776-1777, and were edited by Bode, as well as two more volumes, published at Leipzig in 1778 and 1779, yet some doubts have arisen as to the No. 11 for 1777. The figures 1777 have been rubbed out, though legible by a magnifying glass, and "experts" say that the paper and printing are probably Dutch, and not of 1777. Honning seems to be the name of the paper-maker. Who was Honning? and when did he live? and where? There is, however, no doubt that certain medals appeared, as Kloss says, in the actual edition, (if this be a reprint), of 1777. DRYASDUST.

Professor Macfarren, Principal of the Royal Academy of Music, was presented on the 70th anniversary of his birthday with a cheque for £500.

MASONIC PRESENTATION TO BRO. H. JEFFS, P. PROV. G.W., SHERIFF OF GLOUCESTER.

The handsome gold chain to be in future worn by the Sheriffs of Gloucester, which has been subscribed for by the brethren of the province, was recently presented to Bro. Henry Jeffs, the City Sheriff, at a banquet given at Beaufort House. Over 70 sat down, including many ladies. Bro. T. Nelson Foster, P.M., occupied the chair and made the presentation. He was supported on his right and left by Bro. Jeffs and Mrs. Jeffs, and Miss Ponsford, niece of Bro. Jeffs. Alderman Edwards and Councillor Matthews occupied the vice-chairs. The company included Alderman Jones, Alderman Robinson, Mr. C. B. Walker, Alderman Knight, Alderman Murrell, Councillors Roberts, Ashbee, and Luker, Dr. Bond, Messrs. Sydney-Turner, W. Higgs, J. Green, J. H. Jones, S. Aitken, F. Higgs, T. B. Davies, T. R. Davies, J. W. Jeens, C. Washbourne, A. V. Hatton, G. Peters, W. B. Stocker, G. Norman, C. E. Lashmore, E. Lea, H. Frith, J. Minchin, W. J. Lifton, E. G. Woodward, W. Fream, G. Lance, S. Bland, W. C. Ferriss, E. I. Chipp, J. S. Gee, A. Wettre, Cook, A. Woodward, Cugley, G. Griffiths, B. London, C. Portlock, H. T. Jew, Shilstone, and others.

The CHAIRMAN gave "The Queen," and "Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," in appropriate terms, and the toasts were duly honoured.

The CHAIRMAN said it was now his privilege to propose the toast of the evening. He would ask them to drink "The Health of Mr. Henry Jeffs, the City Sheriff," their guest that evening. He sincerely regretted that the toast had not fallen into abler hands. It was a source of sorrow to them that they had not Bro. J. J. Powell, formerly member for the city, leader of the Oxford Circuit, to occupy the position he did. He believed his absence was due entirely to official etiquette, it being the custom of the Bar for no member of a circuit to enter an assize town before a forthcoming assize. There was much in common between Mr. Powell and their guest that evening, for they were both of antiquarian tastes. He felt sure if Mr. Powell had been present they would have heard much antiquarian lore, especially as to Freemasonry, and they would probably have been detained till a very late hour. There was nothing so gratifying as generous commendation, and rendering honour where honour was due, especially to a deserving citizen, and this was never more deserved than in this case. In the name of the one hundred and eleven contributors to this handsome testimonial he asked Bro. Jeffs's acceptance of the beautiful address before him and of the chain of office. He read the address, which stated that it was presented with the gold chain and badge on his appointment to the office of Sheriff to the city by the undersigned members of the Masonic Craft in testimony of their esteem towards him and in recognition of his efforts to advance Freemasonry. In presenting this he was reminded that Bro. Jeffs in his commercial capacity had through a life of strict honour and integrity gained a position of confidence and esteem in one of the oldest mercantile establishments in the city. (Applause.) As a Freemason Bro. Jeffs had been a shining light for many years. He held the distinguished office of Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden. He had held several distinguished offices, and at the present time he was Worshipful Master of the Royal Zetland Lodge, of which he was, he believed, one of the founders, and he had now the satisfaction of seeing that lodge rank in a proud position in the province. As a citizen they knew Bro. Jeffs not only as a Freemason, but as a distinguished historian and antiquarian, and he was sure his contributions to the local press had always been read with interest. Bro. Jeffs, he believed, was mainly instrumental in securing for Gloucester the monument to Bishop Hooper. During the past year, as they were aware, their guest had been called upon to fill the office of City Sheriff, and many of his friends, more particularly the Masons, felt that the occasion should be seized upon to do honour to him by some testimonial to mark that auspicious event. A numerous committee was formed and contributions were invited, and they flowed in from all parts of the province, on less than 111 brethren having contributed. The shape which it was thought best for the testimonial to take was the very handsome chain then before them. It was intrinsically valuable, and it was of elegant design, and was a beautiful work of art. In conception it was Masonic, and its design was municipal. They looked upon Bro. Jeffs in both capacities. It was now his pleasing duty to invest Bro. Jeffs with that chain of office. Having done so, the Chairman went on to express a hope that the chain might adorn the high municipal office Bro. Jeffs held; that it might serve to perpetuate that bond of good fellowship and good feeling which subsisted between him and his brother Masons; and that when it passed to the shoulders of another Sheriff it might never be to one less worthy, but one who would have the interests of the city at heart as he had. He further hoped that Bro. Jeffs would be blest with every possible happiness and prosperity, and that he would be spared long life in his native city. (Applause.)

The toast was drunk with rounds of cheering.

Bro. Sheriff JEFFS responded. He said: This meeting is of a novel character. In presenting me with this Sheriff's gold chain and badge you have conferred an honour upon a very humble if an earnest citizen of Gloucester. You have dignified the official position which I have the honour to hold, and you have shown your respect and attachment to the city of Gloucester uninfluenced by the least political party bias. Those who would even but whisper otherwise would "commit the blunder and create the fault." Some of my lady friends, prompted by a very natural curiosity, may desire to know what Freemasonry is. Freemasonry is a system of morality veiled in allegory and of symbolical teaching. Reverentially we adopt as our motto the first words recorded as uttered by the Great Architect of the Universe: "Let there be light." Allegorically we admit into our teaching many of the principal incidents related in the revealed volume of God's word; but there are three great epochs which we especially recognise: 1st, The erection of the Tabernacle at the foot of Mount Horeb; 2nd, The dedication of King Solomon's Temple on Mount Moriah; 3rd, The restoration of that Temple after the return of the Children of Israel from their Babylonish Captivity. We believe that the Divine light will ultimately destroy all evil, and that at its full and final rising it will bring peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race; and that the body and

soul of man may be penetrated by the Divine light and become living Temples to God's service is the wish of every true Freemason. (Hear, hear.) As there are several degrees in Freemasonry, so in our Father's house there are many mansions. What degrees of glory there may be reserved for the faithful we do not inculcate; we only trust that, acting according to the laws of our Divine Creator, when we are summoned from this sublunary abode we may ascend to the Grand Lodge above, where the world's great Architect lives and reigns for ever. I quote from the canons of our Order: "Let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order, provided he believe in the glorious Architect of heaven and earth, and practise the sacred duties of morality." "No private piques or quarrels must be brought within the doors of the lodge, far less any quarrels about religion, or nations, or State policy, we being only, as Masons, of the universal religion; we are also of all nations, kindreds, and languages, and are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conducted to the welfare of the lodge, nor ever will." Thus Masonry is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance. And that charity, which is a leading characteristic of a Freemason's heart, is practised amongst us our benevolent institutions testify. But, after all, the Masonic Order is but human. It is not always the Arcadia that could be desired, nor is it the Happy Valley depicted in Rasselas. This handsome Sheriff's gold chain and badge are evidence of true brotherly regard. I wish that I possessed the gift of eloquence and a tongue of fire which would enable me appropriately to express my gratitude for your thoughtful kindness. What poverty of thanks I have to offer! I would if I could give freely. I understood we were to have had the pleasure of the company of the Rev. Jonathan Mayne—"A well-polished gentleman; a classic volume well bound." In a once substantial house, enclosed in a well-kept garden, in a then most picturesque spot in view of the venerable ruins of St. Catherine's Church, now happily restored, my great grandfather lived and died. Gloucester was once a link in the chain of a vast primeval forest, of which the Forest of Dean is but the remains. There in solitude roamed the untutored savage and the wild beast—

"Great Nature spoke, observant man obeyed,

Cities were formed, societies were made;

Here rose one little state, another near,

Man joined to man through love or fear."

Caerglow, the "fair city" of the British, the "bright city," the "city of the pure stream;" *Glevum*, the first syllable its Celtic name, the second the Roman. First came the British trackways, then the improvement of the Roman roads. The road to Birdlip, straight almost as an arrow, is the Ermin-street from Glevum to Cirencester, the Corinium of the Romans. What city can compare with Gloucester? Its main streets, from the gentle kroll at the Cross, lead to the four points of the compass. The Tolsey, deriving its name from toll being formerly collected there, was the ancient forum or capitol of the Romans. The Garrison of Glevum came over into Britain with Julius Cæsar, but the British had first to be driven out, and retired to their fastnesses in South Wales. King Lucius, the first Christian Prince of Britain, is said to have been interred at Gloucester. St. Paul is said to have preached here. After possession of Gloucester for 500 years the Romans evacuated the place and the British repossessed it. Then followed cruel wars and the Saxons drove out the British. At Kingsholm rose the palace of the Saxons. Hengist for his treacherous cruelty suffered death near the city. King Alfred, King Edgar, and Edward the Confessor sojourned here. King Athelstan died here. Edward the Confessor feasted at Gloucester Eustace, Earl of Bologne. Canute the Dane and Edmund Ironsides are alleged to have met for single combat on the Isle of Alney, close to the city, which is surrounded by the River Severn, which resulted in a bloodless encounter, and they agreed to divide the kingdom. Then came the Normans. William of Normandy was fond of Gloucester as a place of residence. William Rufus lay here when afflicted with a serious illness during the whole of Lent, and in our cathedral to this day may be seen the curious effigy of Robert the Courteous. King Henry I. held his Court here, as did Henry II., and King Henry III. was crowned here. Edward the First, in 1272, enacted useful laws called the Statutes of Gloucester. Edward II. dwelt here. Edward III. granted a fair here, which King Richard II. confirmed. Henry IV. held a Parliament here, as did Edward IV. King Richard III. visited Gloucester, of which he had been previously Duke. The great novelist Sir Walter Scott speaks of the "Lancastrian prejudices of Shakespeare," having, no doubt, in his mind the delineation of the character and physical presentments of Richard the Third. Shakespeare no doubt ministered to the prejudices of Elizabeth. How well the sculptural genius of Milton would have contrasted with the mental painting of Shakespeare with such a subject as Richard the Third. The ideal touches of the poetical chisel of the too inflexible Parliamentarian would have thrown into the shade the hard outlines on the canvas of his more courtly predecessor. Be that as it may, whether Richard the Third was or was not the devil he was painted, he was a great benefactor to Gloucester. Gloucester was a city as early as 671, and so continued when London was only a borough; but Gloucester got into disrepute, especially from siding with that noble character Gilbert de Clare, Earl of Gloucester, who joined the confederacy of the Barons against Royal encroachments. The citizens of Gloucester have ever evinced their attachment to the cause of liberty. King John made Gloucester a borough, and in the year 1199 made the Sheriff the Chief Officer of Gloucester. John was lax in his morals and lived apart from his Queen, heiress to the Earl of Gloucester. King Henry III. constituted it a corporate town, and so its ancient privileges were restored. Richard the Third gave us the sword and cap of maintenance; he also constituted the city a county of itself, and by proclamation of the City Sheriff at the present assizes it is called the county of the city of Gloucester. In the year 1483 it was that Sheriffs of the city of Gloucester were appointed. Edward I. suspended the Sheriff of Gloucester by appointing as chief officers of the town two bailiffs, and so it continued down to Richard III., who then by Royal Charter gave us a mayor, two sheriffs, and other officers. So this year we celebrate the fourth century of their appointment. Is not the coincidence singular, and is it not apposite to present this year the

City Sheriff with a gold chain, to be worn by him and then to be handed down by his successors in office? It may some day be a fruitful topic to the historian as well as the novelist gifted with word painting to describe the pageant attendant on the visit of King Henry VII. to Gloucester. The King rode from Worcester to Gloucester, where, three miles out of the town, the Mayor, with his brethren and the Sheriffs in scarlet gowns, and other people in great numbers, with red gowns and all on horseback, welcomed the King without the gates. There was a great procession of Friars, Black and Grey. Within a stone's throw from this table the Abbot and Monks received the King with procession at the Abbey or Cathedral door. The Abbot, mitred, performed High Mass, and it may be near here the King abode Saturday and Sunday. In the presence of a great assembly of citizens at the Cathedral the Bishop of Worcester preached a sermon before his Majesty. King Henry VIII. visited Gloucester and an Act of Parliament was passed to repair our streets. It may be interesting to my lady friends here present to know that pin-making was first introduced into Gloucester in the year 1626. Not but what "clothes pegs" had been already in fashion. Silver skewers were used by the wealthy to fasten their rich attire, but the poor, before they had brass pins, used the prickles of thorns curiously trimmed and dried to fasten their gowns, for even buttons were denied except to the titled and the affluent. And last came the Civil War, in which Charles the First and his Parliament were at issue. You are familiar with the painting at the Tolsey which represents King Charles I., who came here with 5000 soldiers to subdue the city, conferring with Sergeant-Major Pudsey and Toby Jordan, afterwards Mayor of Gloucester, in Tredworth Field at the foot of Robin's Wood Hill. Our present learned and amiable bishop, with quiet and good humour and a critical taste which cannot be denied, takes exception to the "impossible" tall hat worn by one of the deputation, and has pronounced the horse on which the Parliamentarian is seated "a screw." His lordship might have been equally severe upon the ferocious bulldog in the picture. John Dorney, the city orator and town clerk, in one of his famous annual speeches in the year 1645, charges the city sheriffs that they are "to uphold the good customs of the city to their power, making their own private estates, in a more than ordinary manner, tributary to the public state of the Corporation." Now, having no estate, I shall bequeath to the city this gold chain and badge, and in doing so I hope I shall have your approbation, and alike secure the esteem and commendation of my fellow-citizens. (Hear, hear.) For your gentlemanly courtesy and true brotherly feeling, worthy and Worshipful Past Master, Bro. Nelson Foster, in presiding at this meeting, to the subscribers to the chain, and to the company here present, from my heart I thank you. (Applause.)

Ald. ROBINSON referred to the pleasant character of that gathering, and said the honour they were offering to Sheriff Jeffs was well deserved. The Corporation he was sure would gladly accept the chain through their friend Bro. Jeffs when his term of office should have expired, and the Corporation would always regard it with satisfaction, while all present would always remember the happy evening they had spent in associating together to do honour to their worthy Sheriff. (Applause.)

Mr. W. HIGGS proposed "The Subscribers to the Testimonial," speaking of the good feeling they had shown in paying a well-deserved honour to Bro. Sheriff Jeffs, and in beautifying the plate of the Corporation. It was only right that the high officials of the city should be distinguished in some appropriate manner. Owing to their not being so distinguished it was stated that the crimson-gowned sword bearer with his cap of maintenance had been mistaken for the Mayor on the occasion of the visit of Princess Victoria to Gloucester many years ago. As the municipal procession now passed through the streets they would be able to distinguish their Mayor and Sheriff. He referred to his long acquaintance with Bro. Jeffs, and to their being Sunday-school teachers together. Bro. Jeffs had made his mark in the town, and it would never be obliterated, for it stood on record that he it was who originated the handsome monument to Bishop Hooper, which stood where once stood the sheep-market. When the market was enclosed the charred stake where Bishop Hooper had been burnt was discovered, and it had been removed to the Museum. A Mason had laid the foundation-stone of that monument, and the Masons had subscribed for the reredos in the cathedral. Outsiders must therefore regard the institution of Freemasonry as not only very ancient but also very useful, and it had now united to do honour to their worthy Sheriff. (Applause.)

Councillor MATTHEWS in responding said the beautifully-executed inscription on vellum, the work of Bro. Lifton, setting forth the names and Masonic titles of the subscribers, indicated that 111 Masons had responded. The list comprised two Members of Parliament, a Queen's Counsel, two masters of arts, and a clergyman, and many occupying high positions in the Craft. It was satisfactory that so many of the brethren of the three Gloucester lodges were willing to combine to do honour to a brother Mason. Brotherly love was one of the foundation-stones of their Order, and the subscribers only had one object in view, namely, to unite in signalling in a gratifying manner a salient episode in Bro. Jeffs's career. He should hand over to him the very kind letters which had been received from many of the subscribers, which he believed would be even more valued than the testimonial. Those letters bespoke the high esteem in which Bro. Jeffs was held, and the pleasure of the writers in having an opportunity of manifesting their goodwill. The subscribers had been limited strictly to Masons. The suggestion that had been made in one of the weekly newspapers that the list should be thrown open never found any favour amongst the brethren, although they knew they were denying a gratification to many outside the Craft, and the result has justified their reliance on Masonic spirit. As chairman of the committee he might say that unanimity had characterised their proceedings. Where all had worked with energy it would be invidious to make mention of particular names, but it would be less than just to Bro. Edwards not to say that the success of the testimonial was due to his zeal. Bros. Green and Bland had also rendered efficient service. (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN mentioned that he had been made a Mason in that room. In commending Freemasonry he hinted to the ladies present that every Mason made a good husband. The pleasure of attending that gathering had been greatly enhanced by the presence of ladies.



Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This old lodge met for the dispatch of business at Anderton's Hotel on the 27th ult., when there were present among others Bros. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, W.M.; Clark, S.W.; Jordan, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stewart, P.M., Sec.; Fromholtz, S.D.; Dippie, D.C.; McMullens, A.W.S.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; Morrison, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; Hakim, Coope, Holland, Whadcoat, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Dairy, P.M., proposed that the sum of 10 guineas be voted from the lodge funds and placed upon the list of Bro. Whadcoat as a Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The proposition having been seconded was put and unanimously carried. Several communications having been read from absent members the lodge was duly closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Upon the removal of the cloth a few toasts were honoured and the brethren separated.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at Cannon-street Hotel. Present: Bros. Jas. Giesman Chillingworth, W.M.; H. A. Pratt, S.W.; H. Stevenson, J.W.; H. Legge, P.M., Treas.; Geo. Abbott, P.M., Sec.; Barclay Perkins, S.D.; W. Darnell, I.G.; T. Cohu, P.M., Steward; W. Dyer, Tyler; Lucas, I.P.M.; Rickwood, P.M.; Jones, P.M.; Kenning, P.M.; Smith, Williams, Dart, Quy, Fisher, Hamblin, Tilbury, Belpage, Medwin, Fraser, Cann, Fowler, Davis, Waring, and Most. Visitors: Bros. Flaxman Spurrell, I.P.M. 1973, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; Sears, P.G.D. Kent; Linscot, I.P.M. 55; Birdseye, P.M. 715; Hale, P.M. 1414; and several others 25 in all.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee and Treasurer's balance sheet was then considered, the balance brought forward being the largest for some years; the report and statement was unanimously received and adopted. The passing candidate, Bro. Tilbury having responded to the usual questions was passed to the Degree of F.C. The ceremony of installation then took place, and Bro. Pratt, S.W. and W.M. elect, having been presented, was installed in the chair of K.S. in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters and saluted accordingly. The retiring W.M., Bro. Chillingworth, concluded the ceremony in a most able manner, delivering the addresses with great feeling and in a most impressive manner. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Stevenson, S.W.; Barclay Perkins, J.W.; H. Legge, Treas.; G. Abbott, Sec.; W. Medwin, S.D.; Darnell, J.D.; Dowland, I.G.; Cohu, S.S.; Williams and Laward, A. Stwds.; Rickwood, D.C.; Fisher, A.D.C.; and Smith, Org. Bro. Dyer was re-elected Tyler and invested accordingly.

Bro. Fisher, in accordance with notice of motion, proposed that the usual Past Master's jewel of the value of 10 guineas be presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. Chillingworth; and the motion having been seconded was carried unanimously, when the W.M. in suitable terms invested Bro. Chillingworth with the jewel.

The Secretary drew attention to the recommendation of the Audit Committee, viz., that the sum of 10 guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and proposed that the lodge gave effect to the recommendation, which having been seconded was carried unanimously.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. The vocal talent, under the charge of Bro. F. Cozens, gave much satisfaction.

BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Swan Hotel. The lodge was opened by Bro. G. P. Brockbank, P.P.S.G.D., W.M., when there were present Bros. John Booth, S.W.; F. W. Pacey, P.P.G. Org. Berks and Bucks, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Gibbon, Chap.; Jas. Newton, P.P.G.S.D., Sec.; J. W. Poyntz, S.D.; J. Hardcastle, J.D.; J. M. Bentley, Org.; W. H. Lomax, I.G.; J. Naylor, Stwd.; J. W. Roiley, Tyler; T. Higson, Asst. Tyler; S. Crowther, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; Rooke Pennington, P.M.; Johnson Mills, P.M.; and W. Golding. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Kenyon, P.M. 42; Berry, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; Chas. Brierley, W.M. 42; E. Evans, J.W. 42; P. Bradburn, J.W. 221; and W. F. Chambers, I.G. 221.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. W. M. Musgrave, 1514, and E. Barber, P.M. 113, were unanimously elected as joining members of the lodge. The Secretary read a report of a meeting of present and past provincial grand officers, W.Ms., and brethren of the province held in Manchester on the 23rd January last, for the object of considering the best course to adopt with the view of obtaining additional subscriptions and donations to the various Masonic Charities. The W.M. intimated that he had consented to serve as Steward at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and afterwards on behalf of the lodge tendered a hearty welcome to the visiting brethren, particularly the three members of Lodge 42, whose object in visiting them was to obtain information as to the proper mode of celebrating their 150th anniversary in July next, and which he (the W.M.) and the Secretary (Bro. Newton) would be willing to afford to the fullest extent.

Bro. Brierley, W.M. 42, in thanking the W.M. and Secretary, intimated that it was the intention of their lodge to publish its history collated from the records, which were all extant from 1733, the date of its commencement, a fact which will at once be interesting and gratifying to all Masonic students.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors and the lodge was closed.

CHICHESTER.—Lodge of Union (No. 38).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 1st inst. The W.M., Bro. F. W. Gruggen, presided, and the Wardens, Bros. O. Lloyd and

W. H. Barrett, filled their respective chairs, nearly all the other officers being present, while among the Past Masters were Bros. the Earl of March and Kinnare, M.P., P.G. Warden; R. G. Raper, P.P.G.J.W.; G. Molesworth, P.P.G.D.; G. Smith, P.P.G.D.; Oliver N. Wyatt, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; and others. Bro. Lord Algernon Gordon Lennox accompanied his brother, the Earl of March, to the lodge.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the Worshipful Master in a graceful speech presented Bro. the Earl of March with a Past Master's jewel which had been unanimously voted to him by the brethren, and also invested him with the collar of I.P.M.

Lord March in the course of his reply regretted that his important public duties had prevented him from attending the lodge meetings so often as he could have wished during his year of office as W.M. He expressed his unabated interest in the progress of Freemasonry, and said he should continue as his ancestors, the Dukes of Richmond had always done, to use his best endeavours for the welfare of the Craft, and especially of the old Union Lodge. His lordship added that he had only during the last 24 hours become possessed of a piece of documentary evidence showing that Freemasonry existed in the city of Chichester in the year 1730, and he produced for the inspection of the brethren a tradesman's bill, paid by the Duke of Richmond of that day, one of the items on which was "To three candlesticks and a sword, for the society of Freemasons."

During the evening the brethren were called upon to consider the propriety of granting a donation from the lodge funds towards the testimonial proposed to be presented by the Freemasons of the Province of Sussex to Bro. J. Henderson Scott, P.G.D., the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. It was proposed by Bro. Geo. Smith, P.P.G.D., and seconded by Bro. G. Molesworth, P.P.G.D., the two senior Past Masters present, that the sum of ten guineas be voted for the purpose named, both proposer and seconder speaking of Bro. Scott's unvarying kindness and courtesy, and of his unceasing labours as Provincial Grand Secretary and Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the good of the Craft. The resolution was carried unanimously. Two brethren were approved as joining members, and one proposal for initiation was received.

At the conclusion of labour the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—A regular meeting was held on the 1st inst., the lodge being opened at 7.45 p.m., consisting of the following officers and brethren: Bros. E. J. B. Mercer, W.M.; J. Rubie, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., S.W.; T. Ames, J.W.; T. P. Ashley, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; C. W. Radway, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Sec.; W. Peach, S.D.; T. E. Wilton, J.D.; T. Wilton, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Dir. of C.; W. L. Baldwin, I.G.; John Foote, Org.; F. Wilkinson, P.M., acting I.P.M.; Hunt and Reynolds, Stewards; Peel Floyd, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; T. B. Moutrie, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Philip Braham, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; J. Robinson, Pinker, Mann, Foot, and others.

The summons and the minutes were read, and apologies for non-attendance were received from several brethren, including Bros. R. B. Cater, I.P.M., and Dr. H. Hopkins, P.M. The latter never fails, health permitting, to attend to all and every Masonic call, but to the regret of his brethren at present he is too unwell to run the risk of night air. May the G.A.O.T.U. soon restore him. The candidate for passing was too unwell to attend. A ballot for a gentleman for initiation and a ballot for a joining member proved successful. The Treasurer's accounts were presented and passed, the balance being somewhat small, this past year many heavy charges having been borne. The by-laws were read and the lodge voted one guinea towards the proposed testimonial to Bro. Hunt, Provincial Grand Secretary. No further business presenting itself lodge was closed in due form and in harmony.

NORTH SHIELDS.—St. George's Lodge (No. 431).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 5th inst., the W.M., Bro. W. J. Ward, P.P.J.G.W., in the chair supported by his officers and a large assemblage of brethren and visitors, including the W.M., Wardens, and officers of the Hadrian Lodge, No. 1970. The minutes of the last regular meeting and succeeding lodge of emergency were read and confirmed, after which ballots were taken for the admission of two joining members and two gentlemen for initiation, all of whom were declared unanimously elected. Bro. E. D. Davis, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., and P.G.D. of C., who has rendered very valuable aid to the Province of Northumberland, was elected a life member of the lodge. Two brethren were passed to the Second Degree, and after transacting other business and receiving several propositions for future transactions the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to refreshment, and a convivial and pleasant hour was spent in the enjoyment of toast and song.

STAFFORD.—Staffordshire Knot Lodge (No. 726).—A lodge of emergency was held at the Swan Hotel, on the 6th ult., for the purpose of balloting for, and if elected initiating, Mr. William Beck, a gentleman from St. John's, Newfoundland, who is on a visit to England, but expecting shortly to return, and who had a strong wish to be initiated in this lodge. The ballot was unanimous in favour of Mr. Beck, and he was then initiated by the W.M., Bro. James Senior, in a very effective manner, the working tools being explained by Bro. J. Mottram, J.W.; the charge was delivered by the W.M. in his well-known style. The lodge was then closed.

The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st ult., when there were present Bros. J. Senior, W.M.; J. Baker, S.W.; J. Mottram, J.W.; Rev. E. C. Verry, M.A., P.M., Chap.; F. Woolley, Sec.; E. J. Mousley, S.D.; J. Wooldridge, J.D.; T. E. Fowke, P.M., M.C.; W. D. Batkin and H. Thorn, Stewards; R. Tomlinson, Tyler; F. Espley, S. S. Plant, W. Brown, W. Beck, N. Joyce, J. Taylor, S. Moss, and R. Sudbury.

The minutes of the last regular lodge and lodge of emergency were read and confirmed. Mr. Wm. Wynn Kenrick being in attendance was duly and properly initiated by the W.M. into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. H. Gillard, P.M., having presented to the lodge some miniature copies of the tracing boards, the workmanship of himself when only 12 years of age, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for his very handsome

present, and it was also decided to have them suitably framed.

The lodge was afterwards closed in ancient form and perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the High School for Boys, Fox Hill, and although not so numerously attended as is usually the case, yet a very pleasant evening was spent, and some good Masonic work done. Bro. H. Mason, W.M., presided, supported by the following officers and others: Bros. R. J. Cook, I.P.M.; A. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Kent, Treas.; C. Ellis-Fermor, P.M.; A. Penfold, P.M.; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.G.P. Kent, Sec.; R. Edmunds, S.W.; H. Pryce, J.W.; W. Rees, S.D.; E. Palmer, J.D.; G. H. Letton, I.G.; H. Mabbett, Tyler; T. Holleyman, W.M. 1536; G. W. King, 77; and C. Jolly, 913, S.D. 1472 (Freemason).

Bro. A. D. Capon having been passed, Bro. Penfold announced that the Provincial Reception Committee having tried in vain to get a suitable place to entertain Provincial Grand Lodge had determined to recommend that the attempt be abandoned, at least for the present year. After a discussion, in which it was stated that the only two places suitable, namely, the Assembly Room at the Duke of Connaught's Coffee Tavern and the Royal Artillery Recreation Room, were not available, it was decided that the Committee should survey other places pointed out, with power to act at once, it being deemed a great pity not to be able to carry the festival through after Provincial Grand Lodge had so kindly accepted the invitation of the lodge.

A prettily served supper was partaken of; afterwards the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., and heartily responded to.

In responding for the toast of the "Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past," Bro. Coupland expressed his sense of the honour done him in coupling him with so important a toast, and felt proud of being associated with such a distinguished body as the Grand Officers of the province of Kent, whose ruler and governor, Lord Home-dale, was so courteous a gentleman and so excellent a Mason. It was a position to boast of, and not a vain boast either he trusted, and one that he should like to see able to be made by other brethren in that lodge before long. He did not forget that he was the representative of the Pattison Lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, nor that that committee was to meet in the middle of the present month. Their esteemed Grand Master presided over those charity meetings, and after getting through a great deal of business they dined together, also presided over at the social board by his lordship. Now his reason for introducing this was to thank the brethren for the confidence reposed in him as their representative for so many years past, and further to say that he thought a change in that representation might be desirable, and if any brother of the lodge would take the office he would freely give it up. Since he had held the office he had attended meetings all over the province, and had always received the most cordial and hearty support from all his fellow representatives, but it was an honour that might well be shared, and as he said before, if any brother would take the office he would gladly give way. He thanked them for the toast.

Bro. Cook, I.P.M., then proposed the toast of "The W.M." It was a precept well known and generally admitted that "honour should be paid to whom honour was due," and nowhere was that precept more honoured in its observance than in the Pattison Lodge. He asked them therefore to show by their warmth how highly they appreciated the ability and worth of their W.M.

Bro. Mason wished he could find words sufficient to show how pleased he was to be amongst them and give them satisfaction in his position as their W.M. He had given a large amount of work and time to fit himself for that position, and should feel even more encouraged where there to be a better attendance of the brethren and visitors. The ladder of Freemasonry was hard to climb at any time, and when at the highest rung it was even still harder to keep there. After advocating the attendance at lodges of instruction he thanked the brethren for their kindness, and as he loved Freemasonry for itself the cordial good wishes of the brethren would encourage him to still endeavour to do good for it, and help in its teachings with all his power until the end.

The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," and in giving it the W.M. regretted that there were not so many present as usual, but there was one present (Bro. Ellis-Fermor) who came a great many miles to see them, although that was the first time he had been with them since Christmas. Of Bro. Ellis-Fermor he could not say too much. He was not only the father of the lodge, but one of the most assiduous for its welfare. He asked them to do justice to the toast, and coupled it with the name of Past Master Ellis-Fermor.

Bro. Ellis-Fermor in response said he felt unable to do the toast justice, but would say a few words upon this occasion because if he felt in the future as unwell as he had during the past two or three months he was afraid he should soon be unable to come amongst them, or not so often as he had in the past. So far as the Pattison Lodge was concerned, whether there were few Past Masters present or whether there were many, there was one thing the Past Masters always felt called upon to note and acknowledge, and that was the respect with which they were always received by every brother in the lodge. Nor was that the only thing that concerned them and the lodge; the W.Ms. always received their advice and, when necessary, instruction in such an admirable manner that it made the office one both of honour and self-esteem to them. It was said that it was a fortunate thing for a lodge to have good and earnest Past Masters, but it was also a fortunate thing for the Past Masters to hold that office in a lodge where the W.M. and his officers did their work so well that the call upon their assistance was of the merest and most nominal kind; but what they did they did with an effort and with a desire to increase the honour and prestige of the lodge, over whose destinies they were at times called upon to preside, and whose prosperity was their highest reward and ambition. Nor was the Master's position held or even acquired without an effort, for unless he did his duty efficiently in the minor offices he certainly would not arrive at the head of his lodge, and when in the chair it required an effort to do the work well and thoroughly. In that lodge it was always done in a most masterly manner; and why was that so? because every officer of the lodge attended the ex-

cellent lodge of instruction presided over by their zealous and indefatigable Preceptor, Bro. Denton. The words of their sublime ritual, if not in their proper place, were like the feathers of a bird that had been shot. There they were, but how disordered and disarranged; beautiful, perhaps, but not with that order and harmony that made them a thing of beauty when shining in all their pristine perfectness. So it was with their ritual, which might be made or marred by the manner of its rendering. And then again what noble and exalted lessons of life that ritual taught. It taught them to be virtuous, to love honour, to be true to their God, their country, and their Craft; while it made charity to all men the guiding star of their existence. How often however were these sublime teachings marred by imperfect rendering on the part of a W.M. Let them all then look upwards and onwards, and while so doing prepare themselves by hard study for the position they might one day occupy, so as to make themselves worthy of taking rank among the Past Masters of the Pattison Lodge, in whose name he now heartily thanked them for the toast. At the conclusion of a lengthy and eloquent speech, of which the above is only a faint outline, Bro. Fernor resumed his seat amid ringing cheers.

The other toasts were "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast, and then the proceedings, which had been most harmonious, terminated.

DEAL.—Lord Warden Lodge (No. 1096).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on the 2nd inst. at the St. George's Hall, when there were present Bros. Geo. Band, W.M.; R. S. Davey, S.W.; H. Chambers, J.W.; T. J. Usher, P.P.G.R., Sec.; R. Duval, S.D. (pro. tem.); J. Ino. Shepherd, J.D. (pro. tem.); J. W. Court, I.G.; J. Fawcett, Stwd.; S. Holgate, Tyler; A. C. Pearson, E. J. Mortimer, F. E. Hast, T. P. J. Evans, G. Beale, T. H. Cruske. Visitor, Bro. Jas. Lewis, 1169, Unity Lodge of Sydney.

Lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the business before the lodge was to initiate Mr. H. E. Jones. The candidate being in attendance properly prepared was duly and regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the W.M. in a very able and impressive manner. Bro. H. Chambers, J.W., afterwards delivered the charge in the First Degree in a very effective style. The W.M. then proposed that Bro. Jas. Lewis be admitted a member of the lodge. The proposition was carried unanimously. It was proposed by Bro. J. W. Court and carried unanimously that Mr. James Redman be admitted into the Order.

Nothing further being offered the lodge was closed in due form, after which the brethren adjourned to refreshment, the W.M. in the chair. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

Bro. Usher, P.M., then proposed "The Health of the Initiates."

The toast was very cordially received and suitably acknowledged.

The evening's proceedings were greatly enlivened by the excellent singing of Bros. Dow, Shepherd, and Lewis.

BOOTLE.—Bootle Lodge (No. 1473).—The young borough of Bootle, situated in close proximity to its larger city neighbour, Liverpool, possesses a lodge which occupies a distinguished position in West Lancashire—this is the Bootle Lodge, No. 1473, whose members met for the celebration of the Festival of St. John at the Assembly Rooms there on Thursday afternoon, the 1st inst. There was a large and highly influential gathering of brethren, including a good representation of Provincial Grand Officers and chiefs from Craft lodges. Bro. Dr. T. F. Young, W.M., opened the lodge, and amongst those who gave him active assistance were Bros. J. C. Patterson, I.P.M.; Alderman J. P. McArthur, P.M.; P.G.J.W.; J. Duncan, jun., P.M.; P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Clemmey, P.M.; John Lecomber, P.M.; W. R. Brewster, S.W. (W.M. elect); R. E. Mitton, J.W.; Councillor S. E. Ibbs, Treas., P.P.G.S.B.; H. Wyatt, P.M., Sec.; R. Harley, Assistant Sec.; R. Scott, S.D.; Job Clarke, J.D.; Isaac Platts, I.G.; L. Hay and Dr. H. Taylor, Stwds.; J. P. Bryan, Org.; and W. Blake, Tyler. There were upwards of 20 brethren present, and the visitors included Bros. J. E. Jackson, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Salter, P.P.G.J.D.; Alderman J. F. Newell, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Hatton, P.M. 203; T. Foulkes, P.M. 1325; J. C. McGuire, W.M. 1547; A. Bucknall, W.M. 667; L. Peake, 1035; C. A. Luker, 241; S. Walsh, 1713; and others.

Bro. R. W. Brewster was most efficiently and impressively installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. J. Duncan, jun., P.M., the presentation for the ceremony being made by Bros. Dr. Young and W. H. Clemmey. The following official appointments were subsequently made by the newly-installed W.M.: Bros. Dr. T. F. Young, I.P.M.; Robt. E. Mitton, S.W.; Robt. Harley, J.W.; J. P. McArthur, P.G.J.W., P.M.; M.C.; S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., Treas. (re-elected); Harold Wyatt, Sec. (re-appointed); Robt. Scott, Assist. Sec.; Isaac Platts, S.D.; Job Clarke, J.D.; Dr. Herbert Taylor, I.G.; L. W. Hayes, S. Stwd.; William Brogden, J. Stwd.; Walter B. Irving, Org.; and Wm. Blake, Tyler.

After five guineas had been voted in charity for the relief of a widow, the brethren sat down to a banquet, which was excellently served by Bro. R. Scott, of the Wyndham Hotel. An attractive musical programme was given under the direction of Bro. Bryan, P.G.S., by Bros. T. Foulkes, T. Hatton, H. J. Nicholls, W. Quayle, and R. N. Hobart.

TEDDINGTON.—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This young but highly successful lodge met at the Clarence Hotel, when there were present among others Bros. J. Piller, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W.; T. Goodchild, J.W., W.M. elect; R. W. Forge, P.M., Secretary; T. Beauchamp, Treas.; C. Stevens, S.D.; W. White, J.D.; W. Collier, I.G.; Owen, M.C.; Hickinbotham, A.W.S.; John Hurst, P.P.G.P. Middx., P.M.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middx. (hon. member); Abbett, Handel, Warner, Phelps, Stedenfeld, Hill, Garwood, Finch, Bonella, and J. Harrison, acting Tyler.

Among the visitors were Bros. Stedwell, P.P.G.W. Middx., P.G.S., &c.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., &c.; Davis, P.M. 167; Cousins, P.M. 209; Jones, P.M. 765; Argyle, P.M. 946; Lane, S.W. 788; Beard, J.W. 946; Wobley, J.D. 15; Briggs, J.D. 1503; Herbert,

627; Anderson, 946; Chandler, 1656; Drummond, 1656; Austin, 1732, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was presented and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The ballot was then taken upon behalf of Messrs. T. C. E. Jones, W. Porter, and W. Deeks, and it proving to be unanimous those three gentlemen were duly initiated into Craft mysteries. At this stage of the proceedings the W. Bro. Raymond Thrupp, D.P.G.M., was reported to be in attendance, and a procession of Provincial Grand Officers having been formed he was received with the customary honours. Bro. Bonella having been ably passed to the Degree of a F.C. the installation of Bro. Goodchild into the chair of K.S. was then proceeded with, the ceremony being performed by the express wish of the W.M. by the D.P.G.M., who appointed as his assistants W. Bros. Hurst, S.W.; J. W. Baldwin, J.W.; T. C. Walls, D.C.; and E. Hopwood, I.G. The officers appointed and invested were as follows: Bros. Piller, I.P.M.; Stevens, S.W.; Walls, J.W.; Forge, Sec.; Beauchamp, Treas.; White, S.D.; Collier, J.D.; Müller, I.G. (by deputy); Porter, Organist; Owen, M.C.; Hickinbotham, A.W.S.; and Gilbert, Tyler (by deputy).

The addresses were then impressively rendered by the Installing Officer, and at the conclusion the brethren testified their approval of the work by prolonged applause.

The pleasing duty of presenting Bro. Piller with a Past Master's jewel, supplemented by a small gold shield to record his second years' mastership, then devolved upon the W.M., who discharged the same in a manner that must have greatly enhanced the gift in the eyes of the recipient.

Bro. Piller having duly acknowledged the compliment in a few well chosen sentences the following proposition was moved by Bro. Hurst, P.M., seconded by Bro. Walls, J.W., and carried unanimously "That W. Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M., be elected as honorary member of the lodge."

It was moved by Bro. Hurst and seconded by Bro. Piller "That a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to W. Bro. R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M., for the very excellent manner in which he had carried out the onerous duties of Installing Officer that day."

The resolution having been put, was also carried nem. con.

The D.P.G.M. having briefly expressed his thanks the brethren then adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth at ten o'clock, the customary toasts followed, but in consequence of the lateness of the hour they were but briefly proposed and responded to.

The toast of "The R.W.P.G.M. and the D.P.G.M." was drunk with enthusiasm and was duly acknowledged by W. Bro. Thrupp.

The toast of "The Initiates" drew in response from Bros. Jones, Porter, and Deeks three most excellent speeches.

"The Visitors" was coupled with the name of Bro. Stedwell who made an excellent reply.

The other toasts followed and were cordially received.

The members, but more especially the executive of the lodge, are to be congratulated upon the great success of the meeting, which passed off without a single hitch to mar the general enjoyment.

INSTRUCTION.

PERCY LODGE (No. 198).—This lodge held its seventh anniversary meeting on Saturday, the 24th ult., at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. Bro. R. Percy, the re-elected Preceptor (who has held that position since the resuscitation of the lodge), presided, being supported by Bros. W. Cook, S.W.; Ashton, J.W.; A. W. Fenner, Sec.; C. Lorkins, Treas.; A. M. Marks, S.D.; Venning, J.D.; J. Rhodes, I.G.; also Bros. I. P. Cohen, Houghton, Gibbs, Gush, Wolf, Hatch, Carr, Snook, Parkes, Archer, A. Ferrar, and others.

Lodge was opened with the usual formalities. The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting which were confirmed. Bro. Snook answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. Lodge being opened in the Second Degree the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Snook acting as candidate. Lodge was called to refreshment and afterwards to labour, when Bro. Carr proving himself an efficient F.C., was entrusted. Lodge was then advanced to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Carr officiating as candidate. Lodge was then resumed to the First Degree when Bro. W. Cook was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The report of the Auditors was read and adopted. Bro. Fenner, the Secretary, very unwillingly tendered his resignation, owing to business preventing him from attending to his duties, but at the request of the brethren retained the office until some brother was elected in his place. Bro. Treasurer was re-elected for the ensuing year. Votes of thanks were awarded the Auditors for their services, as also to Bros. Preceptor, Secretary, and Treasurer for their services during the past year, after which the lodge was closed and adjourned. We are glad to note that the average attendance of the brethren during the past year has been 17 to 24 per night of meeting, which may fairly be considered a very good attendance.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, on Saturday, the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. Cook, W.M.; Ashton, S.W.; A. M. Marks, J.W.; Percy, Preceptor; Fenner, Sec.; C. Lorkin, Treas.; Venning, S.D.; Galer, J.D.; Gibbs, I.G.; Brasted, C. Weeden, Wolf, Hatch, Carr, Mackey, Dixie, Richardson, Rhodes, and Spencer.

The lodge being opened in the usual form the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was afterwards rehearsed, Bro. Weeden acting as the candidate. Bro. Fenner next worked the First Section of the Lecture assisted by the brethren. Bro. Rhodes having answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree was entrusted, and the lodge was advanced to that Degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Rhodes being the candidate. Both of the ceremonies were rehearsed by the W.M. in a very careful manner. Bro. Ashton was elected to preside at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was cordially awarded to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction. All business being ended the lodge was closed in due form.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Friday, the 2nd inst. Present: Bros. M. E. Stokes, W.M.; F. Thurston, P.M., S.W.; A. J. Styles, J.W.; C. H. Philips, S.D.; J. N. Bate, J.D.; Dick, I.G.; James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor; R. Poore, Sec.; Colton, Smith, and others.

The lodge was worked in the First Degree with sections and explanations. It was arranged that the Fifteen Sections should be worked on the 30th inst., Bro. James Stevens being elected as W.M. for that occasion. Bro. F. Thurston was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned.

NEW CONCORD LODGE (No. 813).—On Wednesday, the 28th ult., in response to an invitation cordially accepted, the Metropolitan Lodge, 1507, attended the above lodge to work the Fifteen Sections at the Jolly Farmers Tavern, Southgate-road, N. The chair was taken by Bro. J. C. Smith, A.D.C. 1744, assisted by Bros. James Hemming, D.C. 1287, S.W.; F. W. Sillis, D.C. 1744, J.W.; also Bros. G. W. Knight, 1507; T. Peel, 813; L. Solomon, 1732; J. B. Edwards, 1107; R. Larchin, 1541; Fenner, 1227; H. G. Gush, 1541; Walter Martin, 879; Edmonds, 1507; E. Storr, 167; G. Emblin, 147; and others, whose efforts secured to the brethren present a thorough Masonic treat. The pleasure felt by the brethren on the occasion was testified by the very hearty and cordial vote of thanks accorded to the members of the Metropolitan Lodge for their services, which having been responded to by Bros. Smith, W.M., and W. M. Stiles, I.P.M., the lodge was closed.

MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney. There were present Bros. Evans, W.M.; Martin, S.W.; Le Cren, J.W.; Clifford, Treas.; Hildreth, Sec.; Frankel, S.D.; Pope, J.D.; Gray, I.G.; Forss, Preceptor; and Crane.

The lodge having been opened in the First Degree the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Beck being the candidate. The lodge was afterwards opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Beck being the candidate for passing. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Forss next worked the First Section of the Lecture, assisted by Bro. Crane. Bro. Martin having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, the lodge was closed in due form and the brethren separated.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1641).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, on the 1st inst. Present: Bros. Coleman, W.M.; Raffe, S.W.; S. Jacobs, J.W.; Smith, S.D.; Dickson, J.D.; B. Solomons, I.G.; Richardson, Precept.; Reynolds, Sec.; Gulliford, Nathan, Hyams, and Mogford.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Gulliford offering himself a candidate for installation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony and Bro. Richardson worked the Second Section of this lecture. Lodge was called off and resumed.

The ceremony of passing being about to be rehearsed, Bro. Smith offered himself as a candidate and was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired.

Lodge opened in the Second Degree and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge resumed to the First Degree and on rising for the first time it was proposed by Bro. Gulliford that Bro. Nathan be a member of this lodge of instruction, seconded by the I.G., and carried unanimously. On rising for the second time it was proposed by Bro. Richardson, P.M., that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week, seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. On rising for the third time nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Arch.

WEST SMITHFIELD CHAPTER (No. 1623).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 22nd ult. There were present Comps. T. Butt, M.E.Z.; H. J. Lardner, H.; F. J. Van Raalte, J.; Mallett, S.E.; King, S.; N. Gardner, P.S.; Phillips, Asst. S.; Adams, P.Z.; Patrick, Kent, and Forss. The visitors were Comps. T. C. Walls, P.Z. 1381; Higgins, M.E.Z. 1381; Webb, J. 1381; Davis, S.N. 185; E. M. Lott, H. 507; and Pennefather.

After the minutes of the previous convocation had been read and confirmed, the installation of Principals was proceeded with in the following order: Comps. H. J. Lardner, M.E.Z.; F. J. Van Raalte, H.; and G. Gardner, J. The M.E.Z. then invested his officers as follows: Comps. Mallett, S.E.; King, S.N.; Davis (for Comp. Greenwood), P.S.; and Marsh, Janitor. Comps. Kent and Phillips were named as Asst. Sojs. The ballot was afterwards taken for Bros. E. Roberts, H. K. Clisby, P. K. Clisby, C. J. Smith, and J. F. Rumball, all of Lodge 1623. Bro. E. Roberts being present was duly exalted to the Supreme Degree and afterwards invested as Organist of the chapter, for which he returned thanks. The bye-laws which had been duly submitted to the chapter were unanimously adopted. The M.E.Z. proposed and Comp. Butt, P.Z., seconded that the best thanks of the chapter were due to Comps. Walls and Higgins for the able assistance rendered by them during the installation ceremony, and that a vote to that effect be entered on the minutes of the chapter; also that the same honour be conferred on Comp. Davis for his able assistance as acting P.S., Comp. Greenwood being absent through illness. This was carried unanimously, and the recipients duly acknowledged the honour conferred upon them.

The business of the chapter being ended, and after time-honoured customs had been fully observed, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment, after which the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were fully honoured.

The I.P.Z., in proposing "The health of the M.E.Z.," and after paying that worthy companion the highest possible and well-deserved compliment, called on the companions to unite with him and drink to their M.E.Z. and success to the West Smithfield Chapter.

The M.E.Z. in returning thanks called attention to the very youthful nature of the chapter, expressed his hope that the members of the mother lodge would one and all become members of the chapter. Royal Arch working was quite as instructive as Craft Masonry, combining as it

did many beautiful and historical allusions to be found in Biblical history, and would greatly improve the minds of all companions who would study its workings and teachings. He could assure them all he never regretted the day he became a Mason, more especially a Royal Arch Mason. Having been initiated in the mother lodge West Smithfield, he was deeply interested in her success, he might say owing in a great measure to his long connection with the district of its origin. The Farringdon Without Lodge had sprung into existence since his initiation, and he was in the proud position of being a founder and Past Master of that lodge, and was now S.W. of his mother lodge, and was looking forward he hoped to the no distant period when he might be installed Master of the West Smithfield Lodge. The companions he hoped would pardon him wandering somewhat from chapter subjects, but as the Farringdon Ward Without had only Masonically speaking recently sprung into existence, yet they could now boast of Craft and Mark lodges, as well as R.A. chapters. He might also state that the Charities were not forgotten, and although he would like to have seen more contributed to those Charities than had been, taking into consideration the heavy expenses they had had to contend with, he did not consider they had done badly, and he thought there was a bright future for those Institutions. He thanked all the companions for the hearty reception the toast had received.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Health of the I.P.Z.," and congratulated that worthy companion on the success of the past year, and as a testimony of the appreciation of the companions of the services he had rendered them he found great pleasure in presenting him with a P.Z.'s jewel, trusting he would long continue to wear it among them.

Comp. Butt thanked the companions for the handsome jewel they had presented him with, and the M.E.Z. for the kind remarks expressed towards him. They had for many years been associated together in Masonry, and he hoped they would spend many more. He thanked one and all for the ready assistance they had at all times rendered him during his year of office, and nothing would give him greater pleasure than to see all companions present wear a P.Z.'s jewel of the West Smithfield Lodge.

"The Visitors" toast next followed and was well received.

Comp. Walls, P.Z., expressed his gratification at being present and thanked the companions for receiving the visitors' toast so kindly. One further remark he would make which was to express his admiration at the very efficient working of their M.E.Z., who approached nearest to the perfect working of Comp. James Terry than any other companions he had yet seen work the Royal Arch ceremony.

Comps. Higgins, Webb, Pennefather, and Davis, expressed themselves in similar terms, Comp. Lott following suit with a beautiful selection of music.

"The Officers" toast was proposed and responded to. During intervals Comp. Roberts sang some excellent songs which being accompanied by Comp. Lott made them highly appreciable to the companions. Other companions also rendered valuable services in entertaining the companions, Comp. Walls giving a beautiful rendering of "The Wreck of the Hesperus," which with The Janitor's toast completed an enjoyable evening.

BUXTON.—Phoenix Chapter of St. Ann (No. 1235).—The annual installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Court House, on Thursday, the 22nd inst. A chapter was opened by the presiding chiefs at 12.30 p.m. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the preceding meeting, Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 645, 1387, P.P.G. 1st Assist. Soj. East Lancashire, installed the following principals in their respective chairs, viz: Comps. W. Boughen, Z.; W. Cameron Moore, H.; and James Whitehead, J. The following officers were afterwards invested by Comp. Sillitoe, viz: Comps. Cartwright, S.E.; R. Hulme, S.N.; T. E. Jones, P.S.; and E. C. Milligan, Treasurer. In addition to the companions above named, there were present Comps. the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; Philip Le Gros, P.Z.; E. J. Sykes, P.Z., P.G. 1st Assist. Soj.; J. H. Lawson, P.Z.; Josiah Taylor, P.Z.; J. E. Harrison, J. Brammall, and others. Visitors: Comps. N. Dumville, Z. 204; and Hirst, 1661.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Comp. J. H. Sillitoe for his valuable services, and the chapter was afterwards closed; after which the companions adjourned to the St. Ann's Hotel for luncheon.

Mark Masonry.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (T.I.) A regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd ult., when there were present Bros. C. W. Radway, W.M., P.P.G.D.C.; F. Wilkinson, S.W., P.P.G.S.O.; F. W. Dingle, J.W., P.G.I.G.; W. Williamson, acting M.O.; E. J. B. Mercer, S.O.; C. M. Penley, J.O.; W. Rice, acting J.D.; J. Dutton, Treas.; W. Peach, R. of M.; J. J. Dutton, D. of C.; C. Wilkinson, P.M., acting Sec.; W. E. Sparrow, Org. Visitor: Bro. Col. R. Ford, D.P.G.M.M. Somerset.

Lodge was opened and the minutes of previous lodge read and confirmed. Several apologies for non-attendance were read, notably one from Dr. H. Hopkins, P.G.J.W. England, who was too unwell to be present. A ballot for Bro. Bull having proved favourable, he was duly advanced to the Degree of Mark Master, the ceremony being well worked throughout. Bro. Peach gave the lecture perfectly. The S.W. having expressed a desire not to go forward at present, the brethren re-elected Bro. Radway as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Dutton was re-elected Treasurer and Bro. S. Bigwood, Tyler.

In response to a hearty vote of thanks the D.P.G.M.M. of Somerset expressed the pleasure he had experienced in seeing this Degree so well carried through, and wished the lodge continued prosperity.

Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

At the recent Cambridge Local Examinations the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls were very successful, fourteen having passed and only one failed. Four passed in third honours, and two with distinction for religious knowledge. This is very satisfactory, and we congratulate Miss Davis and her able staff on the result.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PREMIER CONCLAVE.—A meeting of this old conclave was held at Freemasons' Tavern on the 5th inst. Among those in attendance were Sir Kts. Massa, M.P.S.; E. H. Thiellay, V.E.; Sherly, Senior General; T. C. Walls, Junior General; T. Cubitt, P.M.W.S., Treas.; John Mason, Recorder; Dr. Mickley, Prelate, Dawes, Pridmore, H. J. Lardner, Marsh, P.M.W.S.; Harrison, Sentinel; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the election of officers then took place with the following result: Sir Kts. Thiellay, M.P.S.; Sherly, V.E.; T. Cubitt, Treas.; and Gilbert, Sentinel.

A notice of motion having been given to remove the conclave, and a Past Sovereign's jewel having been voted to Sir Knight Massa, the conclave was closed according to ancient form and the Sir Knights adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed.

Sir Kts. Marsh and Cubitt responded upon behalf of "The Grand Council."

Sir Kt. Walls acknowledged the toast of "The Grand Senate."

"The Health of the M.P.S." was flatteringly proposed by Sir Kt. Cubitt, and this pledge having been warmly received was briefly replied to by the M.P.S.

The toasts of "The Treasurer and Recorder," "The M.P.S. elect," and "The Officers" followed in quick succession and brought the proceedings to a close at an early hour.

Rosicrucian Society.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE YORK COLLEGE.

The annual meeting of this college was held in the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, York, on Saturday, the 24th ult., when there was a large attendance of members, amongst them being Frates T. B. Whythead, Hon. IX^o, Chief Adept of Yorkshire; J. S. Cumberland, Hon. VIII^o, Suffragan; J. W. Woodall, Prov. Treas.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, Deputy; and T. J. Wilkinson, Sec.

In the absence of Frater Maffey, the Celebrant, in Australia Bro. J. S. Cumberland, a Past Celebrant, worked the ceremonies, the Ancient's chairs being filled by Frates S. Middleton, J. Todd, J. M. Meek, and T. M. Barron. Frater C. L. Mason acted as Conductor of Novices, in the absence of Frater Moore, whilst Frater C. R. Fry was in his place as Guardian, Frater A. T. B. Turner, as Herald; and Frater T. Trevor, as Torchbearer. In addition to these there were Frates J. F. Taylor, Geo. Ayre, G. Simpson, and M. Maddison.

The minutes having been confirmed a successful ballot was taken for Bro. J. S. Walton, P.M. 1357, of Northallerton, after which Bros. J. L. Atherton, James Moncks, C. Palliser, and A. Fraser, aspirants previously accepted, were admitted and duly received into the grade of Zelator with the full ceremonies.

The CHIEF ADEPT then proceeded to give the annual address as follows: W. Suffragan and Frates, I think we may be said to be living in the golden age of Freemasonry. There has never been a time when the Order could claim to have been making more rapid progress, when it has been able to enumerate amongst its members men of more eminence, or when the true study of Freemasonry, its history and its objects, has engrossed more of the time and attention of its leading members than in this year of grace 1883. Freemasonry has proved itself a very salamander amongst those societies that have from time to time engaged the love and attention of mankind. Having apparently its purely speculative origin at some period during the seventeenth century it has stood the test of evil report and good report through the generations that have since passed away, until now, when we find it more flourishing than ever, handed down to us from our fathers, a precious inheritance which it will be our joy and our duty to hand down to our sons in the same purity which characterised its principles and workings when we and our fathers first experienced the light of its godlike teachings. Other societies have come and gone, other institutions have flashed like meteors across the pathway of progress of civilised society, but the lamp of Freemasonry has steadily burned, cherished lovingly by generations of good, worthy, and distinguished brethren, until its fire, kindled at the early altars of brotherly love, relief, and truth, burns in this age with a lustre and brilliancy that would have gladdened the hearts of those who, in less enlightened days, toilsomely struggled, an obscure and humble band, against the prejudices of ignorance and the jeers of folly. I have used the word "god-like" in regard to our glorious old Craft, for surely there is something very much akin to what is Divine in the teachings of such an Order. Based on the contents of the Volume of the Sacred Law, it shares with that marvellous book in the halo of light which modern science and latter-day research have thrown around those venerable pages that give authority to our Masonic assemblies. Other works, whose reputations have at one period been high, have sunk down into obscurity and neglect for no other reason than that the light of truth and the investigations of modern science have exposed their weaknesses and their fallacies and robbed them of their authoritative value, but in the case of our "unerring standard" age has only served to mellow its precepts and beautify its poetical imagery with the hoary garland of antiquity, whilst its perfect harmony with all that modern philosophy can prove is no less remarkable than the subtlety and intricacy of knowledge which it displays with the innermost workings of the human heart. And so it is with Freemasonry. Whilst other organisations and societies have arisen, flourished, made their mark in history, and finally decayed and disappeared, Freemasonry has continued to grow and make steady progress. The rude shocks of opposition, and the occasional neglect, even of its own sons, has served but to root it more firmly in its position. It has been able to stand the severe test of that electric light of modern enquiry which will insist upon a why and a wherefore for the existence of everything that is, and it now stands a living triumph of principles that are eternal as that Great Architect on whose beneficent laws they have been originally based. And what, fratres, can we do as individuals to uphold, maintain, and promote this grand institution, and to assist, as Masons, in consolidating its walls and contributing to the welfare and happiness of its members? In the first place, we can all do what every

Mason is expected and in honour and in duty is bound to do from the moment when he enters the portals of the society. We can to the utmost of our power carry out in our daily lives the principles and the tenets that are so early taught us in our Masonic career. This is the least that we can do; but if we all did this and carried out our obligations in their entirety, would it not be competent for Freemasons to work such a reformation in our social system as would lighten the whole world? I am sure of it. But we are met to-day not as novices in Masonry. I hope that every member of this college has gained sufficient knowledge to render it quite unnecessary for anything to be said to him of the elementary duties of every brother. We are as it were re-organised in this Rosicrucian Society, not in any antagonistic spirit to any other society or system, but simply under an additional or special bond of union, by means of which we desire to link together Masons of age, standing, and experience for a special and specific purpose. What our object is you know full well. It is thoroughly in accordance with the spirit of the Masonic age. This is a time, as I have already said, when knowledge grows apace, and the knowledge of Freemasonry, amongst other branches of study, is extending its researches into long hidden paths. Freemasonry has always had about it a strong literary flavour. Elias Ashmole and many of the very earliest of its disciples were men of high attainments in literature. And from his day down to the present we find men of ability and scholarly attainments content to work through the early drudgery of the Craft, and subsequently adorning our ranks as rulers and teachers. Dr. Stukely, whose Masonic connections have been so learnedly and carefully investigated by our eminent brother, your present Deputy and my late Suffragan, was himself a man of great learning and laborious habits, and from his day, the day of the southern revival of Freemasonry down to the present decade, we may trace a long succession of men of parts and attainments such as Anderson, Preston, Crucefix, Oliver, and others, who all, according to the means at their disposal and the knowledge of facts that they possessed, toiled in the paths of Masonic literature. It is true that, until comparatively a recent period, Masons were content to receive and accept as data statements that we now know to have been completely at variance with facts, but Freemasons were not singular in this respect. We need only refer to works on archæology and natural science contemporary with those obsolete histories of Masonry, to discover that men of light and leading in science entertained theories and arrived at consequent conclusions that to us appear almost childish in their absurdity. And as other sciences have advanced so has Freemasonry with equal strides. A generation of Masons that declines the myths and wayward fancies of Preston and Oliver has trained up a new school of Craft historians, and with the logical historical analyses of Bro. Gould, the unrelenting assiduity and mental grasp of Bro. Woodford, the patient statistical labours of Bro. Hughan, and the careful and scholarly publications of Bro. Murray Lyon, we find ourselves in the happy position of having found an almost royal road to Masonic knowledge. This is therefore pre-eminently a time when a society such as ours should find congenial spirits and an appropriate field for its labours. Our objects are the elucidation of Masonic history and archæology, and in working in this direction we know that we are aiding in a great and an important work. Our labours may not be productive of vast results, but as in the Brahminical story the granite is worn away in the course of ages by the light yet constant touch of the angel's robe, so no problem can resist for ever the patient attacks of perseverance and persistency. I have more than once pointed out the direction in which members of this college can assist in the elucidation of Masonic history. Our Frater Lukis has set us all a worthy example of what may be done in this way and has brought some most valuable facts to light by the exercise of his scholarly activity. And the very fact that every now and then new scraps of information are brought to light and fresh theories are broached regarding our Order and its descent, proves how much there is yet left to discover. All of us have not the leisure we should like for these pursuits, but it is wonderful how much may be effected in stray and spare moments by those whose hearts are in the work. The mines of Masonic lore are as yet but little explored, and it is certain that there must still be in existence manuscript allusions and references to early Freemasonry, that if discovered would materially aid us in the construction of such a detailed history of our Order as would be its crowning triumph in this century. On occasions of these meetings I should be very glad if more members would prepare papers and bring with them Masonic relics of all kinds in order that we might all have the benefit of investigating their peculiarities. Our society is certain to be strong and useful in proportion to the work that we perform, and members would find much more pleasure and encouragement in attendance at our meetings if they always found something, however trifling, offered for their intellectual and Masonic benefit. Thus far the York College has enrolled upon its books many of the most intelligent brethren in the county and the north of England, and I hope it will continue to gather in members who enter not for the sake (as they may perhaps vainly suppose) of obtaining another Degree, but from a really intelligent desire to aid in the effort to do something for the literature of the Order, and to become a working element in a Society that has for its objects the glory of God, the good of mankind, and the promotion of scientific Freemasonry. If this is the case the college cannot fail to prosper and to be of sterling value, but if we should lose sight of our true "raison d'être" and become a mere social club of Masons, we shall not deserve a continuance of that success which has thus far attended our efforts. Let us all unite in an honest endeavour to work in the directions I have indicated and our reward will surely follow. Fratres, I thank you for your attention.

The election of officers was proceeded with and Fra. C. L. Mason, V^o, was elected Celebrant, and Fra. J. S. Cumberland, VII^o, was re-elected Treasurer.

It was arranged to hold the next meeting of the college at Leeds on the 23rd of May.

Letters of apology for absence were read from the following members: Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, W. Lawton, W. Rowley, M. Millington, T. W. Holmes, E. T. Clark, Rev. J. Blake, C. G. L. Kipling, W. Paley, C. S. Lane, W. Harrison, S. Wilson, and R. W. Moore. At the close of the meeting the members met at high tea and spent a pleasant evening, in the course of which Fra. Cumberland exhibited his valuable collection of old Masonic jewels, which was much admired.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE FRIARS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1349.

The above-mentioned festive meeting was held most successfully on Tuesday last, at Bro. J. H. Pavitt's hostelry, the Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, E. Bro. W. Musto, P.M., 349, the esteemed Preceptor, occupied the chair, Bro. W. A. Myers, P.M. 820, and 1445, the vice-chair, and about fifty brethren were present. Among these were Bros. B. C. Rowe, P.M. 781; E. T. Read, P.M. 781; J. H. Pavitt, Treasurer, and host; C. Winterton, Hon. Sec.; Keable, Jones, Deeks, Newport, W. J. Musto, Vinnicombe, Byford, Hinds, S. Moss, Prosser, McGeorge, Watkins, G. T. Holdom, Capt. Spencer, Capt. Bailey, Kidd, Wagstaff, Hooper (M.L.S. Board and Local G. Board) Speedyman, White, Hope, Day, G. H. Stephens, and others. Justice having been done to the excellent viands provided, Bro. Musto intimated that it was his intention to curtail the speeches as much as possible, and thereby hoped to promote the harmony of the evening, and be able to catch the train to town.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were briefly honoured, after which Bro. MYERS, P.M., gave "The Health of Bro. Musto, Preceptor, and prosperity to the Friars Lodge of Instruction." He had known Bro. Musto for over 30 years, and could testify to his warm and generous nature over that period, and one who as a Freemason was always glad to render the helping hand to any cause which might need his support. Bro. Myers trusted to have the honour and pleasure of seeing Bro. Musto guide the Friars Lodge of Instruction for many years to come.

After an appreciative response from Bro. MUSTO, he next gave "The Secretary," to which Bro. WINTERTON responded, and expressed the pleasure it afforded him to render any service in his power to the lodge of instruction, and bespeaking a larger attendance of the brethren.

"Bro. Myers, P.M.," was next honoured and thanked for the very kind assistance he was always ready to afford the lodge.

After a reply from that worthy brother, "Bro. Pavitt's Health" was also enthusiastically drunk as the Treasurer and the host, and for his kindness in giving his room free of charge for lodge purposes.

"The Visitors" were next toasted, Bro. Musto offering a hearty welcome to each to attend on Tuesday evenings to see their lodge working.

Bro. E. T. READ, P.M., made a capital response as also did Bro. Hooper a member of the School Board for West Ham, and also of the Local Government Board.

"The Masonic Press" was then honoured, the worthy President recognising the valuable services which the Masonic journals rendered to the Craft, and coupling the name of Bro. G. H. Stephens, who gave their lodges so much attention, to the toast.

Bro. STEPHENS suitably returned thanks for the hearty reception of the toast and the meeting was continued and some excellent songs were given by Bros. Winterton, Jones, Hope, Stephens, and Bros. J. A. Keable, and W. J. Musto gave a capital reading, all contributing to form a highly enjoyable evening's pleasure.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A general meeting of the Court of Governors of this Institution was held on Friday evening, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, under the chairmanship of Bro. Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.G.S.D. There was a numerous attendance of governors, several of whom came from distant parts of the province.

The minutes of the last annual court at Southport and of a meeting on the 2nd ult., read by Bro. R. Martin, jun., one of the hon. secretaries, were unanimously confirmed; and on the motion of Bro. SALTER, P.P.G.J.D., it was resolved to confirm the recommendations of the General Committee that the sum of about £90 should be voted for the education and advancement in life of the children of deceased Freemasons.

The annual report and statement of accounts of the Institution were taken as read, and unanimously adopted.

Bro. MARTIN gave notice that he would submit the following proposition at the next Court of Governors: "That as there is no provision in the bye-laws for the purchase of life governorships by lodges (although they have been allowed without such authority for some years past), bye-law 17 should be altered to give such power, and a resolution adopted legalising life governorships already created." Bro. Martin said he would further propose that "A lodge, chapter, or society making donations of double the amounts provided for in bye-law 16 shall be entitled to like privileges and votes."

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Australia.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

A quarterly communication was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Adelaide, on the 3rd January last, Bro. Charles Samuel Poole, Past Deputy District Grand Master, in the chair, supported by Bros. J. H. Cunningham, acting D.G.S.W.; R. E. Lucy, acting D.G.J.W.; H. M. Addison, D.G. Treas.; T. E. F. Seabrook, D.G. President Board of General Purposes; J. C. Ferguson, D.G.D. of C.; James Shakespeare, D.G. Org.; W. L. Ware, acting D.G. Purs.; F. Olifent and F. H. Wigg, Stewards; and N. Kildael, D.G. Tyler; Bros. Philip Sansom, S.W. 423; and John Haslam, J.W. 423. The visitors present were Bros. Lionel S. Wicksteed, 583; H. Ingleby, 583; T. Narroay, 583; H. Willis, 583; R. H. Leader, 583; Thomas E. Shanks, 583; J. W. Bennett, 583; and W. E. Pickels, 423.

The District Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the roll was then called, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed.

The President of the Board of General Purposes having informed the District Grand Lodge that there was no report to lay before them, it was resolved after a long and warm discussion "That the attention of the District Grand Master be respectfully called to the circumstance that the District Grand Lodge had no report before them from

the General Committee, on the grounds that there was no adequate arrangement at present existing for the performance of the duties of District Grand Secretary."

Bro. H. M. Addison, D.G. Treas., and Bro. J. C. Ferguson, D.G. Dir. of Cer., strongly objected and wished their names to be recorded as protesting against the motion.

A motion to place a sum of money at the disposal of the Deputy District Grand Master to pay the travelling expenses of District Grand Officers when called upon to visit lodges out of Adelaide was declared lost upon being put to the vote.

There being no further business the District Grand Lodge closed in due form.

MELBOURNE.—Combermere Lodge (No. 752).—The installation festival of this flourishing colonial lodge was celebrated on Thursday, January 18th, in the Masonic Hall. Prior to commencing the details of the gathering, a short history of the lodge may be interesting to English readers. It was founded in the year 1858, by the late Bro. J. J. Moody, who for the first two years was its W.M. Bro. Moody, before emigrating, was P.G. S.W. of Cheshire, under the late Viscount Combermere, hence the title of the lodge in question, his lordship's written permission for the nomenclature being very appropriately framed, and suspended from the lodge walls during business hours.

Since its foundation Combermere has passed through some vicissitudes, consequent on the "leaps and bounds" and rise and fall of Australian commerce; but it is pleasing to record that it was never in as prosperous a condition as at present, thanks to the active interest shown in its affairs by Bro. Charles Shaw, who for three successive years has ably filled the Oriental chair. When he was solicited to continue as Master for the second year, the lodge was slowly but surely rising from a condition of somnolency, and the wisdom of the brethren in electing him for two more years is substantially proved from the fact of its now being the most popular and strongest lodge in Victoria—probably the whole of Australia—the present roll being over 140 members. One reason for the attractiveness of Combermere is undoubtedly the music introduced in the ceremonies, a qualified choir being under the direction of Herr Siede, whilst Bro. David Lee, the City Organist, has charge of the instrumental department. It might also be added that a Royal Arch chapter was opened about 18 months ago, and as high on to a score of brethren were exalted therein during the first year, the young branch is also on the high road to healthful maturity. Comp. Shaw is the present M.E.Z.

The installation festival was numerously attended, there being about 120 brethren present belonging to Combermere, and inclusive of visitors from sister lodges of the three constitutions, indeed, the crowded state of the room and the hot weather, the thermometer had that day registered 155° in the sun, induced one to long for a rough ashlar in the centre of the hall in the shape of a block of ice. Letters of apology were received and read from Bros. Capt. Standish, R.W.D.G.M., E.C.; Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., R.W.P.G.M., I.C.; and Jos. Cahill, R.W.S.D.G.M., S.C.; and others.

Bro. Chas. Shaw, W.M., opened the lodge, after which the minutes of the regular and two emergency meetings, one held that afternoon were read and confirmed. The W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. J. J. Eardley Willmott, was then presented to the W.M. in order to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, Bro. Willmott, it may be explained, is a P.M. of Lodge St. Kew, No. 1222, Weston-super-Mare, England, and during the past year has served the office of S.W. in Combermere. His Somersetshire brethren will doubtless be pleased to read this account of his Masonic work in the far off Antipodes.

The usual formalities having been observed, the Board of Installed Masters, numbering 35 in all, was opened by the W.M., with Bros. R. J. W. Cartwright, P.M., as S.W.; W. F. Lamony, P.M., as J.W.; Rev. W. Brooks, P.M. Sandridge Marine, No. 768, as Chap.; and the other officers.

The ceremony was performed in a faultless manner by the retiring W.M., after which he was invested as I.P.M. The remainder of the ceremony was completed by Bro. Shaw, inclusive of the addresses, he thus concluding three years of active work very appropriately and effectively.

The following were the officers invested: Bros. Charles Shaw, P.D. Supt. of Wks., I.P.M.; P. B. Force, P.M., D.G.S.D., S.W.; R. Carter, J.W.; H. Guy, Treas.; W. Henry, Sec.; H. W. Jordan, S.D.; W. Chapman, J.D.; W. F. Lamony, M. of Cer.; D. Lee, Org.; Thomas Haydon, I.G.; J. R. Webster, and W. Fennah, S.W.; J. Paul, Tyler Bro. Julius Siede also received the re-appointment of Choir Master.

Several candidates for initiation and joining members were then proposed, after which the lodge was closed in form, and the W.M. retired with customary ceremonials.

Subsequently a large company sat down to banquet, provided by Bro. Paul, the hall caterer, with his well-known liberality and attention. Bro. Willmott, W.M., presided, faced by his Wardens, and the remainder of a pleasant evening was spent in toast and song, the latter part of the entertainment it may be imagined, being a treat of itself, with so many able brethren as contributors. On the Tyler being summoned to the East, the parting toast brought to a conclusion one of the pleasantest and most successful gatherings of the Craft ever held in Australia.

Obituary.

BRO. W. G. HARRISON, O.C., GRAND SENIOR DEACON.

It is with extreme regret we announce the death on Monday last of Bro. W. G. Harrison, O.C., Grand Senior Deacon of England. Bro. Harrison was but 56 years of age, and the sorrow felt at his removal from among us in the full maturity of his powers will be as general among his brother Masons as in the profession of which he was so distinguished an ornament. How deeply his loss is lamented by his brothers of the long robe may be judged from the remarks made on Wednesday in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice by the presiding judge (Mr. Justice Stephen). His lordship's graceful tribute to the memory of Bro. Harrison was to the following effect: "I wish to say a word upon a subject that has deeply affected me, and I have no doubt many of the members of

this profession—I mean the death of our friend, Mr. W. G. Harrison. I have known him personally for probably a longer time than almost any other member of the Bench or of the Bar. He was a friend of not much less than 40 years' standing. I do not think that a more honourable or a more amiable man ever practised in these courts. He possessed very marked abilities, and they were set off rather, perhaps, than diminished by some harmless eccentricities, which endeared him to those who knew him. The profession has sustained a great loss by his death, which was as unexpected as it is sad." In Masonry, Bro. Harrison, who, by the way, was an annual subscriber to the Female Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, held the offices of Grand Senior Deacon in the Grand Lodge of England and Grand First Assistant Sojourner in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and had taken the 33° in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. On reference to our brief sketch of his career, shortly after his appointment to the first named office, it will be found that Bro. Harrison was initiated into Freemasonry in March, 1865, in the Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, and rose to be its Worshipful Master in 1872. He was also a Past Master of the Methuen Lodge, No. 631, Taplow, Bucks, and one of the founders of the Parthenon Lodge, No. 1826, Egham, Surrey, and its Treasurer from its commencement. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 9; in 1873 was appointed to, and still occupies the part of Scribe E.; was M.E.Z. in the years 1876 and 1877, and has been Treasurer since 1879. He was perfected 12th November, 1874, in the St. George's Chapter of Rose Croix, had served as Treasurer since November, 1879, and was M.W.S. last year. In 1877 was conferred upon him the 30° in the A. and A.S. Rite. This is indeed an honourable record extending over the eighteen years he was connected with Freemasonry and will cause his unexpected death to be still more deeply regretted.



Bro. H. J. Byron's new comedy, "Open House," is in rehearsal for early production at the Vaudeville.

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Mrs. Kendal during last week lectured at the School of Dramatic Art. She had a hearty welcome from the students.

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"Uncle Dick's Darling" was revived at Bro. Toole's Theatre on Monday evening, the lessee appearing in his original part, Dick Dolland.

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In place of "Mock Turtles" a new and original comic opera in one act, with music by Mr. Percy Reeve, will shortly be produced at the Savoy.

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Mr. Mark J. Quinton will play Richelieu at a matinee at the Adelphi on March 16; Julie, Miss Stella Brereton, supported by eminent artists.

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Mr. Charles Read has contradicted the report that he has taken the Olympic Theatre for an Autumn season.

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The Lyceum will close as usual during Passion week, and it is expected that a few other theatres will follow Mr. Irving's example.

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Mr. Irving is to be entertained at a banquet before leaving for America. The Prince of Wales is expected, and the chair will be taken by the Lord Chief Justice.

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Notice to carry out no fewer than twenty improvements in the structural plan of the Alcazar has been served upon the owner of that establishment by the Metropolitan Board of Works.

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The new Alhambra Theatre is expected to be ready for opening in October next. It is understood that the first piece to be mounted will be a "féerie," written by Bro. Sims, with music by Mr. F. Clay.

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The Royal Italian Opera Company has, it is stated, let Covent Garden Theatre and Floral Hall to the late lessee, Mr. W. F. Thomas, for promenade concerts, for the next three Autumn sessions.

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Astley's will pass into the hands of Messrs. Holt and Wilmot on Easter Monday, when will be revived Mr. J. Willing's popular play, "The Ruling Passion." The company will be under the direction of Mr. John Douglas.

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The opera season at the Drury Lane will commence, under the direction of Carl Rosa, on 26th of March, and be limited to thirty-nine representations. Two absolutely new operas will be produced—"Columba," by A. C. Mackenzie, and "Esmeralda," by Thomas.

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It is said that Mrs. Kendall will not find a place in the new play "Esmeralda," which is to be produced at the St. James's. Mr. Kendall will appear in the piece and Miss Dietz will take the leading part. The absence of Mrs. Kendall from the cast cannot fail to injuriously affect its prospects.

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Mr. F. Leader has issued an imposing manifesto as a sort of preliminary to the revival of "A Trip to the Moon." It is to be "diverting, but not irreverent;" "grand, but not gaudy;" "mirthful, but not meretricious;" "decorous, but never depressing." Mr. Leader neatly refers to the great operatic artists of the past of Her Majesty's, and declares that he will "direct Her Majesty's into the channels of public usefulness." This is only Mr. Leader's way of telling us that he has engaged a good band, a fair staff of artists, and above all, a good ballet.



Bro. Lord Wolseley has received through the Foreign Office the sword of honour presented to him by the inhabitants of Cairo.

Last week during the excavations which are being carried on in the grounds of Dover College an ancient massive gold locket, several urns, and other relics were unearthed. Further interesting discoveries may be expected.

The fund for the restoration of Peterborough Cathedral has reached £12,000, the sum required being estimated at £55,000. Of the amount already received the Grocers' Company have given £500, and Earl Fitzwilliam £1000.

In connection with the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Relief Lodge, No. 42, Bury, the W.M., Bro. Brierley, has announced the intention of the lodge to publish its history collated from the records, which are all extant from the date of its commencement in 1733. We await its appearance with much interest.

The members of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, have formed a Masonic Charitable Association in connection with that lodge of instruction. At the preliminary meeting on Tuesday evening last a strong working committee was appointed, and a large number of shares were immediately subscribed for.

Bro. Duckham, M.P., presided on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the monthly meeting of the Council of the Central and Associated Chambers of Agriculture.

An exhibition of Hygienic Dress, Sanitary Appliances, and Household Decorations will be opened at Humphrey's Hall, Knightsbridge, on the 2nd June next. It is expected to be on an important scale, and has secured both Royal and distinguished patronage, and will be under the direction of the National Health Society.

The annual aquatic struggle between the Oxford and Cambridge University crews will take place on Thursday next, the 15th inst., over the usual course from Putney to Mortlake. It has generally been rowed on a Saturday, but this year a change has been made in order to meet the convenience of the Cantabs.

Bro. E. D. Rogers, C.C., is one of the representatives of the Camberwell vestry appointed to attend a conference of vestries and district Boards about to be held, at the instance of the Fulham Board of Works, for the consideration of the London Municipal Reform Bill.

The installation of Bro. V. J. Holloway as W.M. of the Henley Lodge, No. 1472, took place on Tuesday last at the "Three Crowns" Hotel, North Woolwich. A full report will appear in our next.

Major-General Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., K.C.B., has been succeeded in the command of the Chatham district by Major-General the Hon. R. Monck, who entered on his duties on Wednesday last.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has consented to become the president of the British Asylum for Deaf and Dumb Females at Clapton, and of the Church of England Central Home for Waifs and Strays.

The places of Bros. Montague Guest, P.G.M. Dorsetshire, and Sir H. Drummond Wolff on the Kitchen Committee of the House of Commons have been vacated, and Messrs. Armitstead and Thornhill have been appointed in their stead.

The will of the late Bro. Sir Henry Meux, Bart., has recently been proved, the personalty being sworn at upwards of £605,000.

Two English Past Masters, our Somersetshire and Cumberland readers will be interested to notice, have lately been honoured in an Australian lodge. Bro. Dr. J. J. Eardley-Willmott, P.M. of St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222, Weston-super-Mare, was installed W.M. of the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, Melbourne, on the 18th of January last; and Bro. W. F. Lamonty, P.M. Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, Cockermouth, was on the same occasion invested as Master of the Ceremonies. Combermere is one of the strongest lodges in Australia under the English Constitution.

At the meeting of the British Chapter, No. 8, last Friday at Freemasons' Hall, Mr. J. A. Bloxam, F.R.C.S.E., in the chair, Bro. Frank Richardson drew attention to the fact that Herr Wilhelm Ganz, Grand Org., had that day completed his 25th year of membership of the chapter, and moved a resolution congratulating Herr Ganz on the event. At the banquet at Freemasons' Tavern which followed the working of the chapter a silver-mounted conductor's "baton" was presented to Herr Ganz.

Bros. the Lord Mayor and Sheriff Savory will pay a visit to the Clerkenwell Lodge at the meeting tomorrow (Saturday).

On Tuesday her Majesty held a drawing-room at Buckingham Palace, and a number of ladies were present. Of the members of the Royal family present there were the Princess of Wales, Princess Christian, and Princess Beatrice, the Duke of Albany, P.G.J.W., the Duke of Cambridge, H.R.H. the Duchess and the Duke of Teck. The Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms under the command of Bro. Capt. Lord Carrington, G.S. Warden, was on duty in the state saloons, and the Yeomen of the Guard, under Bro. Capt. Lord Monson, in the interior of the Palace. The Diplomatic and General circles were numerously attended.

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The Prince of Wales left Berlin on Friday last in order to pay a visit to the Grand Duke and Duchess of Mecklenburgh-Strelitz, returning from Neu Strelitz on Saturday afternoon.

It has been resolved by the Executive Committee of the International Fisheries Exhibition to light their galleries by electricity.

The anniversary dinner of the Welsh School, Ashford, Middlesex, was held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Thursday week (St. David's Day), under the presidency of Lord Aberdare. Among the speakers was Bro. General Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey, who returned thanks for the army. Subscriptions to the extent of about £600 were announced in the course of the evening.

The Mayor of Birmingham was on Tuesday authorised by the Town Council of that town to sign a memorial to the Treasury in favour of the purchase of the Ashburnham manuscripts, recently offered to the trustees of the British Museum.

The Queen with the Princess Beatrice, and attended by the ladies and gentlemen of the household, left Windsor Castle for Buckingham Palace shortly before noon on Monday. Her Majesty returned to Windsor on Wednesday.

The Princess Beatrice, with Bro. the Duke of Albany and suite, visited the Princess's Theatre on Tuesday evening and witnessed the performance of the "Silver King."

The sale of the collection of French decorative furniture and objects of art belonging to the late Dowager Countess of Essex (before her marriage the eminent actress and vocalist, Miss Kitty Stephens), commenced on Tuesday in the rooms of Messrs. Christie, Manson, and Woods. Some very good prices were realised.

According to the *Academy*, Bro. the Rev. C. W. Lukis, who is well known to our readers as a zealous Mason and antiquarian, and has for many years been engaged in surveying and laying down to scale the rude stone monuments in Brittany, the Netherlands, and the British Isles, has completed that portion of his work which relates to Devon and Cornwall, and the Society of Antiquaries, at whose disposal he has placed his drawings, intend to publish them in successive parts.

The winter exhibition of the Royal Academy will be closed to-morrow (Saturday), while the *Graphic* Exhibition of Animal Paintings, which till recently was on view at the Fine Art Society's Gallery, has been opened with the addition of several pictures by Sir Frederick Leighton, P.R.A., Mr. Millais, R.A., Mr. Alma Tadema, R.A., and other artists, at 168, New Bond-street.

Mr. Wood started for Ephesus on Friday last in order to resume his work of exploration, sufficient money having been collected to justify him in re-commencing operations. Further funds, however, are greatly needed.

The Duke of Westminster will succeed the late Lord Egerton of Tatton as Lord-Lieutenant of the county of Chester.

One of the clauses of the late Gustave Doré's will provides that his paintings shall be kept for two years and then sold by auction.

A meeting of the Town Council of Leeds was held last week, when it was resolved to invite their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to visit Leeds on the occasion of opening the new Municipal Buildings, which have been erected at a cost of some £90,000. It is expected the edifice will be ready in June or July.

Lord Ampthill, British Ambassador at Berlin, gave a grand dinner on Saturday last, at which the Prince of Wales, the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany, and many other Princes and State dignitaries were present. A ball followed at which there were present about 1900 guests.

The ceremonies of installation of Principals will be rehearsed by Comp. J. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, on Tuesday, 13th inst., at half-past five o'clock, at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, after which, at half-past six o'clock, the usual exaltation ceremony will be rehearsed.

We are extremely glad to notice that our worthy and distinguished Bro. Edward Dean Davis, P.M., P.P.S. G.W., P.G.D. of C., and P.Z., P.P.G.H. Northumberland, who has rendered very valuable aid, instruction, and support to the Craft and Arch Masonry in the provinces of Northumberland and Durham, has been elected a Life Member of St. George's Lodge, No. 431, North Shields, in consideration of such services, and we trust that this example will be followed by every lodge and chapter in the two provinces.

The Masonic and General Life Office whose advertisement appears regularly in our columns, report that a policy holder who had been assured in that office for three years for £500 neglected to pay his premium last August, notwithstanding frequent reminders. About four weeks ago he succumbed to quinsy! This illustrates the importance of assurance which we have often urged upon our readers.

On Saturday last Mr. H. B. Marshall, C.C., was presented with an address beautifully illuminated in gold and colours, and enclosed in a handsome gold frame by a number of his employes, on the occasion of Mr. Marshall making them associates of the Young Men's Christian Association, and in recognition of the great interest he has always taken in their welfare. After warmly thanking them Mr. Marshall said he had been the recipient of many testimonials, but none had given him greater pleasure than this, as it afforded proof that there was something more than the mere question of capital and labour existing between himself and his employes.

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The proceedings at the annual banquet of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, held at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of Bro. Henry Stiles, W.M. 1507 and P.M. 1732, will be fully reported in our next.

Our attention has been called to an error in the list of contributions from Surrey to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The chairman's list of £146 was accidentally credited to Suffolk, which immediately preceded it. Surrey so nobly supported its Provincial Grand Master on the occasion that it is all the more to be regretted that the list was shorn of its largest amount.

There have recently died two veterans of the war which raged between this country and France almost without intermission from 1793 to 1815. One was Captain Ward, of the Royal Navy, one of the survivors from the battle of Trafalgar, and the other Surgeon Dyer, who served under the Duke of Wellington in the Peninsular Campaign, from 1811-1814, and was in his ninety-fourth year.

Bros. Lord Carlingford, Earl Granville, the Earl of Derby, the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., the Earl of Kimberley, the Right Hon. J. G. Dodson, M.P., and Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., attended the Cabinet Council on Tuesday. The Premier was present for the first time since his return from Cannes.

At the Vicarage, Fitley, Bro. R. R. Harrison, the North Eastern Railway stationmaster, was on Saturday evening, the 3rd inst., presented with a purse of £40 and a gold medal, subscribed for by about 70 residents of Fitley and district, for his bravery in saving 10 lives on the railway and one from drowning. The presentation was made by the vicar, the Rev. A. N. Cooper, who explained to the meeting that the Home Secretary, whilst fully recognising the great gallantry displayed by Bro. Harrison, and expressing his high commendation for his conspicuous bravery, was of opinion that the case, viewed in conjunction with others, was not one which he would feel justified in submitting to her Majesty for the Albert medal. The stationmaster having suitably acknowledged the testimonial, the proceedings terminated.

An interesting application was entertained and granted at the regular communication of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, held on the 2nd inst. Bro. Lord Wolseley wrote, asking for a duplicate certificate. He was, when her Majesty's 90th Foot, initiated in July, 1854, in the Military Lodge, No. 728, of Dublin, in company with Earl Ferrers, then a brother officer. His original Master's certificate was lost when he was wrecked in the *Transit*, and a duplicate, obtained some time afterwards, was destroyed with "all his goods and chattels" when the *Pantheicon* was burned in 1874. The noble and gallant lord is desirous to possess himself of another certificate in view of the forthcoming opening of a new lodge at Manchester, to be named after himself, and to be worked on temperance principles.—*Dublin Daily Express*.

A second concert was held at the Royal National Hospital for Consumption, Ventnor, when, as on the occasion we noticed a week or two since, the inmates were assisted by some ladies and gentlemen residents in the neighbourhood, who gave their services. The entertainment was a greater success even than before, though the programme, arranged as usual in two parts, was of a similar character. The opening number of Part I. was a pianoforte duet, in which Misses Bird and Hewett acquitted themselves successfully. A reading "Scott of Herden" by Mr. Cruse, proved very acceptable. Mr. and Miss Westerdeld played two duets on the piano and violin, the second, the Gavotte "Stephanie," being so admirably rendered that the audience demanded its repetition. Dr. Robertson, who has a fine bass voice, sung "Blow high, blow low," capitolly, and Mr. H. Coleman (tenor) and Mr. Higgins were both encored, the former in "The old brigade," and the latter in "Dear me! is that possible?" Mr. Siebert again recited "The death of Montrose," and when invited to repeat it, gave instead his other recitation, as at the former concert, "Dr. Edith." Among the other successes were a pianoforte solo by Miss Daisy Coghill, daughter of Dr. Coghill, and the well-known song "Where the bee sucks," by Miss Orchard. The National Anthem appropriately concluded the programme.

Bitter as the March wind blew in every quarter of London on Wednesday it seemed more intensely bleak and cold down at the East End, and as it swept through the railway arches and round the corner of Salmon's-lane, Limehouse, the shivering crowd of half-clothed children outside the new hall of the London Cottage Mission huddled closer together, their poor pinched features and in many instances bare feet blue with cold telling a pitiful tale of want and misery. Fortunately Mr. Austin, the founder and director of the mission had succeeded in providing the welcome weekly dinner of Irish stew for these starving little ones, but sorry are we to add that after several hundreds had been fed, there still remained a large number who had to go back to their homes as hungry as they came. The stew had given out, and there was no help for it. It is not far to look forward to next Wednesday, but unless funds come in at once the anticipations of many a poor soul in Limehouse and its neighbourhood will be disappointed, and empty coffers at the mission will chronicle another "Black Wednesday." The change in the weather has terribly increased illness in eastern London, especially amongst young children and old people, and work is scarcer than ever, so that there is good reason for the earnest appeal we now make to our readers on behalf of a charity whose practical help is never lost sight of, though its other objects are kept steadily in view. Do not forget that "he gives twice who gives quickly," and let us hope there will be a balance large enough by next week to give their weekly meal to the poor pensioners of the London Cottage Mission. Subscriptions and donations, no matter how modest the sum, will be cheerfully received and acknowledged either by Mr. Walter Austin, 44, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., or by the lady superintendent, Miss Napton, 304, Burdett-road, Limehouse, E.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, March 17, 1883.

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

SATURDAY, 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.
 K.T. Precept. D., Mount Calvary, F.M.T.

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 12.
 Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
 " 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav.
 " 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
 " 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot.
 " 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse, Hot., Highgate.
 " 1571, Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.
 " 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.
 " 1670, Adelphi, F.M.H.
 " 1790, Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath.
 " 1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Burdett-rd.
 Chap. 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 1118, University, F.M.H.
 Rose Croix 53, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 Sincerity, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, at 7.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.
 Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
 Hyde Park, Norfolk-sq., Hot., Paddington, at 8.
 West Smithfield, Farrington Hot., Farrington-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 13.
 Lodge 15, Kent, F.M.H.
 " 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
 " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav.
 " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
 " 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1196, Urban, F.M.H.
 " 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
 " 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 1668, Samson, 68, Regent-st.
 " 1969, Waldeck, F.M.H.
 Rose Croix 71, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
 Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
 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 Bldgs., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
 Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
 West Middlesex, 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 14.

Gen. Com. Benevolent Institution, at 4.
 Lodge 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
 " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
 " 37, Vitruvian, South London M.H., Lambeth.
 " 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse.
 " 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
 " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Moorgate-st. Hot.
 " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
 " 1610, Northern Bar, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 " 1629, United, F.M.H.
 " 1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Oakley, near Chelsea.
 " 1718, Centurion, Regent M.H., S. Air-st., W.
 Chap. 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.
 " 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 Mark 284, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Hot., Tottenham.

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 15.
 Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.
 " 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav.
 " 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.
 " 109, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 181, Universal, F.M.H.
 " 222, St. Andrew's, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav.
 " 1139, South Norwood, Pub. Hall, South Norwood.
 " 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
 " 1321, Emblematic, Horns Tav., Kennington.
 " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.
 " 1475, Peckham, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.
 " 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1623, West Smithfield, F.M.H.
 " 1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1872, St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton.
 " 1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich.
 " 1963, Duke of Albany, M.H., Shaftesbury-park, Lavender-hill.
 Chap. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 834, Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hot., Hammersmith.
 " 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qtrs. 1st Surrey Rifles, Flookden-rd., Camberwell.

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-ert., 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 16.
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
 " 1704, Anchor, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1962, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hot.
 K.T. 6, St. George's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 " 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.

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 17.
 Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
 " 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1767, Kensington, South Kensington Hot., Queen's-gate-terrace, S.W.
 Mark 104, Macdonald, Guildhall Tav.
 " 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
 " 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, March 17, 1883.

MONDAY, MARCH 12.
 Lodge 292, Sincerity, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.
 " 721, Independence, M.R., Chester.
 " 941, De Tabley, Royal George, Knutsford.
 " 1021, Hartington, M.R., Barrow.
 " 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hotel, Moss-side, Manchester.
 " 1588, Prince Leopold, M.R., Stretford.
 Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, M.R., Warrington.
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13.
 Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 322, Peace, Warren Bulkeley Arms, Stockport.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Wigan.
 " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
 " 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, near Liverpool.
 Chap. 537, Zion, M.R., Birkenhead.
 Chap. 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport.
 Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14.
 Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 323, Concord, Florist Hotel, Stockport.
 " 430, Fidelity, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.
 " 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1140, Ashton, Victoria H., Withington.
 " 1356, Toxteth, M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.
 " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 " 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1715, Arthur John Brogden, M.H., Grange-over-Sands.
 Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15.
 Lodge 203, Antient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 343, Concord, Bull Hot., Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
 " 605, Combermere, Queen's Hot., Liscard.
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
 " 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16.
 Lodge 1357, Cope, Brooklands Hot., Sale.
 Mark Lodge 65, West Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.
 Jacques de Molay Preceptory, 36, M.H., Liverpool.

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