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BRO. BINCKES'S letter in our last deserves much consideration, and we trust will lead many to think over the points involved. The SECRETARY of the Boys' School, with his practical knowledge of exactly "where the shoe pinches," thus openly endorses the arguments we have been for some time seeking to press on the Craft, as to a more general support by lodges and chapters, qua corporate bodies, of our great Charities. Much is done, a great deal has been effected by individuals, by the munificence of some, the large-heartedness of many, the steady, persevering liberality of more. Our Masonic returns have been of late years very remarkable indeed, far outstripping and overpassing those of all other contemporaneous similar institutions. But still there is a weak place in our armour, there "linger spots in our feasts of charity." The returns are the outcome of the free-handed, the realistic beneficence of the *few*, not the careful contribution of the *many*. Our lodges and chapters have too often left it to individuals to uphold the credit of their bodies, and have not sought to supplement personal efforts and individual sacrifices by liberal donations from a common fund. And though yet there are truly bright exceptions, the majority of our lodges as lodges have made no sign. Let us note this grave fact. It is to this almost alarming question that Bro. BINCKES'S clear and meaning words are directed; it is this very problem, serious and difficult, which we invoke the sympathy of our many readers to help to solve. When all our Charity Festivals are over for 1883 it will be very interesting to note and record how many lodges and chapters have been represented, and how many have put in a duplicate and a triplicate appearance. We, therefore, beg once more to press upon all lodges and chapters the bounden duty in some way, as corporate bodies, of recognizing our great and useful Charities, inasmuch as their still more general and steady support year by year of these most important and valuable institutions, will undoubtedly tend to increase their efficiency, to strengthen their very stability, and to render their development for utility and for good still more apparent, and still more real, still more beneficent than it happily is even at the present hour.

It seems to us, though we may be mistaken, that just now there is sometimes a forgetfulness of long and faithful services to Freemasonry. It is easy enough, when the sun shines, and prestige and popularity wait upon our Order, for many to avow themselves members of our Craft, and to plume themselves on its general and particular favour as before the world. But it is a very different and somewhat harder experiment to attach themselves to it, when it is by no means generally thought well of, and consistently to adhere to it, through prosperous or unprosperous fortune, through good or evil report, through many changing years. If we who still survive to-day, members of our now most flourishing Fraternity, will but look back in memory a generation, 30 years back, we shall realize a very different state of things. Freemasonry then, no doubt, was progressing, but there was still lingering in society and the world as regards it, those tones of ridicule and those clouds of suspicion and distrust which had generally so impeded its progress in the early part of the century. Take one illustration in proof of our contention. We then knew two provinces, one in particular, one of the most flourishing, and the number of Chaplains was very small indeed. Since then that total has been marvellously increased. And so it is all over England. How many faithful old Masons still survive who beheld our Order in its slow advances, and now exult in its "later glory." For them, probably, no Provincial or Grand Lodge honours are available; but notwithstanding, they constitute the "salt" of our Fraternity, and we are indebted to them for its safe progress, its goodly vitality, and its happy perpetuation, even for the general favour which greets it in these latter days.

WE call attention to a letter about "exchanges" in charity votes elsewhere. This is just one of those questions on which a good deal may fairly be said on both sides, and on which it does not certainly do to be either dogmatic or pragmatic. There is much force in what our correspondent advances, but yet logically, we apprehend, if any exchanges are allowed or allowable, you cannot limit them to *one* charity.

MASONIC research seems opening out a new phasis in Masonic investigation. It has been quite plain to students for some time, that before we in England can lay down the safe lines of a History of Freemasonry which will be anything more than ephemeral, however ably written and carefully compiled, we must ascertain the real condition of English seventeenth century Freemasonry, though of it at present little is known. That such a Freemasonry existed, despite the ingenious paradoxes of those who cling to the exploded eighteenth century Freemasonry theory (1717) is alike certain and undeniable even from non-Masonic testimony. To that subject then all our attention should be turned, as on its satisfactory outcome and lucid development must depend, humanly speaking, the possibility of our really grasping and safely realizing the undoubted history of our wonderful Order.

WE are among those who hail the advance and extension of provincial funds, whether for education or relief. Indeed we wish they were more general, the more so as we do not think they need impinge on the claims or aims of our great central Charities at all in any way. We have before expressed our opinion in the *Freemason* that the time might arrive, when we should have to endeavour to amalgamate our provincial and metropolitan Charities, making our Metropolitan Schools for instance the receptacle for a given term, of pupils passed in by competition, from provincial centres and "succursales" as the French say. But this would then become a great system, which would entail many changes in administration and organization, and we are probably not ripe for it yet. It will however, we fancy, come some fine day and be realized among the developments and wonders which yet shall be. At present we have only to express our great admiration of such well managed Institutions as those in East Lancashire and West Lancashire and Cheshire, and other provinces and localities at home and abroad under our English jurisdiction, which seek in a truly Masonic spirit, and with much commendable liberality, to educate the young, grant annuities to the aged, test the claims of Masonic mendicancy, and ascertain and relieve the wants of actual and undoubted Masonic necessity.

WE rejoice very much to learn that the second volume of Bro. GOULD'S "Magnum Opus" has now appeared, as we feel convinced that such a fact will afford pleasure to all reading Freemasons everywhere. The care and pains the eminent writer has taken with the first volume affords a most justifiable anticipation of an equally agreeable and valuable second volume. A review of Vol. II. will appear in our next issue.

IF some reports which reach us are correct, there will probably be some "surprises" as regards the new Grand Officers. A good many "canards" are of course "afloat," and several disappointments must be anticipated. We have, however, no doubt that the list when settled by supreme authority will give every satisfaction to the "public opinion" of the Craft.

THE predominant claims of the Speculative Grand Lodge of England to superior antiquity to any Grand Jurisdiction at present existing are so clear and undeniable that we do not suppose any doubt exists really upon the subject anywhere. The suppositious claims of other Bodies are really not worth consideration. With the exception of the "York" Grand Lodge, which was in abeyance, there was no other Grand Body in existence in 1717.

THE York Lodge has lost a very worthy brother and old Mason, Bro. DAVISON, whose services to the Craft at York have been conspicuous. We shall give a fuller account of our lamented and deservedly esteemed brother in our next.

LORD WOLSELEY AT MANCHESTER.

CONSECRATION OF THE WOLSELEY LODGE No. 1993.

It was naturally in accordance with the eternal fitness of things that the visit of Bro. Lord Wolseley to Manchester should have been made an occasion for welcoming in the most cordial fashion the victor at Tel-el-Kebir, not only by his brother Masons, but likewise by the whole of the community constituting that grand industrial centre. Lord Wolseley since his successful campaign in Egypt has met with many a hearty welcome from his fellow-countrymen; but we venture to say that even he must have been somewhat startled at the reception accorded him in this instance. It was not an official visit in connection with his profession as a military man which he paid Manchester on the day in question. The municipality had not invited him to be the guest of the city in connection with some great public function he had to perform. He was not about to be enrolled as a citizen of Manchester. He had merely journeyed thither that he might witness a ceremonial of an essentially private character, to wit, the consecration of a Masonic lodge which the brethren had done him the honour of naming after his lordship. Being a Mason of many years' standing—though from the nature of his calling he had had few opportunities of taking part in its ceremonies and councils—he was entitled to enter within the sacred portals of the lodge, and from the account we furnish in our present number, it will be seen that his lordship acquitted himself with a success as conspicuous almost as has attended him in his numerous campaigns. It is true the capacity in which he figured was a somewhat subordinate one, and we have been accustomed of late years to see him play the leading part, but Masonry is a peculiar Institution. It has its several gradations of rank—its different degrees of proficiency in the Craft as well as in the disciplinary arrangements of the lodges. Thus we find a Commander-in-Chief in the person of the W.M.; Generals of Division, that is, the Wardens; Aid-de-Camps in the Deacons; Staff Officers, who are the Secretary, Treasurer, and Director of Ceremonies; and the Commissaries the Stewards, together with an Organist to stir up their enthusiasm, and an Inner-Guard and Tyler to keep the Masonic camp clear of intruders, the latter also having under his especial charge the interests of all poor and distressed Masons. But with all these diversities of rank there is likewise a certain equality which holds the brethren together on one perfect level, and, to use a familiar expression, provided they uniformly act upon the square, there is never the slightest chance of the level being disturbed. Thus for once in his life, Lord Wolseley occupied a novel position. Being a Master Mason only, he made one of the rank and file present at the ceremony; but being a brother, he was, in that capacity, the peer of the highest present.

But we are thinking more of the peculiar character of the gathering than of the circumstances which preceded and attended it. We have been betrayed into a passing consideration of matters speculative—a not unpardonable sin, perhaps, among the Freemasons of to-day—when we should have confined ourselves to matters historical. We at once make the only *amende honorable* in our power, and resume, or rather enter upon, our story. We have said that his lordship met with a most cordial reception on all sides. The train by which he travelled was timed to reach the London-road Station, Manchester, by 12.30 p.m., and shortly before its arrival a long procession of carriages containing the Reception Committee, consisting of the officers designate, and provisional, of the Wolseley Lodge, and other members of the Craft of Masonry drove into the station. As the train slowed into the station and at length drew up at the platform, his lordship was introduced to the W.M. designate, Bro. D. Edwards, and the other officers present, and at once stepped into his carriage, and, accompanied by the W. Master and the Chief Constable, drove by way of Piccadilly, Portland-street, and Princess-street to the Town Hall, followed by the other brethren in their carriages. The streets were crowded with spectators, but no inconvenience arose; and the Town Hall being reached, Lord Wolseley was entertained at luncheon by the Mayor, a select party of the latter's friends being also present.

A Craft lodge was opened at two o'clock, and at 2.40 the R.W.P.G.M. entered, preceded by a long array of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, the rear being brought up by the Sword Bearer, behind whom came the illustrious visitor Lord Wolseley, who was enthusiastically greeted by the brethren. There were present

Bros. Col. le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M.; George Mellor, V.W. Dep. P.G.M.; General Lord Wolseley, 728 (Dublin); Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds, J.G.D.; E. Ashworth, P.P.G.S.W.; Harry Statham, P.G.S.W.; E. C. Cooper, P.P.G.S.B. W. Lanc.; A. Wolstenholme, P.P.G.J.D.; Jas. Heeles, P.G. Reg.; John Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; J. L. Vaughan, P.P.G.R.; George J. McKay, P.P.G.S.W. and P.G. Sec. Cumb. and West.; D. A. Davis, P.G. Sup. of Works; J. F. Hoffgaard, P.P.J.D.; Franklin Thomas, P.P.G.J.D., P.P.G.R. Oxon; L. W. Whalley, P.G.O.; Alex. C. Wylie, P.G.R.; J. E. Lees, P.G.T.; J. H. Jenkins, P.P.G.S.B.; Julius Arensberg, P.P.G.P.; Thos. Mitchell, P.G. Tyler; T. A. Hopewell, P.D.G.D.C.; H. A. Bennett, P.G.R. Cheshire; Walter Newton, P.G.S.B.; E. C. Milligan, P.P.G.S.D. Derbyshire; John S. Veevers, P.P.G.S.D.; T. A. Collinson, P.P.G.D.C.; J. H. Lawson, P.P.G.S.W.; J. C. Whittington, P.P.G.O.; R. Timperley, P.G.S.D.; Maurice Hart, P.G. Stwd. W. Lanc.; J. F. Tweedale, P.P.G.R.; Joseph Wildgoose, P.G.J.D.; H. L. Hollingworth, P.P.G.T.; D. W. Finney, P.P.G.D.C. W. Lanc.; Samuel Porritt, P.G.A.D.C.; G. P. Brockband, P.P.G.S.D.; and about 300 other brethren.

When the R.W.P.G.M. had been saluted in the usual manner, he rose and said they had assembled to institute a lodge for the benefit of Freemasonry, and he hoped at the same time for the benefit of society at large. They were met under very pleasing, and also he thought singular auspices. A certain number of persons who were connected more or less with temperance and with teetotalism, two very essential matters, wished to

join themselves to a fraternity of Freemasons in this large and influential province. Their efforts had been so far successful, and it was his hearty wish and also he hoped of every good Mason that the lodge which they had founded would prosper and extensively benefit their Order. They had chosen for its name one of England's most illustrious subjects—(applause)—and he felt exceedingly proud that his lordship had come there to help them to inaugurate a movement which he hoped would have many ramifications. (Applause.) To the brethren who had supported this movement he would say go on and prosper, and he trusted that others who might probably have been debarred from joining their association would now feel differently, and enter into the haven of brotherly love and affection which they held out to all mankind uniting with them in one single object which they had in view. (Applause.)

The petition for, and the warrant itself, were read by the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. JOHN CHADWICK, after which

The Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. T. COLLINS, delivered an oration as follows: It had been his lot very frequently to be asked, What was the good of Freemasonry? He would answer that all associations of men must be for good, because associations were powerful, and inasmuch as the basis of Freemasonry was the volume of the Sacred Law, and its great motto was brotherly love, relief, and truth, inasmuch as there was no virtue of Christianity that Freemasonry did not seize upon and make her own. He thought they had a very good answer to the question, What was the good of Freemasonry? Let those who were Freemasons remember that it behoved them constantly to show by their lives that they were the better for being members of the Order, and that it was not, as some outside folks thought, nothing but a meeting together for social pleasure. They were all interested in the formation of that lodge, which was about to be formed upon principles somewhat new to Freemasonry, and yet not at all antagonistic to its spirit. That lodge was founded, he took it, not certainly as a protest against what Freemasonry had done, but in order that the outside world might know that there was nothing of good in the world but Freemasonry seized it as well as other people. (Hear, hear.) A lodge founded as the Wolseley Lodge was to be founded was worthy of all support, and they wished it God speed in its crusade against what was one of the greatest evils of the time in which they lived. (Applause.)

The oration was most attentively listened to and loudly applauded.

The consecration was then proceeded with, the R.W.P.G.M. pouring wine and oil upon the floors and dedicating the lodge to Masonry, Virtue, Charity, and Brotherly Love, after which the founders of the lodge took up positions and the R.W.P.G.M. declared it duly constituted. The ceremony concluded with prayer.

The installation of Bro. Daniel Edwards then commenced, Bro. Jas. Heelis, P.G. Reg., acting as Installing Master and inducting our popular and well meaning brother into the chair of K.S.

The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. P. Barker, I.P.M.; G. Hunt, S.W.; P. H. Davis, J.W.; Rev. H. Anthony Noel, Chap.; J. E. Iliff, Treas.; John Hatton, Sec.; W. Willis, S.D.; T. H. Thomason, J.D.; H. Darbyshire, D. of C.; W. B. Riley, I.G.; T. Campbell, Org.; L. J. Griffiths, H. W. Riley, W. H. Withington, and R. Beresford, Stewards.

The Installing Master delivered the three addresses and the P.G. Chap. concluding the ceremony with prayer. Before closing the lodge the W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the R.W.P.G.M., Col. Starkie, for his kindness in officiating at the consecration.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER in acknowledging the compliment said he longed to see Freemasonry extend its arms among all classes and shades of men, and the Provincial Grand Officers welcomed this lodge into their fraternity as their last new child, and having been present at its baptism, they hoped to witness its coming of age. (Laughter and applause.)

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Lord Wolseley, and stated that when the founders of the lodge first wrote to his lordship, he at once replied that he would be delighted to perform the consecration and to give his name to it, but he could not join it, because strong as he was in favour of temperance principles he was not strictly a teetotaler. (Hear, hear.) They informed his lordship that they welcomed into the lodge all Masons whether they were teetotalers or not. The only prohibitory by-law they had was that not more than a certain amount should be spent per year for refreshments, and that no intoxicating beverages should be allowed at any of their meetings. (Hear, hear.) On hearing of this Lord Wolseley said he would be delighted to belong to the lodge. (Applause.)

Lord WOLSELEY, who was received with loud applause, in reply said: Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Worshipful Master, and brother Masons, I do not think I have ever attended any meeting which has made a greater impression upon me than the present one, and I shall carry the remembrance of it wherever I go. Believe me I am most deeply sensible of the cordiality and warmth with which I have been greeted by so many distinguished Masons belonging to the Province of Lancashire. I assure you it is a very great pleasure, as well as an honour, to me to be here to-day, and to have the privilege of assisting at the inauguration of a lodge which my brethren have done me the honour to name the Wolseley Lodge. During my career in my profession of arms it has been my lot to have visited most parts of the world and to go to many distant and out of the way places, and I can say with the utmost confidence that wherever I went I have always found the utmost benefit and advantage from the fact of my being a Master Mason. (Applause.) As the hour is late I shall not detain you by giving any examples, though I could give many instances where the fact of my being a Mason has assisted me in the most material possible manner in the prosecution of my duty to the public and to her Majesty. I can only say this, as I told the Mayor of this city to-day when he was talking to me about Masonry, that old as I am if I were not a Mason now I would take the very earliest opportunity of asking the first friend I met who was a Mason to do me the honour of proposing me. (Applause.) Let me again thank you for the great cordiality and kindness with which you have received me, and let me assure you that no one could wish success to this lodge more heartily than I do. (Applause.)

The lodge was afterwards closed in peace and harmony at 4.30.

A large number of brethren proceeded to the Free Trade Hall, where a well served banquet was awaiting them and to which ample justice was done. The W.M. presided, and was supported on the right by the R.W.P.G.M., and on the left by Bro. Lord Wolseley. The appearance of a number of ladies in the gallery presented a novel and pleasing spectacle, and at a later period of the evening they were invited by the W.M. to come down and join the brethren; a proceeding which gave the greatest satisfaction to everyone.

After the toasts of "The Queen," "The Prince of Wales, Grand Master," and "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master," had been honoured,

Bro. S. D. MCKELLEN proposed "The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England, and the rest of the Grand Officers,"

Bro. CLEMENT R. BESWICKE-ROYDS, G.S.D., replied.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed the toast of "The R.W. P.G.M. of East Lancashire, Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie," who he said had permitted himself to be nominated a member of that lodge.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER in responding said he hoped the new lodge which had just entered their society, and which had commenced its career under such brilliant auspices would add lustre to the Order. Though it had one peculiar element in it which was novel to the numerous lodges of the province, let them hope that that element would bring others to the same way of thinking. While they professed that temperance was one of the great characteristics of Freemasonry it might now be said to be allied with conviviality and good fellowship, and was likely to strengthen the bonds and enhance the benefits of Masonry among all classes of society. (Applause.)

Bro. J. ILIFF, Treas., proposed "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, Bro. G. Mellor, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. MELLOR replied.

Bro. Lord WOLSELEY said it was with great diffidence that he presumed to lay the next toast before them, because it seemed almost like proposing his own health, the toast being "Prosperity to the Lodge which they had done him the honour to name after him. He was told that it was the second lodge that had been established in Great Britain on purely temperance principles, and it must he thought commend itself not only to every good Mason but to every lover of his country. The Worshipful Master told him that already seventy members had joined it, and he felt convinced, after what had been said of it that day by the Provincial Grand Master, that it would not be long before the number of members reached 100. Everyone who knew what had taken place at the inauguration, and who had an interest in the lodge on account of its temperance principles, must feel how deep a debt of gratitude was owing to the Worshipful Master and the other officers of the lodge who had taken so much trouble in establishing it. He could not lay claim to being a very good Mason, but he was a very old one. He was initiated before he was 21 years of age, immediately before his regiment started for the Crimea. He remembered consulting several of his brother officers as to the propriety of becoming a Mason, and they tried to induce him not to join, remarking that it was "great nonsense," and simply meant going through a sort of fantastic performance, and afterwards sitting up very late at night eating indigestible suppers, and drinking too much wine. (Laughter.) It was thought that Masonry and revelry were synonymous terms. If it was for no higher motive than putting an end to that accusation—an accusation which was still held by many who did not understand Masonic principles—he could rejoice at the formation of that lodge. But there was a higher object to be gained and to be aimed at. He could not help thinking that every step made on the road towards temperance was a greater reform, both morally and materially, that the extension of the franchise or any of those ideas which found so much favour in the country. He believed that the formation of a lodge on the basis of temperance was more likely to be of use than any other reform which they could possibly think of. He was no politician, but he had heard it said that the franchise given to the crossing sweeper would raise his moral tone. He could not express an opinion on that subject, but he was quite certain that the spread of temperance habits amongst the people was of far greater consequence than ever the spread of voting papers amongst them could be. It was for those reasons that he thought that lodge would commend itself to the public.—(Applause.)

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in responding said that it must never be understood that the Wolseley Lodge was originated as a protest against the intemperance said to be practised by Freemasons. Freemasons invariably were taught that one of their fundamental principles was temperance. As the first Master of the lodge, he had to say that it was only formed with the idea of embracing within its fold those good men and true who would not come into Freemasonry without a lodge of that sort, and not as a protest against lodges that already existed in this city. Although it was to be a temperance lodge, he need hardly say that every Mason would be admitted and welcomed within it. Started under such auspices, and founded upon such principles, the Wolseley Lodge would and must have the approbation of the Great Architect of the Universe.

Bro. P. BARKER proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," which was briefly responded to.

Bro. the Rev. H. ANTHONY NOEL proposed the toast of "The Visitors," to which Bros. BOARD and THOMASSON, of the Birmingham Lodge of Temperance, responded.

At this stage of the proceedings Bro. Lord Wolseley amid applause pinned upon the breasts of the Worshipful Master and the six other founders of the Wolseley Lodge a jewel commemorative of the occasion.

Bro. HUNT, S.W., proposed the toast of "The Army and Navy," referring in particular to the services rendered to the country by Bro. Lord Wolseley and the forces under his command in Egypt.

Bro. Lord WOLSELEY, who was received with cheers, said he felt almost ashamed as it were of being thus singled out for praise when in his heart he felt and knew that it was only in common with thousands of others of his comrades who took part in the late war that he could have any claim to their gratitude. It was very common in a campaign to talk of a general as if he was a man who really had fought the enemy by himself, and to whom all praise was due. If they would think of it they would agree with him that no matter who might be the general—be he Napoleon or be he Wellington—no man could do much in the field in commanding a large army unless he was most ably supported by a highly educated, able, and efficient staff; and lastly and chiefly, unless he had behind him a noble band of soldiers in whom he had most complete and explicit trust, and who also relied upon and put faith in him. (Cheers.) During the campaign that was brought to

an end at the close of last year he was most ably seconded. No man could have around him a more highly educated or a more efficient body of officers than he was authorised to take out with him to Egypt. He was allowed to select his staff; and he thought that those who went with him would be remembered—even supposing that they had no further opportunities of distinguishing themselves—for the able manner in which they discharged their duties in that war. The fact that our soldiers did their work well was evidenced by the manner in which their commander was received that day. He had not the advantage of being a sailor as well as a soldier, and therefore in his allusion to the navy he could not enter into any technical work in connection with the share in the campaign which fell to the lot of the navy, but this he might say, that during his career he had had many opportunities of taking part in wars where the army and navy were intimately associated, and he could remember no previous occasion when the army and navy worked more cordially hand in hand, both striving to do their utmost, and having one common end in view—the interests of their country and the honour of the sovereign whom they served. A great part of the cordiality which subsisted was to be attributed to the fact that our navy was commanded not only by one of the ablest sailors who had ever been afloat but by one of the best and most genial of companions. It had often struck him as being very peculiar how in the centre of a commercial city like Manchester, devoted to manufactures, it came about that this toast was always so well received; and the explanation was not difficult to find, for he was sure that every right-thinking man who was not carried away by some delusive theories must admit that in order that trade and commerce might flourish it was absolutely necessary that there should be a state of profound peace, and he could not help thinking that such a condition of profound peace could only be secured to the nation that was prepared to make sufficient sacrifice in order to maintain an efficient army and navy, and to keep them always ready and efficient for war. (Applause.) He believed that a nation which allowed its military spirit and its military and naval institutions to die out was in great danger. Not only was it unable in that case to take part in the management of the affairs of the world, but its liberties were in danger unless it was able to protect its commerce abroad and to defend its shores at home. He was sorry to say that there still seemed to be in the minds of some people in England a considerable prejudice against soldiers at least. That prejudice might have come down from a time when the army was very differently constituted from the manner in which it was formed now. In the times to which he referred a man who became a soldier enlisted for all his lifetime, or at least for twenty one years. He cut himself adrift from his family and his associations, and was looked upon as a son lost to his parents for ever, for he spent the greater portion of his time in foreign service, very often in unhealthy climates, to which he frequently succumbed. That, he was glad to say, was no longer the case. Our soldiers now enlisted for a very short time. They joined the army for periods of three, five, and seven years, at the expiration of which time they returned to civil life and went into the army reserve, there to be ready for another five or six years in the improbable event of war. During the time they were in the army they were taught what was most necessary to make them when they returned to civil life not only loyal citizens, but peace-loving and peaceable members of society. (Hear, hear.) After the education and discipline he had gone through during his five and six years in the army, the soldier was the man who on his return to civil life ought of all others to be sought after by employers of labour. They would pardon him if he spoke in affectionate terms of the soldiers, for he had spent the whole of his life amongst them. He had seen them under the most difficult circumstances. He had campaigned with them shoulder to shoulder, living on the same fare and exposed to the same hardships, and he had seen them exposed to trials and hardships the most crucial that men could be exposed to, yet they had submitted to all these hardships and trials in the most uncomplaining manner, knowing that they meant the peace, honour, and safety of the country which they loved better than their own comfort, and their own lives.—(Applause.) Anyone who had followed the campaign which had recently been concluded would readily admit that the soldiers who took part in it were worthy of the reception they had met with from their fellow citizens since their return home. Previous to that war it was a very common thing to see the British soldier decried. It was a very common thing to read in the newspapers that he had fallen off, and that he was not the same man that his predecessor was. As to that accusation he would point to the way in which the soldiers had carried out their duties in Egypt amidst the greatest trials of heat, and hunger, and thirst—(applause)—and of all the troops that took part in the campaign there were no two finer battalions than the two battalions belonging to the Manchester Regiment.—(Applause.) When the war was brought to a conclusion one of those battalions went out to India, and the other at the present moment constituted the garrison of Her Majesty's Tower of London, which of itself was a distinction. It made his blood boil sometimes when he heard our soldiers accused of ill-conduct, because he knew that these accusations were not correct. During the war to which he had so many times referred our men behaved in the most excellent manner from the beginning of the campaign to the end of it, and yet discipline was strictly maintained; and all those results were achieved without any recourse being had to the lash. (Applause.) Thank God flogging in the army was now as much a thing of the past as hanging was for sheep stealing, and henceforth discipline in the face of the enemy would have to be maintained by appealing to the patriotism, the good feeling, the love of duty, and the love of country of our men, unbrutalised by the cat-o'-nine-tails. It was but natural that he should be grateful to those who had spoken so highly of the soldiers with whom he had recently served and with whom he had ever been associated. It was to the soldiers that he felt they owed all the honours that had been heaped upon him by a gracious Sovereign and a generous people since his return home—(applause)—and amongst all those honours to which he had referred—and they were many—there were none that he prized more highly, there were none that he should remember as long as he lived with more pleasure and pride than the honour they had done him that evening. (Applause.)

The remaining toasts included "The Masonic Charities;" "The Newly-Invested Officers;" "The Ladies;" and "Poor and Distressed Masons."

A programme of vocal music was excellently rendered by Miss Spary (Clifton), Bros. G. Barton and Joseph Cantor (Liverpool), and Mr. Eaton Barry. Bro. T. Campbell, Organist of the lodge, officiated as musical director. Bro. Dr. Allison played a grand march, composed by him for the occasion, entitled the "Wolseley March."

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You votes and interest are most earnestly solicited for BRO. RALPH MILWARD, Aged 62, Who, through heavy losses and failure in business, and having no private means of support, and continued bad health, is compelled to seek the benefit of the Institution. He was initiated in the Lodge of Tranquility, No. 185 in 1856, and subsequently joined the Globe 23, Beadon 619, Prudent Brethren 145, and Grand Stewards' Lodge; was first Worshipful Master of the Crystal Palace Lodge 742; exalted in the Polish Chapter, joined the Robert Burns, was first M.E.Z. of the Crystal Palace Chapter, and is a Life Governor of the Royal Benevolent Institution, and of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and Past Grand Steward.

Bro. R. M. Smith is now in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, having broken a leg in two places.

This case is strongly recommended by the following brethren:

- Bro. John Bennett, P.M. 23, P.G. Steward, 12, Pall Mall.
A. Erodie, P.M. 184, 810, "Albion," Peckham Park-road.
Henry A. Dubois, P.M. 1423, 1326, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, Sergeant's Inn, E.C.
N. Guckstein, P.M. 51, P.Z. 141, 127, Brixton-road.
W. Kirby, P.M. 23, 145, P.Z. 25 and 820, P.G. Steward, Brooklands, Thames Ditton.
Wm. Pope, P.M. 141, P.Z. 742, 29, Peacock-street, Gravesend.
James J. Pope, P.M. 179, P.Z. 742, 49, King's-road, Chelsea.
George S. Stutes, P.M. Grand Stewards Lodge, P.M. 173, 142, P.Z. 742, 534, 3, Whitehall-place.
John M. Stedwell, V.P., P.G.S., P.P.G.W. Middlesex, P.M. 23, 7, Chestow Villas, Twickenham.
Henry A. Stacey, V.P., P.M. 180, 733, 753, 865, 1218, 1695, P.Z. 180, 733, 753, 34, Lincoln's Inn-fields.
G. F. Saunders, No. 1257 Lodge, 342, Caledonian-road.
Henry G. Warren, P.M. Grand Stewards Lodge, P.M. 173, 145, P.Z. 534, 180, 300, 26, Change-alley, E.C.

Proxies will be thankfully received by the above, and Bro. R. M. Smith, 31, Thornhill-crescent, Barnsbury, N.

To Correspondents.

- The following stand over:—
Correspondence—Bro NEILSON.
Consecration of the Stirling Lodge, No. 1989.
Reports of Meetings—
Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65.
Faith Lodge, No. 141.
Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382.
Henry Muggerridge Lodge, No. 1679.
Victoria Park Lodge, No. 1816.
Sir Francis Burdett Mark Lodge, No. 181.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Allen's Indian Mail," "Freimaurer-Zeitung," "Broad Arrow," "The Citizen," "The Court Circular," "The New York Dispatch," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The Freemason's Chronicle" (Sydney), "The Cape Mercantile Advertiser," "El Taller," "The Keystone," "The Masonic Review," "Boletin do Grande Oriente do Brazil," "Die Bauhütte," "Boletin Masonico," "Boletin of Gr. Or. Espana," "The Kirkcaldy Times," "The Hull Packet."

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SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 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 APRIL ELECTIONS. Dear Bro. Kenning, Without alluding further to any other matter, I beg to remind many old friends, that I shall be very grateful indeed for any Boys' and Girls' votes they can conveniently and conscientiously let me have.—Yours fraternally, A. F. A. WOODFORD. 25a, Norfolk-crescent, Hyde-park, W., Easter Monday.

OUR CHARITIES. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,— Allow me through your kindness to thank Bro. Geo. Wyatt, 151 and 340, P.P.G.S.W. Isle of Wight, for his letter in your issue of the 17th. If he will read mine again he will find that I do not say how the money should be sent; indeed I avoided doing so, as I foresaw an opening for argument. However that is of very little consequence so that it gets into the coffers of the institutions. My own idea is to send it direct. The bye-law of the Albany Lodge, No. 131, is an admirable one and well worthy of copy; the same system has been adopted and carried out by several lodges in East Lancashire for many years. I did not mention this in my first letter because I thought it might be said I was asking too much; my chief object was to call the attention of the great majority of lodges that do not subscribe, to the neglect of, what I think Bro. Wyatt will agree with me in calling, a fraternal duty. If I held office as a Prov. Grand Master I would not sanction the bye-laws of any new lodge or the revised ones of an old one unless they contained a provision for an annual subscription to each of "Our Charities."—Yours truly and fraternally, J. W. P. SALMON. 21st March.

ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,— May I ask you if the change in the Grand Treasurership will not involve many legal expenses? Is not the Grand Treasurer Trustee "pro tempore" of several sustentation funds? Will not new Trustees be required? Who is to pay these law expenses? And will this payment not constitute an annual payment if the Grand Treasurer is annually elected? An answer to these questions will much oblige,—Yours fraternally, A MASTER MASON. 24th March.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE BANQUETS. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,— I think that you will agree with me that the banquets following provincial grand lodges and chapters in the London district are very unsatisfactory. The food is generally cold and none too well served, the wines are not always first-class, yet a guinea is charged to the minority who remain to partake.

I am induced to take up my pen not with a view to finding fault with those esteemed brethren who make the arrangements, but simply to call attention to facts, with a hope of ventilating the subject. Most of us will agree that a guinea is a fair price for a good dinner, including a moderate allowance of wine. I have had good dinners at provincial meetings further from London at 12s. 6d. and 15s. On looking at the annual balance-sheet of a province a few days since I was astonished to find that the cost of the banquet in 1881 was as low as the amount of the tickets sold at a guinea each, and the whole of the contributions from lodges to the Provincial

Fund of General Purposes, except three pounds odd, in other words, the cost per head for dinner and wine, exclusive of music and printing, amounted to one pound seven shillings for each brother who dined.

I am hoping that during the coming summer my suggestion made last year will be adopted, and the provincial grand chapter held just before the meeting of the provincial grand lodge in many of our provinces, to the great advantage of the Order, and to make a provincial grand chapter something more than the solemn farce it usually is.—Fraternally yours,
OBSERVER.

EXCHANGE OF VOTES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I hope you will insert these few lines of mine in regard to what I venture to think, and others do so too, a growing evil, namely this exchange of votes of our different Masonic Charities. In your last issue you yourself touched upon the subject, when you said that you had heard that seven or eight Girls' votes were being given for one Boys' vote, and three Widows', for one Boys' vote.

I have heard that at the last election ten Girls' votes were given for a Boys' vote, and five or six old men, even more. And then as if to add to this jumble and confusion we have "Commercial Travellers," "Aged Pilgrims," "Clerks and Warehousemen," "British Orphans," "Infant Orphans," "Idiots," (how significant), "Licensed Victuallers," "United Kingdom Beneficent," and many more, offered in profusion, and handed round with purely feminine assiduity. For all, or some of these, Masonic votes are exchanged. Now what I want to ask in the *Freemason* is, Is this fair, or just, or proper?

The votes are votes for special charities. What authority has any one to offer, say, 300 or 400 votes, viz., for Girls for Boys, or "vice versa," Men for Widows, or Widows for Men? Above all for the Masonic Charities? Ought not all these votes to be polled for some one candidate in the respective lists without exchange?

I am aware that the old argument is used, "you have a right to do what you like with your own," but are not these votes a trust. I leave the question for wiser heads than mine to settle, but I am sometimes fairly puzzled to know whether I am doing right in taking part in such exchanges?—Yours fraternally,
A VOTER.



NEWFOUNDLAND TO MANITOBA. By Bro. W. F. RAE. Sampson Low and Co., 188, Fleet-street, E.C.

Bro. W. Fraser Rae, a well-known "littérateur" and worthy member of our Order, published in 1881 a book under the above taking title, the greater portion of which had originally appeared in the *Times*, of which journal Bro. Rae was the Correspondent in the summer and autumn of 1878. As just now we hear and read a good deal of Manitoba and emigration and the like, it has occurred to us that it might be alike seasonable and useful shortly to run over the chapters of this interesting little book, which, alike in its convenient bulk and literary merit, we can safely recommend to the notice of all intending emigrants, settlers, and travellers. We can only, however, in our very limited space give an "epitome," or synopsis, of its contents, and must refer our readers to the original for more minute details. We met, by the way, with a good story about the use of hard words the other day. A certain D.D. was examining a school, and he termed the Church Catechism a "valuable epitome." "Perhaps," said the master meekly, "you would explain to the children what epitome means?" "Hum! ha!" said the D.D., "epitome means, my children—hum! ha! well—synopsis!" When we open Bro. Rae's book, whether straying in Newfoundland our oldest colony, but still not completely explored, or amid the Copper Mines of Lake Superior, once worked by a vanished race, whether in the Great Lone Land, among the Blue Noses, whether in Prince Edward's Island, from Duluth to Winnipeg, or the Canadian Far West, we must be struck with the intense immensity of space included in this great empire, the vast and wearying distances travelled over. We feel then inclined to forgive the American stump orator who described the American eagle as flying over an extent of territory which had for its northern boundary the North Pole, its western and eastern the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and for the south, "my friends,"—here he paused, and with a wonderful effort of imagination and realism combined,—"for the south, my friends, the Day of Judgment!" As we travel along pleasantly and chattily and cheerily with Bro. Rae we must be equally interested and struck by the minuteness of his details, and the variety of his experiences. We shall probably not be anxious after we have read his amusing description to obtain or renew any acquaintance with a "skunk;" but whether as settlers or travellers, we shall be glad to remember and to realize what he tells us in such clear and effective words of the wondrous growth and the probable development of a very noble country. There is something very taking in the idea of a new home, a fresh start, a freer beginning, with life and the world before you. Such an idea has great attractions for the young and hardy, it can even impel the old and wayward. The old country has become too strait and too narrow for some of us. We want to create a better place for ourselves and ours than, humanly speaking, in this "worn out and exhausted soil" can ever be our lot, and so we "make tracks." We settle down in Australia, Canada, Manitoba, the great prairies, the virgin forests of the great west, and set ourselves vigorously to work, to "civilize the wilderness and build the plains." For all such, apart from its literary merit, which is very great, Bro. Rae's little work will be a useful companion. It may make them smile in solitary hours, it will give them good advice and fair

encouragement; and if we who, sitting, like Longfellow's contented traveller, by his fire side, and yet "wander all the world over," can gain pleasure and information, and even become moved by its perusal, what must be the feelings of those who shall see with their own eyes the mighty forests, the rolling plains, the noble rivers, and the stormy seas it so graphically seeks to put before us?

HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN WILTSHIRE.

By Bro. F. H. GOLDNEY, M.P. Privately printed. This is really and truly one of the most interesting books we have perused for some time, and which pleasure we owe to the kindness of a Masonic friend and the courtesy of the able writer of the work. To the student and the expert the "excerpta" from old minute books will be probably novel and certainly striking, inasmuch as they open out certain considerations, and lead up to certain matters of fact, which are of untellable importance to Masonic history, and on a right understanding of which the true history of English Freemasonry can alone rest. Our esteemed friend, Bro. R. F. Gould, alluded to the same work some time back in the *Freemason*, in 1881, but we think, and most of our readers will agree, that we cannot have too much of a "good thing." Bro. Goldney is quite right in ascribing great laxity to our Grand Secretary's office in those days, (happily all is changed now), and in asserting and believing that many lodges existed without warrants before 1727. The very fact that the minutes of the Salisbury Lodge in 1732 evidently treat Masonic life and customs as well known and established before the constitution of a lodge by warrant, seems to show what has long been suspected, that many lodges, like that at which Dr. Sulkely was initiated in London, existed without a warrant. In Bro. Gould's list, for 1736-39, a lodge at Salisbury, No. 107, Old Mitre, appears as warranted December 27, 1732. Bro. Goldney gives us the original minute as it is, sparse as it is, by which it seems that it was constituted December 27th, 1732, at the *The Old Mitre*. It seems to have been formed in a few years to the Old Mitre. In all probability the lodge lists are not to be depended upon for absolute accuracy, but are a little defective, as more truly in accordance with the general inaccuracy which prevailed as regards things Masonic. In January, 1732, a lodge clearly existed in Salisbury, inasmuch as £2 12s. 6d. are paid the D.G.M. for charity money and the Secretary for "getting dispensation," probably a dispensation allowing the meeting of a charterless lodge. Jewels were paid for, £1 15s.; a pair of compasses, 7s.; gloves when Bro. Legg was made, 8s.; a Constitution Book, the 1723 one probably, two lodge books and aprons. Does this Constitution Book exist? On the 11th December, 1732, arrangements were made for a warrant and constituting the 1732 lodge. All these entries serve to prove incontestably the existence of an older lodge. Some of the entries are very interesting indeed, viz., one of 1746, "1746, October 19th. At this lodge were made Scotts Masons, five brethren of the lodge, including the W.M. Staples." Can any one explain this entry? The well known Dunckerley was at one time in constant communication with the Salisbury Masons, and in 1779 October 6th, occurs this touching item in the accounts "To Bro. Dunckerley's son in distress, 10s. 6d." The good brethren of Salisbury seem to have been most large hearted as they gave £31 10s. for the relief of the poor of the city during the inclemency of the season in that year, 1779. The Salisbury Lodge after one or two divergencies with Grand Lodge was formally erased about 1802, and though it essayed to keep up an independent existence and held a public procession, and even to set up an opposition Grand Lodge it finally disappeared about the end of the first decade apparently of this century. The minutes of the Turk's Head Lodge, held in Greek-street, Soho, are very interesting indeed, as pointing apparently at first sight to an absorption into the Salisbury Lodge. They date from 1738 to 1739, and then abruptly terminate. Curiously enough, in Pine's List of 1740 the Salisbury Lodge is "out," and the Turk's Head, Greek-street, Soho, is in, 107, as in 1736-39. It was constituted December 12th, 1732. In the List for 1756-69 the Turk's Head is No. 50, and the Salisbury 56, at the Three Swans. In 1770-80, 50 has become 41, Ark Lodge, and 56, 47. In 1781-91 the Turk's Head Lodge seems to have passed away. The Sarum Lodge is now 37. Hence we are inclined to think that the minutes of the Turk's Head, though Salisbury brethren belonged to it, were independent minutes of a London lodge. We find reference in those minutes to the Rev. Dr. Hody (a well-known name) as W.M., Samuel Smith, Philip P. Hetherington, and John Chalmers. A Bro. Adams was its W.M. before 1735, and in 1738 we find Bros. Bishop, Winkles, Adam, Felatan, Porter, Tristram; Bro. Delarant was the proprietor, and Bros. Goodchild and the Rev. Dean Bruce were members in 1739, as was a Bro. Francis Burton, who "entertained the lodge with an agreeable lecture on architectural proportions." Here we stop today. The subsequent prosperous condition of Wiltshire Freemasonry under its distinguished chief, our faithful and meritorious brother, Lord Methuen, is well known. Neither must we omit the services of Bros. Sir G. Goldney, H. C. Tombs, F. H. Goldney, W. Nott, and others. We thank Bro. Goldney for a most lucid and interesting work.



145] FREEMASONRY IN DONCASTER.

On looking over a manuscript book, containing a list of members of Yorkshire lodges during the latter part of the last century (which I believe formerly belonged to the Apollo Lodge, in York), I find amongst the lodges therein recorded "The Duke of York's Lodge, No. 529, Doncaster," with the names of 16 members all "made or admitted" in September and November, 1788. As this lodge does not appear on the Roll at the Union of 1813 it must have had a brief existence. I find it mentioned however in "Browne's Master Key," edition 1798, which contains "A list of Freemasons' Lodges with their numbers as they now stand in the books of the Grand Lodge, 1798," as follows: "Duke of York's Lodge, White Bear Inn, Doncaster, 1st Monday," and numbered 438, but I cannot trace it further. Probably "Masonic Student," or Bro. Hughan, or Bro. Gould may know something about this lodge.
JOSH. TODD, P.M. York, 236.

146] THE TITLE "FREEMASON."

In sending the note referred to by Bro. Gould, I felt that the evidence was not complete, but the extract was sent to me by a skilful genealogist, and one who has had considerable experience in dealing with ancient records. For this reason I did not hesitate to publish it—at the same time writing for any further information that could be obtained, which shall appear in the *Freemason* as soon as it is received.

My attention has been called to the following: Mr. J. H. Parker, C.B., etc., in his "A. B. C. of Gothic Architecture," London, 1881, reprints a paper on "The late or debased Gothic Buildings of Oxford," read by the late Orlando Jewitt at the meeting of the Royal Archaeological Institute of Oxford in 1850.

"It has never been much circulated, and has been quite forgotten," writes Mr. Parker, but as it contains a reference to the word Free-mason with some other information on the subject, I have abstracted that portion as being an interesting addition to the discussion.

Wadhams College was commenced in 1610 and finished in 1613. It was founded by Sir Nicholas and Dame Dorothy Wadhams, but was not begun until after the death of Sir Nicholas in 1609.

"The foundress seems to have had a proper idea that a building used for Divine service should have a different character from those which were intended for domestic uses, and therefore, as the regular masons at that period could not have been much used to church-work, and as it is shewn by the accounts that the masons employed were brought to Oxford from a distance, it seems probable that she brought, from her own county of Somerset, workmen who had been used to this kind of work. The churches of Somersetshire are mostly of rich and late Perpendicular character, and it is probable that the style might continue later there than in other places. It would, therefore, be a curious subject to inquire if any churches were built so late as that on which these masons might have been employed."

In a note Mr. Jewitt continues: "In these accounts (for an opportunity of examining which I am indebted to the Rev. J. Griffith, Sub-Warden [now in 1881 the Warden]), the masons who worked the stone for building are called *Free masons*, or *Freestone Masons* (which is probably the true meaning of the term), while the rest are merely called "labourers." The cost of each window, with the name of the workman, is put down separately, the price of a chapel window being £6, while those of the hall were £3 18s. each. It is curious, too, to find that the three statues over the entrance to the hall and chapel were cut by one of the free masons (William Blackshaw) employed on the other parts of the building. For each statue he was paid the sum of 3s."

So far Mr. Jewitt, other examples of masons doing "imagery" at about the same date might be quoted, and connected with this subject it is interesting to notice that in the list of companies given at the end of Stowe's Survey of London, 1633, the *Marblers* rank 37 on the list (p. 639) and are thus described: "The Company called by the name of *Marblers*, for their excellent knowledge and skill in the Art of Insculpting personages for Tombs, Grave-stones, and Monuments in Churches, and elsewhere in Religious places; their antiquity and what respect they have carried, is unknown to me; nor can I find them to be incorporated, but hold some friendship with the *Masons*, and are thought to be esteemed among them in Fellowship."

They seem to have borne for arms Gules a chevron between two chipping axes in chief, and a mallet in base argent.
W. H. R.

147] SPECULATIVE FREEMASONRY A.D. 1603.

As the Editor of the *Freemason*, reiterates his statement that the discovery of a baptismal register of 1603 in connection with a speculative Freemason upsets all previous theories, and antagonises many dogmatic assertions, with every desire to give all credit that is due to the valuable find of Bro. W. H. Rylands, I fail to see it merits the prominence given to it by that diligent Masonic student, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford. It follows that if all previous theories are upset, that we have all been in error hitherto as to the subject, and that this register traces speculative Freemasonry farther back than has previously been possible. I was intending to write to demur to such a view last week, but did not, but I see that the Masonic historian, Bro. Gould, has done so in No. 143 of "Notes and Queries." I do not consider however that Bro. Gould emphasises the fact of John Boswell's membership of lodge No. 1, Edinburgh, in 1600 so much as it deserves, because for what we know to the contrary that gentleman may have been connected with that old lodge several years earlier, thereby dating back speculative Freemasonry to the sixteenth century. Vol. II. of Bro. Gould's History will be found to be a rich mine of wealth as to the prevalence of Speculative Freemasonry early in the seventeenth century, as well also the noble work of the Scottish Masonic historian, Bro. D. Murray Lyon. It is well also to remember that the membership of Boswell in 1600 is alluded to, in print, as early as 1804, so that it seems to me impossible to agree with the statement of the Rev. Editor, much as I appreciate his many services on behalf of Masonic archaeology, and his perseverance and success in tracing old documents.
W. J. HUGHAN.

148] PEGGING AWAY—STEINMETZ—MAURER—LEWIS.

"Masonic Student" has misunderstood me. Far be it from me to object to pegging away. I rather intended to express unqualified approval of the proceeding in general and of "Masonic Student's" own indefatigable exertions in particular. As regards the derivation of Steinmetz, I cannot wonder at "Masonic Student" holding to "Meizen" to cut, and thus arriving at "Steinmetz," a stonemason. This source appears too obvious for cavil, all the more so as we still have the analogous derivatives "Meizel," a chisel; "Messer," a knife; "Metzger," a butcher, or meat cutter; "Metzeln," to slaughter; &c., &c. I am quite aware that every German authority would quote the same derivation, and I am conscious that the admission of "Masonic Student" to this view, even after the explanation in my last note, will prove an additional obstacle to my contention gaining supporters. But if our editor will grant me a little space I hope to shake "Masonic Student's" conviction, and perhaps that of any German brother who may read this note. In the 1459 Strasburg ordinances we find a clause stating the nature of the work which the "Steinmetzen" claimed as their prerogative, which they were not allowed to teach except to a regularly entered stonemason apprentice, and which they took power to pre-

vent others exercising. The words are "Werk in Massen oder auszug aus dem grunde zu nehmen." It is doubtless a strange fact that not one German commentator or writer has ever grasped the meaning of this phrase, that every modern German version and every English translation has been not only radically wrong but glaringly absurd. The usual and only translation of this old German into either modern German or English has been "work in large quantities or small quantities." Now although the first part of the clause may be forced to this construction, I defy any linguist to fit the second part to the translation. The translators have simply decided in their own minds that "werk in massen" meant work in large quantities, and have jumped at the rest of the phrase in order to give a translation of some sort or another, hoping against all their convictions that it might perhaps by some strange contortions of the original language be approximately correct. The absurdity is all the more patent when we consider that under these circumstances the very clause which was meant to define the special handicraft of our friends the "Steinmetzen" really defined nothing except that no one was ever to work at anything at all, large or small, except themselves. Bro. Gould in the third chapter of his history has given the correct explanation, and for the purposes of this note he will perhaps permit me to claim the credit of the discovery, as it was I drew his attention to it. At the very first glance I realised the incorrectness, I may say the impossibility of the original translation, and in view of the context I was not long in coming to the conclusion that the German passage quoted above was couched in technical language. But here I stuck; I could point out the fault, but could contribute nothing in its place. It took me six months' hard work in the British Museum to worry it out, which will show "Masonic Student" that I advocate and practice "pegging away." The second part of the sentence "ein auszug aus dem grunde nehmen," means to draft an elevation or perspective view (as the case may be), the ground plan being given; in other words, the principles and practice of architectural drawing. This is sense, and we can understand that the craftsmen were not allowed to instruct strangers in this art. The first part, "werk in massen," or as it is to-day denominated "masswerk," is, as I have already stated, the art of working and carving stone to a definite design or measure; from *mass* or *massa*, a measure, as see any technical dictionary. The secrets of the "Steinmetzen" therefore consisted of the arts of drawing architectural designs and fashioning the stones to these designs. But the artisan who executed "masswerk" was a "Steinmetz," and I think it highly probable, nay, obvious, that in this case metz and mass must be referred to the same root. Do not let us forget that the simple stonemason was a "steinhauer," and if metz comes from meizen instead of messen, why was he not called a "Steinmetz?" The answer is, provided I am right, that metz had nothing to do with meizen. And this is how the case stands now. I am conscious that "Masonic Student" and every German authority is against me; but remember that no German Masonic authority has ever yet translated "masswerk" correctly, and I venture to contend that had they known the true interpretation of "masswerk" they would probably have at once seen the connection between this word and "Steinmetz," between the art and the artisan. The "Steinmetz" is not a stonemason—he is more, he is a fashioner and designer in stone. In further answer to "Masonic Student," "maurer," a wall builder, is used in the "Steinmetzen" rules of 1459, 1563, &c.; but as something very inferior, a class of workman to whom on no account any trade secret was to be confided. He might be employed by a "Steinmetz" for his own simple work, but a stonemason was on no account to take employment with him. The "maurer's" term of apprenticeship was three years, the "Steinmetz's" five years; and it appears that a mason occasionally attempted to become a stonemason by serving two years with a "Steinmetz," after filling his three years with a mason. But even this was forbidden, and in order to become a "Steinmetz" the wretched youth had to bind himself afresh for the full term of five years. The German craft distinctions were as follows: the man who could only place the stones in position and fill up the spaces with mortar was a "maurer;" the artisan who in addition could give the stones a face or a cubical form was a "steinhauer;" and the one who united to all this knowledge the art of carving a stone to certain dimensions and shapes was a "steinmetz." I was not aware that "dent de louve" ever meant a tack for carriage springs; but if so it still seems to partake of the nature of something that grips uncommonly tight, as we might expect a wolf's tooth to do. A further example of this half-expressed idea of tenacity has just occurred to me. A "Loup marin, Loup de mer," is an old salt, a sea dog; and every term given by "Masonic Student" in his last note confirms this latent idea of a tight grip. Now, I don't know whether I have convinced "Masonic Student," but I have done my best, and I only pray the Editor will forgive my inroad on his valuable space. G. W. SPETH.

149] A FREEMASON IN 1603.

Bro. R. F. Gould is not so accurate as is his wont, in his comment on some recent remarks in a leaderette in the *Freemason*. He is probably taken up with Vol. II. of his very valuable "History of Freemasonry," so I excuse him fraternally. Nothing was said there directly or inferentially as to the antiquity of the word as applied to Speculative Masons in Great Britain, but in England. If he will carefully look back to "text and context," he will see that the "idea" in the writer's mind was entirely seventeenth century Masonry in England, not Great Britain, for the writer was perfectly acquainted with all the Scottish evidences on the subject, and was by no means anxious to apply to himself the "Dogberryan" formula. As regards Bro. Ryland's recent important contribution and extract, he had better answer, as he is well able, for himself. THE WRITER OF THE LEADERETTE.

150] SCOTS MASONS.

Can any brother throw any light on the words "Scots Masons," found in old minute books about 1746? It seems a sort of reproach to us that we are not able to explain them.

My attention has been called since I wrote the above to a passage quoted in a review of Bro. Golding's interesting "History of Wiltshire Masonry" elsewhere, where a variation of the term is found, "Scotts Masons." There is also another term "St. John's Masons," some times

used about the same time, but it is generally held I believe, that such an expression refers to "Masons unattached." MASONIC STUDENT.

CHARLES SACKVILLE.

In my latest contribution to this interesting little controversy I showed, I hope to the satisfaction of "Dryasdust," that Charles Sackville, Earl of Middlesex, was in Florence in company with the Rev. Joseph Spence, from the autumn of 1732 to the month of June, 1733, the latter year being the date of Natter's medal. In the present state of our information it is impossible to prove that this Charles Sackville was a Freemason and the Master of a lodge established by him at Florence, but I do not think we are justified in going the length of assuming he was not a member of the Fraternity, because there is no record of his membership. With all due deference to "Dryasdust" I attach only a negative kind of importance to the fact of there being no evidence to show either that a lodge of Freemasons was established at that period in Florence, or that Charles Sackville, Earl of Middlesex, on his return to England, was ever present in any lodge of Freemasons as either a member or a visitor. It is well known that the early records of the Grand Lodge of England were but indifferently kept, and the absence of all mention of his name in them is by no means conclusive as to his not having been a brother; nor having regard to the fact I have already cited that a Lodge at Bordeaux, which is said to have been founded in 1732, is not mentioned in our list of lodges till about 1769, is it by any means surprising that the Florentine lodge (if there were one) should have escaped notice altogether. It might have been only an occasional one, like that which was assembled at the Hague in 1731, when Francis of Lorraine was initiated into our mysteries. At all events Freemasonry grew to be of sufficient importance to be thought worthy of excommunication by the Grand Duke Gaston de Medici in 1737, and the probabilities are in favour of its having been introduced into Florence by Englishmen. Of course if there is no medal, the whole controversy falls through; but if, as I have said before, the medal is there, and it is shown that Charles Sackville, Earl of Middlesex, was in Florence in the year as commemorated on it, then, unless we have grounds for supposing that Natter invented Carolus Sackville as well as the medal, it is far from being an unreasonable presumption to suppose that Charles Sackville, Earl of Middlesex, had a hand in introducing Masonry into Florence. Again, as to his not having shown an interest in the Craft, though his friend and patron, Frederick Prince of Wales, was initiated 1737. The Earl of Middlesex was appointed Master of the Horse by his Royal Highness in 1747 and attended the Prince's funeral in 1751—by an obviously clerical error these dates are given by "Dryasdust" as 1741 and 1757—in his official capacity as well as in the quality of a friend. But "Dryasdust" does not show, and I have nowhere read, that his lordship was a member of the Prince's household in 1737, though of course he may have been, for aught I know to the contrary. Again, the Prince's own Masonic record is of the most meagre character, and there is nothing surprising in that of his Master of the Horse being a complete blank. As to Natter and the Strict Observance he is said to have introduced it into St. Petersburg in 1762. If the medal exists and the date (1733) is genuine, I confess I cannot see how what happened in 1762 can possibly affect what is set down as having happened in 1733, or close on 30 years previously. However, setting aside all arguments founded on mere probabilities and possibilities, I have, I think, succeeded in establishing the fact that Charles Sackville, eldest son of Lionel, Duke of Dorset, and by courtesy known as Earl of Middlesex, was at Florence in company with his fellow traveller the Rev. Joseph Spence, from the autumn of 1732 till June of the year following. I am not aware of there having been any other Charles Sackville in Florence at that time. The inference from such circumstantial evidence as this is that if the medal is not, as I have said, a myth, its "Charles Sackville" and "Charles Sackville Earl of Middlesex" are one and the same person. As to "Dryasdust's" more recent note the date "Turin, August 25, 1740" attached to the letter he refers to as having been written by Spence to his mother is correct. I have read it in the appendix or supplement to Singer's edition of the "Anecdotes," &c., and it contains an account of the "Adepts," of whom he writes, "They are a set of Philosophers, superior to whatever appeared among the Greeks and Romans. The three great points they arrive at is to be free from poverty, distempers, and death; and if you will believe them, they have found out one secret that is capable of freeing them from all three. There are never more than twelve of these men in the world at a time; and we have the happiness of having one of the twelve at this time at Turin." He goes on to say that "His name is Andrey, a Frenchman, of a Genteel Air, but with a certain Gravity in his face, that I never saw in any Frenchman before." Mr. Spence asked him if he had been in England and was answered in the affirmative. "The last time I was in England," added he, "there were Eleven Philosophers there. I told him I hop'd there might be more than Eleven in England. He smil'd a little and said: Sir, I don't talk of common Philosophers; I talk of Adepts; and of them I saw in England what I never saw anywhere else; there were Eleven at Table, I made the Twelfth, and when we came to compare our Ages all together, they made somewhat upward of Four Thousand Years." In answer to a further question, he said "he was not quite 200, but that he was one of the youngest at the table," that "the secret of carrying on their lives as long as they pleased was known to all of them, and that some of them perhaps might remove out of this world, but that he did not think anyone of them would die, for if they did not like this globe they had nothing to do but to go into another whenever they pleased. How soon that might be he did not know, but St. John and the Travelling Jew," he said, "had staid in it about 1700 years, and some of his friends perhaps might stay as long." The letter is too long to transcribe in full, nor will it in any way help towards the solution of the Sackville-Natter-Medal controversy. The date I have said is correct. Mr. Spence made three tours, one with the Earl of Middlesex in France and Italy from the autumn of 1730 to beginning of July 1733; the second from about October 1737 to February 1738, in Holland, Flanders, and France, with a Mr. Trevor. This would have been continued to Italy, but Mr. Trevor was compelled to return home to stand as a "candidate for a borough." The third was with Henry, Earl of Lincoln, from 1739; they reached Turin in October of that year and re-

mained a full 12 months—to November 1740. Of these "Anecdotes," &c., two editions were published in 1820 on the same day; one by Edmund Malone, which I have not seen, and the other, from which I have obtained my information, by Singer. Of the latter, a second edition being a verbatim reprint of the first, was published in 1859 (see *Athenaeum*, 1859, i., 249.) Spence figures in the Rev. James Ridley's "Tales of the Genii" as Phesoj Enceps, the Dervish of the Groves. According to Allibones' "Critical Dictionary of English Literature," &c., he published in 1752 "Crito, or a Dialogue of Beauty," under the pseudonym of "Sir Harry Beaumont," and the year following under the same name, "Moralities." According to the same authority he contributed to "Dodsley's Museum," "Oxford Verses," "Dodsley's Collection of Poems." See also "Nichols's Select Collection of Poems." G. B. A.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on the 21st inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., occupied the President's chair; Bro. Jas. Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Charles Atkins, Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. There were also present Bros. H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, G. P. Britten, W. Stephens, Thos. Cull, Herbert Dicketts, H. Garrod, E. F. Storr, J. H. Matthews, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and several other brethren.

The brethren first confirmed grants recommended at the former meeting to the amount of £180.

The PRESIDENT announced that the lodge had received several letters from petitioners relieved at the last meeting thanking brethren for the relief afforded. He said he was very happy to make this statement that brethren relieved had seen fit to thank the lodge for its assistance, and he believed this was the first year he could remember when any acknowledgment had been received from petitioners after they had received assistance.

The brethren then went on with the new list, on which there were 34 petitioners. In the course of a long sitting two of these were dismissed and three were deferred. The remainder were relieved as follows: Four with £40 each (£160); four with £30 each (£120); one with £25 (£25); seven with £20 each (£140); two with £15 each (£30); ten with £10 each (£100); and one with £5 (£5). Total, £580.

Lodge was then closed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Board of Stewards for the approaching festival of this Institution on the 9th of May held their first meeting on Wednesday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robt. Grey, P.G.D., Vice-Patron of the Institution, occupied the chair. The brethren elected Bro. Grey President of the Board of Stewards. They also elected Bro. Horace B. Marshall, C.C., Patron, W.M. Brixton Lodge, 1949, Treasurer, and Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary of the Institution, Honorary Secretary, and Bro. H. A. Dubois, Past Prov. Grand Warden Middlesex, Vice-President, Chairman of Ladies' Stewards.

It was resolved to hold the festival at Freemasons' Tavern. The Dinner and Music Committees were elected, and the usual resolutions passed. Before the brethren separated the CHAIRMAN drew their attention to the fact that the number of Stewards was very much smaller than usual; but he expressed his conviction that those brethren who were Stewards would use every effort to ensure the success of the festival, and the more so that the number of Stewards was small.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

The General Committee met at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, when Col. Creaton presided, and there were also present Bros. Frank Richardson, Frederick Walters, J. H. Matthews, James Peters, C. H. Webb, Robt. P. Tebb, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the General Committee of 22nd February were read and verified, and those of the Committee of 22nd inst. were read for information. The Chairman was authorised and requested to sign cheques for various small sums.

Bro. RICHARDSON said that since the last meeting of the House Committee it had been reported to him that of the 14 pianos at the schools 12 required replacing with new ones, and he proposed that the House Committee be authorised to have them examined by a competent person, and to replace such as were found to be past repair. This would not, in fact, be an expense from the funds of the Institution, as they had a fund of £186 in hand from the fees of 10s. 6d. a quarter paid by the pupils who learned music.

The CHAIRMAN said that the House Committee were not aware of the condition of the instruments when they last met, and he thought it was a very proper matter to be brought before this committee. He therefore put it to the vote, and it was at once agreed to.

Three petitions were considered, and all being satisfactory the names of the children were ordered to be added to the list of candidates.

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Craft Masonry.

KENT LODGE (No. 15).—The installation meeting of this ancient lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. There were present Bros. A. Posener, W.M.; W. Hirst, S.W.; W.M. elect; E. Stimson, J.W.; J. Sleeman, P.M.; Treas.; W. P. Dukes, P.M. Sec.; T. W. Legge, S.D.; J. J. Woolley, J.D.; C. James, I.G.; J. Pinder, P.M.; Steward; E. A. Wells, P.M.; C. E. Ball, P.M.; C. Ginman, P.M.; S. Wharman, P.M.; Henry Martin, P.M.; and E. P. Barlow, P.M.; also Bros. J. Posener, T. Wigglesworth, B. Goldberg, C. Tatton, J. Ball, F. H. Plummer, J. A. Cammell, E. Bithray, C. Potier, J. G. Bishop, T. W. Tucker, E. W. Ives, W. S. Cross, W. H. Newell, and G. T. Saunders. There was a numerous attendance of visitors, several of whom are well known as teachers of the beautiful rituals of the Craft, the following being present: Bros. E. A. Lugg, P.M., P.P.G.O., 452; Past Masters A. W. Fenner, 1227 and 1693; W. Groom, 861; S. Jacobs, 1327; H. J. Johnson, 186; C. G. Payn, 201; H. J. Phillips, 205; J. H. Southwood, John Hervey, 1260; S. Waters, 700; J. G. Fisher, W.M. 1174; F. Ashton, 1507; C. E. Botley and F. Botley, 780; A. J. Bradgate, 55; J. Child, 453; A. J. Dixie, 453; F. France, 1986; J. Gibbs, 1580; J. Glass, 453; J. Gold, 815; J. Greenfield, 1602; C. F. Haines, 1679; D. Haines, 72; C. F. Hall, 1307; H. Levatt, 452; E. Monson, jun., 1174; E. Norman, 1950; J. M. Pipe, 1306; J. Porter, 11; J. L. Potts, 1244; T. J. Robertson, 1538; R. Seymour, 1471; W. Shoober, 766; G. F. Smith, 1076; C. Weeden, 813; A. Wild, 39; W. Williams, 992; and E. Woodman, 1950.

Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The business comprised the raising of Bro. G. T. Saunders to the Third Degree, the initiation of Mr. C. R. Saunders (brother to the first named), and the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Hirst, who was duly obligated by Bro. Posener. A board of Installed Masters was formed and Bro. Hirst was duly installed as W.M. by Bro. Dukes, P.M., and afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. Stimson, S.W.; T. W. Legge, J.W.; J. Sleeman, P.M., Treas.; W. P. Dukes, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Woolley, S.D.; C. James, J.D.; J. A. Cammell, I.G.; A. Pritchard, D.C.; and J. Pinder, P.M., Steward.

Bro. A. Posener, the I.P.M., then completed the ceremony by giving the addresses in a very excellent manner. The Auditors' report was received and adopted. The W.M. presented Bro. A. Posener with a P.M.'s jewel which had been duly voted him by the lodge for past services, accompanying the presentation with a few kind words of congratulation.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren (64 in number) adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where the banquet awaited them, over which the new W.M. presided in a very kind and genial manner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

In reply to the toast of "The W.M." Bro. Hirst assured the brethren that he would do his best to maintain the integrity of Freemasonry. Being elected W.M. he was pledged to uphold the dignity of the chair and determined so far as his year of office went so to do to the best of his ability, and he also assured them that his sole aim was to do the utmost that laid in his power for the welfare of the Kent Lodge.

The toast of "The Initiate" was duly proposed and honoured, as was also "The Visitors," which was responded to by Bros. Gold, Glass, Potts, Dixie, Greenfield, Botley, Groom, and Fenner.

The remaining toasts were received with all the honours they deserved, and the brethren separated, having spent a very pleasant evening. Bro. E. H. Sugg, P.P.G.O., presided at the organ in lodge as also at the piano at the banquet, and by his excellent performances contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the evening; the harmony was also added to by the singing by Bros. Seymour, Pinder, P.M., Monson, Newell, and E. Woodman, while Bro. Robertson gave an excellent recitation which was very much applauded.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—We have seldom had the pleasure of participating in a more thoroughly agreeable and harmonious gathering than that which took place at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on the evening of Thursday, the 22nd inst., when Bro. H. E. Joyce was installed as W.M. of the above lodge in succession to Bro. C. W. Peters. There were present all the essentials of a bright and successful meeting—a goodly muster of brethren and visitors, an agenda presenting some varied and interesting items of work, and above all that work admirably and most efficiently sustained. Most pleasing of all perhaps was the instant application to work displayed by the newly-installed W.M., who thus not only proved his aptitude for the duties of the office with which he had been entrusted, but his eagerness to prove that efficiency which the brethren so well knew he possessed. It is not often that the initiation of a candidate by a newly-fledged Master forms part of the programme at an installation meeting, but on this occasion the assembly was pleasantly surprised by that agreeable novelty, and it must be admitted that the manner in which Bro. Joyce made his debut on Thursday week augurs well for the working which the brethren may expect to enjoy during the ensuing year.

Lodge was opened under the presidency of the retiring W.M., Bro. C. W. Peters, who was supported by Bros. H. E. Joyce, S.W.; W.M. elect; E. Blake, S.D.; W. T. Folks, J.D.; H. R. Grellett, P.M.; Treas.; Jonas Duckett, P.M., Sec.; J. Gibbs, I.G.; J. S. Terry, P.M., D. of C.; C. H. Wiltshire, W.S.; J. W. Watts, P.M.; H. Beckley, P.M.; H. H. Wiltshire, T. J. Noakes, J. M. Marr, W. M. Worsfold, W. G. Smallman, Hugo Glüenstein, W. Abbott, Edward Ball; W. Harrison, Tyler, and others. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.; James Stevens, P.M.; Martell, F. Elgar, H. T. Bing, P.M. 1597; T. W. Skelton, P.M. 1056; J. B. Sorrell, P.M. 176; Edward Johnson, P.M. 150; W. G. Lemon, P.M. 165; C. P. Passelowe, W. Farr, 1077; James Watson, 73; E. P. Wilson, 181; J. J. Comont, 179; Charles Barker, 857; J. H. D. Steel, 73;

F. J. Young, 58; J. Esson, 1589; T. E. Venables, 263; G. C. Rivers, 459; J. M. Hamm, 238, and others.

The usual preliminaries having been observed, the ballot was opened for Mr. Charles Henry Sharman, who had been proposed by the Worshipful Master elect, and seconded by Bro. E. Blake, S.D. The voting was unanimously in favour, and Mr. Sharman having been accepted, Bro. Joyce was presented as W.M. elect, and assented in usual form to the interrogatories put to him. A Board of Installed Masters was then duly constituted, and Bro. Joyce was installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. C. W. Peters. The newly-installed Master was afterwards proclaimed and saluted with full honours, amidst the universal congratulations of those assembled. He then proceeded to invest his officers for the year, the collars being thus bestowed: Bros. C. W. Peters, I.P.M.; E. Blake, S.W.; J. Gibbs, J.W.; H. R. Grellett, P.M., Treas.; Jonas Duckett, P.M., Sec.; W. T. Folks, S.D.; C. H. Wiltshire, J.D.; H. H. Wiltshire, I.G.; J. W. Watts, P.M., Dir of Cers.; J. S. Terry, P.M., W.S.; T. J. Noakes, Steward; and W. Harrison, Tyler. The W.M. then initiated Mr. C. J. Sharman into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the working being most effectively performed, and in a manner which elicited genuine approbation. The W.M. then, in the names of the brethren of the lodge, begged Bro. Peters's acceptance of a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a token of their respect and esteem, and in recognition of his zealous and valuable services rendered to the lodge during his year of office. Those services were alluded to in felicitous terms, and the sentiments expressed by the W.M. were heartily endorsed by the whole of the brethren. The jewel was a massive and elegant one, and bore the following inscription: "United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507. Presented to Bro. Charles W. Peters, in appreciation of his services as Worshipful Master, 1882-3."

Bro. Peters in acknowledging the compliment paid to him expressed the interest he had always taken in the affairs of the United Pilgrims Lodge, and promised to it his undivided attention in the future.

After the transaction of some other business, lodge was closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, which was served in a manner which reflected the highest credit on Messrs. Roberts, the proprietors of the hotel, and their staff. At the conclusion of the repast the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured, the name of Bro. Magnus Ohren being coupled with that of "The Officers of Grand Lodge."

Bro. Magnus Ohren in responding said it was a great honour for any Mason to be called upon to respond to this toast, because he himself must wear the purple; and it afforded him great pleasure to hear the manner in which the names of the Grand Officers were always received. But he was not at all surprised at this on the present occasion, when he looked around him and saw so many who were in the habit of attending Grand Lodge. There they saw how the officers did their duty, and the two noblemen at the head of the Craft, the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom, whenever they were present, conducted the business in a manner which must give satisfaction to every one present. The officers who attended Grand Lodge and worked on the committees gave a great deal of time to the work, and their duties were most faithfully and zealously performed. They would all be pleased to see the Worshipful Grand Master a little oftener, but they must recollect how fully his Royal Highness's time was occupied, and that the days for the meeting of Grand Lodge are fixed. If they were moveable days the Prince of Wales might be enabled to attend oftener than he does; still they all knew he paid the most earnest attention to his Masonic duties. The Grand Secretary was constantly with him, and his Royal Highness knew everything that was done; and the Grand Officers were selected by him, and his heart was entirely in Freemasonry. He again thanked them for the manner in which the toast had been received.

The I.P.M. observed that one of the most important toasts before them that evening was "The Health of their W.M." They all knew his excellent disposition and kindness of heart, and no one could have met him in this lodge without admitting that in Bro. Joyce he had found a friend. He did not know what would have become of the United Pilgrims Lodge but for the brother who had just been so unanimously chosen as its W.M., for three-fourths of its members were his own personal friends whom he had brought into the lodge, and he only hoped they would persevere until they reached the high and dignified position that he had attained to-day. He felt very proud indeed at having to stand there to propose the health of Bro. Joyce, in whom he had taken a deep interest from the moment he came into the lodge, and in whom he was very glad to find so worthy and apt a pupil. His genial and kindly manner and disposition to make things pleasant all round him had been felt and acknowledged in the lodge; and in the presence of so many visitors as they had present to-night he had very great pleasure in testifying to the true worth of their excellent W.M., who was deserving of the highest honours the brethren could possibly bestow upon him. He asked the brethren to drink to the toast with all heartiness it deserved, and with all the sincerity he knew they felt towards not only a brother Mason, but also a true and intimate friend. Bro. Joyce endeavoured most successfully to carry out in practice all the tenets included in Freemasonry, and his sole aim was to make everything pleasant and to unite men in the grand design of rendering each other happy. Might he live long to come amongst them and to aid them in carrying out that grand design of making each other happy and in promoting the true welfare of the Craft in general and of the United Pilgrims Lodge in particular. (So mote it be).

Bro. Joyce who was received with the utmost cordiality on rising to respond said he thanked the brethren most earnestly for the manner in which the toast of his health had been received. He could only say that although he had great pleasure in being amongst them that evening, there was a certain tinge of sadness about it. He recollected that it was only just four years ago when he was initiated, and when two of his most distinguished visitors to-night were present, and when he occupied the position of his brother now on his immediate right, he said in responding to the toast of "The Initiate" that when a "printer's devil" in a small country town very many years ago it fell to his lot to print a notice of the Shakespeare Lodge held in that locality, and he thought to himself, though only a "printer's devil," he should like some day to be a Mason. That was

his ambition, and on the night to which he referred he told the brethren that ambition had been realised, but now he should have another ambition, and that was to be a Mason as good as any of them. There he must stay, for the idea was not yet quite realised, though he hoped it was to some extent, for he had gone as far as he could expect to do, at least for some years. There was thus, as he had said, a certain tinge of sadness that he had got almost to the apex of his ambition. But he should not allow that sadness to affect in any way his future interest in Masonic duties. He felt he must quarrel with his excellent Immediate Past Master, who said three-fourths of the members of the United Pilgrims Lodge were his personal friends. He (the speaker) said they were all his friends, and he trusted they might always remain on the same terms of amity and goodwill as they were on at present. It should be his endeavour to produce that effect, and if he failed in it once he should, as in the words of the song they had just heard, "try again." If anything in life was worth doing at all it was worth doing well, and it was a laudable ambition on the part of all Masons to try and reach the top of the tree. He thanked them first of all for placing him in the honourable position he now occupied, and he felt it a great privilege and compliment, because he knew there were many of his friends who had been members of the lodge longer than he had been and yet had not attained that position. It was an honourable distinction, and one which he most thoroughly appreciated. It would be his most earnest desire during his year of office to justify the choice they had made, and he hoped that at this time next year, when it would be his turn to take the seat now occupied by his friend the Immediate Past Master, he might be equally entitled to their satisfaction and their esteem for the manner in which he should have discharged the duties entrusted to him during his year of office.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Initiate," in whose presence he would not say so much as he should have been tempted to do otherwise. He could only say that Bro. Sharman was another friend of his. They had often heard Masters say they could generally judge of a Mason when he was initiated, and whether they were likely to turn out good men and true. From the interest he took in the ceremony he felt perfectly certain that Bro. Sharman would prove a student and an excellent member of the Fraternity. If Bro. Sharman should ever reach the proud position of being Master of this lodge might he be there to give him a hearty welcome.

Bro. C. H. Sharman in responding said that one of the greatest secrets in Masonry, so far as he was concerned, was in being asked to rise and respond to a toast. He had for a long time past experienced a craving and longing to associate himself with this ancient and honourable institution, but up to now circumstances had prevented him. At the present moment he felt very much like Alice in "Wonderland," nervous, timid, surprised, and could only half grasp the beauties of a system which he hoped he might more thoroughly understand in the future. He felt he had got one foot, however, over the stile, and hoped he might have the opportunity of reaching some of the highest offices in due course. His heart was already in the work, and he should endeavour faithfully to carry out the solemn obligations he had that night undertaken.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," whose excellencies of character he could roll into a few words. He was a good Christian man and a good Mason, which was all that need be said of a true brother and a gentleman.

The Immediate Past Master felt very proud on this auspicious occasion, for he had now arrived safely in the "Upper House," amongst the Past Masters who had guided and regulated the affairs for many years. He should be happy to co-operate with them in the solution of problems that were frequently cropping up, and to assist in every possible way in advancing the true interests of the lodge. He thanked their excellent W.M. for the few kind and concise words he had so kindly spoken, and the officers of the lodge generally for the valuable support and assistance they had accorded him during his year of office. He scarcely knew what he should have done, or how he could have got through the business of the year, without the generous aid and co-operation of the Past Masters, especially their excellent Treasurer and Secretary, and Bros. Watts and Terry, to whom the praise bestowed on him was greatly due. He was much obliged for the creditable report they had made upon the way in which he had conducted himself in the chair during the past year. He assured them he took that chair with the best intentions, and he now resigned it into abler hands, though, at all events, not more willing ones. He wanted to see the lodge grow and prosper, as it had done lately; and he hoped it would not only become efficient, but well known throughout the Craft for its support of the Charities. That was one of the great essentials of success. He hoped they would ever bear in mind the sentiments contained in the recitation just given by Bro. Stevens, P.M., in "The level and the square," and if they did so they would retire from the lodge with a clear conscience, and be much better for having exerted their utmost to promote the true interests and objects of Freemasonry.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and in doing so was pleased to meet many old and distinguished Masons as guests that evening, and not less so to welcome those of the rank and file, who by promulgating the tenets of Freemasonry were equally eminent with those who wore the purple. He believed it was incumbent upon Masters to visit other lodges and to entertain visitors, and but for the unfortunate illness in the family he would have had the company of the W.M. elect of his mother lodge on this occasion. He should then have had by his side the I.P.M., the present W.M. and the W.M.-elect of his mother lodge. It might appear somewhat strange that he should now be the Master of the lodge of his adoption; but they could not control all the circumstances of their lives, though they must be guided by them to a very great extent. It had been his lot to throw himself into this lodge to the exclusion of his mother lodge; but somehow though he might go into many lodges he should never lose his love and affection for that into which he was initiated. There were Past Masters here whom he had had the pleasure of meeting in a place to which he owed considerably—the lodge of instruction—amongst whom he might mention Bro. Sorrell; whilst in Bro. Stevens they had a great authority in The Great City Lodge and in many others on both sides of the water. He alluded to the common bond of unity which bound brethren together in the practice of good deeds, and said many of the bre-

thren who had not yet passed the chair were as exemplary in carrying out the principles of Freemasonry as those who wore the purple, and who dispersed what charity they could without ostentation and often without any one knowing about it. He hoped he had given the visitors a hearty welcome, and the same would be extended to them whenever in the future they might pay a visit to the United Pilgrims Lodge.

Bro. W. G. Lemon in responding said when Bro. Joyce came into the Ravensbourne Lodge he thought he had in him the making of a thorough Mason. He had not the pleasure of initiating their excellent W.M., but he had of receiving his first subscription, so Bro. Joyce would have a lively recollection of the part he played at the initiatory ceremony. He was very pleased to have had the opportunity of being present to witness his installation, and rejoiced that he had been able to avail himself of the invitation. He was delighted with the working of the lodge and with what was something unusual with a W.M. immediately on being appointed to the chair, proceeding at once to initiate a brother and to perform the work at the moment when he might reasonably be allowed a little relaxation. But Bro. Joyce was so omnivorous of work that he did not expect they would hear him say on the return of a brother he might give a lecture on the tracing board "should time permit." He thanked them for the kindness and courtesy with which the visitors had been received, and he should look back upon it with a cordial sense of their hospitality and urbanity.

Bro. James Stevens said he had been associated with this lodge many years, and had had frequent opportunities of enjoying the amenities of the brethren, though it was some time since he paid his last visit. It was said that "absence makes the heart grow fonder," and certainly the reception accorded to the visitors that evening revived much of the old satisfaction he experienced in former times. He might mention that a lodge of instruction having been established in connection with this lodge, and of which he had the honour of being the Preceptor, those who were young in the Craft, as well as those more advanced, should embrace every opportunity of attending, when he should be happy in return for the truly Masonic greeting he had received that night to give them whatever instruction he could in that capacity. The working in lodge and the hospitalities of that evening did them infinite credit, and he rejoiced exceedingly at the prosperity which had attended their lodge, especially during the last five years.

Bro. J. B. Sorrell also returned thanks, in doing which he expressed his pleasure at seeing Bro. Joyce installed into the chair, and also in witnessing that ceremony performed by the I.P.M. It was most unusual to see a newly-installed Master initiate a brother immediately on taking office; but this he thought was to be accounted for by the fact that Bro. Joyce, as a member of the lodge of instruction, W.M. had perfected himself in the work he had undertaken.

Bro. B. Martell observed it was a goodly thing for brethren to dwell together in unity, and he was sure that was an axiom that was always exemplified in the United Pilgrims Lodge. He hoped to have the pleasure of meeting them on many future occasions, and to enjoy their friendly hospitality as he had done that night. He had much appreciated the beautiful addresses delivered by the I.P.M., and had the utmost pleasure in meeting so many friends in this lodge.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the P.Ms.," whom it would be invidious to singularise, seeing they all possessed such admirable qualifications. They were all deeply indebted to the Past Masters for the assistance they had given, enabling them to perform their duties. He alluded in especially felicitous terms to the manner in which the Treasurer and Secretary discharged the functions of their respective offices and of the efforts they made to sustain the prestige and popularity of the lodge.

Bro. H. R. Grellet acknowledged the compliment that had been paid him by his re-election as Treasurer, and hoped he should be able to discharge his duties to their satisfaction, as he had done in the past.

Bro. Jonas Duckett was very pleased at being Secretary of this lodge, which after so many vicissitudes had attained its present proud position in the Craft. There were fond memories clinging to the present, and he could not but reflect how that the good old ship had been brought through turbulent and tempestuous seas until it had become a strong, united, and prosperous lodge. He wished for it a long career of usefulness and prosperity, and this he was assured would be the case so long as its affairs were so ably conducted as at present.

Bro. Terry also suitably responded. "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" was then proposed and severally acknowledged, and the list was fittingly closed with the Tyler's toast.

The proceedings of the evening were enlivened with some excellent recitations and songs, Bro. C. Warwick Jordan, Mus. Bac. Oxon, presiding most efficiently at the piano-forte. Amongst the most notable selections were the following: "The Toréador" ("Carmen"), Bro. J. Watson; "The Mariner," Bro. E. Blake, S.W.; "Tom Bowling," Bro. C. H. Sharman; "The friar of orders grey," Bro. J. Watson; "The powder monkey," Bro. E. Blake; "The anchor's weighed," Bro. C. H. Sharman, &c.; Bro. James Ohren recited "The apple tree," and Bro. James Stevens "The level and the square," both in admirable form and were heartily applauded. Altogether a most happy and harmonious evening was enjoyed.

WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last at the Crystal Palace. There were present Bros. W. F. Gardner, W.M.; Thos. Perrin, S.W., W.M. elect; J. C. Woodrow, Sec.; C. Basil Cooke, S.D.; J. B. Crump, J.D.; B. Fullwood, D.C.; J. Crowden, I.G.; P. G. Philps and R. P. Jenkins, Stwds.; R. H. Crowden, P.M.; J. Hicks, A. J. Bellis, Johnson, E. Barnes, and Osmond. There were also the following visitors: Bros. Grabham, P.G.S.W. Middx.; Barton, P.G.S., P.M. 771; Fox, P.M. 1326; Lilley, P.M. 12; Pound, P.M. 19; Burnett, J.W. 1901; W. Potts, 1928; G. Welsh, 1928; A. Coaton, 1044; Lavington, 857; Postans, 1426; Holts, 807; Stuart, 1491; Powlis, S.D. 1901; Basley, 1572; Bullen, 91; and E. Sand, 79.

The lodge having been opened, the W.M. said that since the last meeting of the lodge a worthy brother (a Past Master of the lodge, the late Bro. John Allen) had been taken from amongst them by death. No brother was more endeared to the brethren of the West Kent Lodge than John Allen, a man who commanded the esteem of every

one that knew him in every relation of life. On hearing of the death of Bro. Allen, the Secretary in the name of the lodge had written a letter of sympathy to their deceased brother's widow, and in so doing he (the W.M.) was sure Bro. Woodrow had only anticipated the wish of the lodge.

The report of the Audit Committee which was of a satisfactory character was read and then the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect was proceeded with, Bro. R. H. Crowden being the Installing Master. Bro. Perrin, the W.M. elect was duly installed in the chair of K.S., and afterwards saluted in the usual form and the ceremony completed, Bro. Crowden fulfilling his duties as Installing Master in admirable style. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Gardner, I.P.M.; Basil Cooke, S.W.; Crump, J.W.; Woodrow, P.M., Sec.; J. Crowden, S.D.; P. G. Philps, J.D.; Jenkins, I.G.; Fullwood, P.M., D.C.; Hicks and Johnson, Stewards; and Bowler, Tyler.

The Worshipful Master next presented Bro. Gardner with a Past Master's jewel, remarking that they all knew how assiduously he had performed his duty while in the chair and hoping that he might live to wear it for many years.

Bro. Gardner briefly expressed his appreciation of the honour conferred upon him. Mr. Alfred John Hands having been unanimously elected was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M. in a most impressive manner. The lodge was then closed and the brethren shortly afterwards adjourned to the banquet-room.

At the conclusion of a most recherché banquet the Worshipful Master gave "The Queen and the Craft;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master;" and "The Pro Grand Master and other Grand Officers Present and Past," in succession, which toasts were drunk with all honours.

Bro. Gardner said the toast he had to propose was one which was difficult to do justice to as it was "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Perrin who that day had been so ably installed was introduced to the West Kent Lodge by Bro. R. H. Crowden, and he had proved himself to be a brother of whose friendship and companionship they were all proud. He had filled the various offices of the lodge with great credit to himself and with great satisfaction to the brethren, and he would there was no doubt acquit himself so well in the chair he now occupied that when he retired into the ranks of the Past Masters the brethren would feel some twinges of regret. It was a sincere pleasure to him (Bro. Gardner) to have so worthy a successor, for in Bro. Perrin's hands the lodge would be sure maintain its present flourishing condition.

The toast was drunk with great cordiality.

The Worshipful Master in response said he had been completely overwhelmed by the eloquence of Bro. Gardner, but he trusted the bright anticipations formed about his year of office would be realised. Everything he had done for the West Kent Lodge had been a pleasure to him. He liked Masonry, and as a rule people generally succeeded in pursuits they had their hearts in. A great deal of the success he had already attained was due to Bro. Grabham, who he was pleased to see present on this occasion. He thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had drunk his health, and it would be an encouragement to him in the future. He should ever try to sustain the reputation of the West Kent Lodge, and when he vacated the chair he hoped to leave the lodge in as good a condition as that in which he found it to-day.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and congratulated Bro. Gardner on the satisfactory position of the lodge at the end of his year of office as Master.

Bro. Gardner in reply said the honour which had been conferred upon him was one which he should ever remember, and the handsome jewel which had been presented to him would always be regarded by him as a recognition of his humble services to the lodge. He took it that the jewel had been bestowed upon him in all heartiness and kindness, and he should ever regard it as such. As far as he was aware he had never done anything to deserve that honour, but he could at least say that he had never done anything but what he thought was for the benefit of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master in proposing "The Health of the Initiate," said that in Bro. Hands the lodge had received a valuable member. The more Bro. Hands learnt of Masonry the better he would like it, and a more worthy man, if that were possible, would he become. It had been a great pleasure to him to have initiated his old friend as his first work as Master of the West Kent Lodge.

Bro. Hands who on rising was cordially received in response remarked that he had been so much occupied with the ceremony he had just gone through that he had had no time to think what he should say in acknowledging this toast. He however thanked them sincerely for the honour they had conferred upon him, and he would strive to be a Mason worthy of the West Kent Lodge and of the Craft generally. In the course of his daily avocations he had noticed that Masons although comparative strangers to each other displayed strong and immediate friendship when they met, and he therefore came to the conclusion that an institution where there was so much brotherly love must be a good thing.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Health of the Visitors," observing that the brethren of the West Kent Lodge were always pleased to see visitors in their lodge and at their banquet table.

Bro. Grabham in reply congratulated the W.M. on his installation and remarked that the way in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation showed that he was worthy of the high position he occupied and that the lodge had been fully justified in confiding the ruling of the West Kent to Bro. Perrin. The working of the lodge appeared to be very satisfactory, and he and the other visitors were much pleased with the hospitality and cordiality with which they had been received.

Bros. Lilley, Barton, Pound, and Holt also responded. The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Past Masters, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Installing Master."

The lodge had much to thank their Past Masters for, especially Bros. Woodrow and Crowden. The Installing Master, Bro. Crowden, had again evinced to the brethren the proficiency of his work in the able way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation.

Bro. R. H. Crowden, P.M., in reply, said it was very gratifying to him to have the privilege of installing one of his oldest friends into the chair of that lodge. Bro. Perrin

left his old lodge to join the West Kent and that compliment had now been reciprocated by the election of Bro. Perrin to the highest honour the lodge could bestow. As the brethren were aware the lodge had lost one of their Past Masters since their last meeting and the gap made by the death of Bro. Allen would take a long time to fill up.

Bro. Woodrow responded on behalf of the Treasurer and himself and said the brethren would all regret the absence of Bro. Stead, the Treasurer, especially as it was on account of severe domestic affliction.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Officers of the Lodge."

Bro. Fullwood, as acting S.W., said that Bro. Cooke was unfortunately obliged to leave on important business, but he was a good Mason and did his work with great proficiency, so that they might look forward with confidence to the time when the present S.W. would become Master of the lodge. As for himself he had had the honour of being D.C. for the last four years, and he should always endeavour to fulfil his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren.

The Junior Warden and the other officers also responded, and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

EMBLEMATIC LODGE (No. 1321).—The ordinary meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington-park, when there were present Bro. Walter John Forrest, W.M., who presided, supported by the following brethren: Bros. W. B. Fendick, S.W.; H. S. Hunter, J.W.; P. T. Brearey, P.G. Steward, P.M., Treas.; G. F. Swan, P.M., Secretary; G. F. Meads, S.D.; W. Englefield, J.D.; R. A. Kirkaldy, I.G.; H. Esling, Steward; G. Willson, I.P.M.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., P.M.; F. T. Edgington, P.M.; W. Salisbury, S. H. Barrow, J. II. S. Palmer, S. Bannell, J. W. Edwards, and W. Monks. Visitor: Bro. A. G. W. Richman, S.W. 975.

The two candidates for initiation not presenting themselves, Bros. James H. S. Palmer and Samuel Bannell were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft; and the Third Degree was conferred on Bro. Samuel Harry Barrow. Lodge was then closed and the members withdrew, all but Bro. Swan, who remained to complete his Secretarial duties, and was on the point of finishing his task, when to his great surprise Bro. Brearey, P.M., Treasurer, returned at the head of the brethren and requested Bro. Swan to resume his seat, as they had something of importance to communicate to him. The request having been complied with, Bro. Brearey, as the chosen mouthpiece of the lodge, delivered an admirable address, in the course of which he spoke most eulogistically, but at the same time with perfect justice, of the valuable services which Bro. Swan had rendered to the Emblematic Lodge and indeed to the members, both collectively and individually, as founder, Past Master, and Secretary. In those several capacities he had laboured most earnestly and assiduously, in order to place the Emblematic Lodge in the forefront of successful lodges, and the event that would henceforth commemorate that particular meeting would suffice to show that his labours had been attended with a marked degree of success. He (Bro. Brearey) and his brother members had for some time past felt that Bro. Swan's services, though rendered without the slightest thought or expectation of reward, ought nevertheless not to be permitted to pass without some more formal and unmistakable expression of their appreciation. He did not for one moment mean to imply that the verbal thanks of the lodge would not be regarded by Bro. Swan as being inspired by the genuine and heartfelt gratitude of its members. But Bro. Swan's devotion deserved something beyond the mere record in the lodge minutes of a vote of thanks, and in those circumstances he begged on behalf of the members and himself to hand to Bro. Swan an address on vellum, commemorating his services, and the accompanying purse of money, as a slight token of the love and respect they entertained towards him. Bro. Brearey also alluded to the great assistance Bro. Swan had rendered to Freemasonry in affording them for a long period a house of assembly for a lodge of instruction. The address, which was beautifully inscribed, was to the following effect:—"Emblematic Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons, England, No. 1321. This testimonial was presented to Bro. George Frederick Swan, Past Master, Secretary, and founder of the above lodge, on the 15th March, 1883, as a record of the great esteem and regard in which he is held by the members, as a testimony to his unvarying urbanity and integrity, and in appreciation of his assiduous attention to his various Masonic duties. Walter John Forrest, W.M.; William Barnes Fendick, S.W.; Henry Samuel Hunter, J.W."

When the cheering amid which Bro. Brearey concluded his speech had subsided, Bro. Swan rose for the purpose of acknowledging the testimonial; but the secret had been so well kept that, between the surprise he felt at the unexpected presentation and his emotion on receiving the testimonial, Bro. Swan had some difficulty in finding words with which to express his gratitude. What he did say, however, is less noteworthy than the fact that he did at length and in broken sentences manage to convey to the brethren his thanks for their kind recognition of his services, a recognition which as he pointed out was all the more valuable, as the testimonial had been subscribed for privately, not a single fraction of the money provided having been taken from the lodge funds. For ourselves we congratulate both the Emblematic Lodge and its worthy Secretary on the occurrence of this very pleasing incident; the former in having an officer so worthy of being honoured and because they know when and how to confer honour; and the latter because his services have been of such a character as to elicit from the members one and all a testimonial conveyed so delicately and with such genuine warmth of feeling.

The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet served by Bro. Buxton, the worthy host, in his usual satisfactory style.

ROYAL ARTHUR LODGE (No. 1360).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Lecture Hall, Wimbledon, on the 21st inst., when there were present Bros. Reeves, P.M., as W.M.; G. King, P.M., as I.P.M.; Oakman, S.W.; E. Standen, J.W., W.M. elect; J. Ollerhead, S.D.; J. Carter, J.D.; R. F. Jeffries, Sec.; W. H. Wingfield, acting I.G.; James, Ragonnet, Johnston, Sutton, Samson, Lomah, Walton, Kempe, Goveyear, and Murch. Visitors: Bros. Hog, P.M. 1585; G. Watkins, 1585; and G. Edwards, 1587.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. A petition was read from a deceased brother's widow for recommendation to the Lodge of her evolution, which was granted. The next business of the evening was the installation of Bro. E. Standen, who was presented to the installing Master, Bro. George King, P.M. Old Council Lodge, by Bro. Reeves, P.M., and at his hands received the benefit of installation, which was given in a most impressive manner. The newly-installed Master after having been saluted in the usual form appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. Ollerhead, S.W.; J. Carter, J.W.; R. F. Jeffries, Sec.; G. Bird, Treas.; W. H. Wingfield, S.D.; A. G. Mason, J.D.; Bone, I.G.; James, Stwd.; J. Reeves, P.M., D.C.; and Woodcock Tyler.

The lodge was closed in due form and the brethren adjourned to the Dog and Fox Hotel, where they sat down to an excellent repast provided for them by the host, Bro. F. Taplin, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The last meeting of the season was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 21st inst., when Bro. Stiles, W.M., was assisted by all his officers: Bros. G. Clark, P.M., S.W.; H. Lovegrove, P.M. 1777 and 1919, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, I.P.M., and Sec.; G. Edwards, S.D.; G. W. Knight, J.D.; G. Edmunds, I.G.; Dimsdale, Org.; and J. Daly, Tyler. Bros. Side and Scales, Past Masters, were in attendance with a very large gathering of the members of the lodge.

The business comprised four raisings, two passings, and one initiation.

Bro. George Clark, P.M. 1777, was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. Willing, Treasurer; and Bro. J. Daly, Tyler.

Five members were elected on the Audit Committee, and a jewel was voted to the outgoing W.M. A banquet followed.

CORNHILL LODGE (No. 1803).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the London Tavern, when there were present Bros. Hy. Chas. Jepps, W.M.; Robt. P. Notley, S.W.; W. Grabham, P.M.; Hector Helsham, J.W.; Chas. Hingston, Treas.; T. Alfred Ford, Sec.; W. F. Price, J.D.; B. W. Ford, I.G.; W. Goddard, Tyler; J. Dowling, J. O. Jones, J. M. Copper, H. Seidel, A. Ramskill, Edward Thingan, and Thos. Dowling. Visitors: Bros. K. E. Jones, 1686; H. G. Baker, P.M. 73; G. Corderoy, J.W. 19; G. W. Hall, W.M. 181; and Lieutenant Henry Wright, S.D. 1827.

The minutes of the last regular lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then proceeded for the last time to exercise his office of presiding over the lodge, by passing Bros. Copper, Ramskill, and Seidel to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Though we had not before witnessed the working of Bro. Jepps, we felt by the manner in which he worked the Second Degree that a treat was in store for us when the installation of Bro. Notley, the S.W., as Master for the ensuing year came on later in the evening. We were not at all surprised to learn from the minutes that Bro. Jepps had been requested to act as W.M. for another period of twelve months, but this he modestly declined. By his delivery of the charges throughout the evening one could easily tell that Bro. Jepps had not hastily got up the ceremony the day before, but knew it perfectly, so smoothly did everything go. One often sees in lodges the Master has left his instruction to the last moment, the consequence of which is he hesitates and when he breaks down cannot recover himself again. In the Cornhill Lodge there was none of this; the outgoing and incoming Masters and other officers seemed to be quite at home in their various duties. We also noticed that the candidates for the Second Degree were quickly in attendance after leaving the lodge room in the First Degree. We wish Tylers of lodges would more often use a little haste and not keep the lodge waiting so long before making the report. A board of installation having been formed with Bros. Jepps as installing Master, Baker as S.W., and Grabham, P.M., as J.W., the ceremony was ably performed and the charges given in a marked manner by the outgoing Master. The new Master, Bro. Notley, then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Dr. Helsham, S.W.; T. Alfred Ford, J.W.; Chas. Hingston, Treas.; Wallis, Sec.; (Bro. Dowling receiving the collar in the absence of Bro. Wallis, who was suffering from an attack of bronchitis); Bros. W. F. Price, S.D.; B. W. Ford, J.D.; J. O. Jones, I.G.; J. Brown, D.C.; and Goddard, Tyler. The balance sheet of the Auditors was then read and showed a healthy state of the lodge. A vote of thanks was passed to three brethren who had given five guineas each towards the establishment of a benevolent fund.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been given to the new Master the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the Alabaster Room, and sat down to an excellent and comfortable banquet, which every one seemed to enjoy. The toasts of the evening which followed were short, as there was music arranged for during the whole evening.

The W.M. said, after giving "The Queen and the Craft," that the next toast, "The Prince of Wales, G.M.," like the preceding one was always received with great enthusiasm; they were all very pleased to see so high a man take part in their Order and ritual.

The toast of "The Provincial Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lodge" was drunk with bumpers.

The immediate Past Master said he had very great pleasure that evening in proposing "The Health of the W.M. of the Cornhill Lodge." He had heard it proposed often, but had not before that night had the pleasure of proposing the toast. He knew they were all anxious to get to the cigars, and so he called upon the brethren to drink the health of the W.M. at once, whose attributes they all knew. It would be invidious to say how the W.M. would preside over the lodge, but they all looked forward to his year of office with great pleasure.

The Worshipful Master rose and said he felt highly honoured at their drinking his health. He would do his best during his year of office for the lodge, and hope that they would have as much success as in past years. He could not help speaking of the late W.M. He was a true father, and if not true father he was step-father to the lodge. It had grown up into a comfortable lodge. He (the W.M.) could not add to the élan with which the late Master had performed his duties. He had done what was not always the case, installed his successor, and he hoped in future every Master of the Cornhill would install his successor.

He wished all lodges did this. He then pinned a Past Master's jewel presented by the lodge on the breast of Bro. Jepps.

The immediate Past Master then said he did not exactly know how to express his thanks for the Past Masters' toast as this was his first time. They all knew he had taken a great interest in the Cornhill Lodge, and he was very proud to rank among the Past Masters, of which there were only two. He thanked the lodge for the great pleasure they had afforded him by electing him to preside over them during the past year.

The Worshipful Master in giving the toast of "The Visitors" observed that in no lodge were visitors more welcomed than in the Cornhill, a remark we heartily endorse.

Bro. Baker, P.M. 73, and other brethren responded in a few words for the toast of the guests.

The next toast, that of "The Treasurer and Secretary of the lodge," was given from the chair. The Worshipful Master said the J.W. should respond for the Treasurer, Bro. Hingston having just left to catch a train. He observed that the brother who would reply for the Secretary, whom he said was absent, carried some weight with him. This was meant doubtless in a double sense, as Bro. Dowling is not only an influential member of the lodge, but is a man of portly build. The J.W., who has just given up the Secretaryship, the W.M. said had worked with perfect order, and much of the success of the lodge is owing to Bro. T. Alfred Ford.

Bro. Dowling replied in a few suitable words.

The Worshipful Master then said the brethren would see by his upstanding unsupported what he was going to give them. The new officers were untried men, but he did not feel the slightest diffidence in asking the lodge to drink their health. He was sure they would all work to the best of their abilities. Bro. Dr. Helsham, S.W., and Bro. T. A. Ford, J.W., respectively, had well served the lodge in their several capacities, and Bro. B. W. Ford, J.D., was always ready to interest the brethren with his elocution.

Bro. Clark, S.W., said a few words, and Bro. Notley, J.W., said he could only thank the brethren very briefly; he would do his very best, though he might fail, but he would do his best. He was glad to change the Secretary's collar for that of J.W., having worn the former for five years.

The Tyler's toast wound up the very interesting and agreeable proceedings of the evening.

ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 1827).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern. Present: Bros. Henry Wildey Wright, W.M.; Major T. Davies Sewell, P.G.P., S.W.; S. Bowley, J.W.; J. E. Turner, Sec.; Lieut. Henry Wright, S.D.; J. Perkins, C.C., I.G.; Henry Squire, C.C., Steward; Major Wilde, Rev. W. Smith, P.G.D. Rutlandshire; R. J. Pawley, Treas.; Frank Green, I.P.M., V.P. Board General Purposes; H. Clerke, C.C.; J. C. Whiddington, F. Jackson, and two new members who were elected in January, Gabriel Prior Goldney and Jex, C.C.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were duly read and approved of by the lodge. The next business on the agenda was the passing of Bro. H. Charles Richards, who was unable to be present and the ceremony was deferred. Bro. Hedges's circular relative to the forthcoming Girls' School Festival was read, and Bro. Henry Clarke, C.C., undertook to represent the lodge. The W.M. informed the brethren that in conjunction with the S.W. he had seen the Lord Mayor relative to the lodge inviting him as their guest, as had been the custom in the Alliance Lodge when the Lord Mayor for the time being has been a Mason. Bro. Wildey Wright said the Lord Mayor would be very pleased to attend their next meeting, but he preferred to come in evening dress as a private guest. He asked the feeling of the lodge on the subject, which seemed, however, to be diverse to the Lord Mayor's wishes.

Bro. Lieut. Henry Wright, S.D., thereupon rose and proposed a resolution to the effect that the Lord Mayor be invited to attend in state as his predecessors have done, and that his household, the Sword and Mace Bearers, the City Marshal, and the two Sheriffs be included in the invitation as before, and that the W.M., Past Masters, and such other officers who performed the duties last time be elected a committee to carry out the necessary preliminaries. The resolution was carried.

The Worshipful Master informed the lodge that the jewel voted to the Treasurer for his increasing labours in connection with the lodge would be given at the next lodge meeting, when there would be a very large gathering of members and guests. The lodge was then closed. There was no banquet.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. T. Hosgood, who was supported by the following officers and visiting brethren: Bros. R. Hodgkisson, P.M.; B. Smith, S.W.; G. H. Masters, J.W.; T. Hutton, P.M., Treas.; G. B. Davies, P.M., Sec.; W. Akers, S.D.; A. Cleal, J.D.; J. G. Milburn, I.G.; J. A. Elder, P.M. 1472; G. Beaver, W.M. 700; W. A. Harris, P.M. 871; J. Anderson, 1526; A. Smith, 1536; A. R. Lee, 1536; J. M. Wood, 381; H. Hickland, 169; W. Sanderson, 169; W. Lacey, 700; and C. Jolly, S.D. 1472 (Freemason).

There was a good night's work in hand, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been passed, Bro. O. Summers, was admitted a joining member by ballot. The ballot was then taken for Mr. G. Frost, and proving unanimous, that gentleman was with the usual ceremony initiated in Masonry. Bros. Hackney and Jones were then passed, and Bros. Matvey and Chambers raised.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the rest of the evening was spent in harmony and goodfellowship.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The annual meeting of this old established lodge was held on the 26th inst., at the Industry Masonic Hall, when there was an excellent attendance of members and visitors in spite of the holiday season. Amongst the visitors present we noticed a goodly number of Present and Past Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodges of Durham and

Northumberland. The lodge was opened in due form a little after three p.m., by Bro. J. G. Smith, the retiring W.M., assisted by several of his officers. After the ordinary routine of business the W.M. elect, Bro. John Moul, S.W., was presented and duly installed as W.M. by Bro. J. G. Smith, in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters numbering over 20. The charges and proclamations were effectively rendered. The new W.M. afterwards appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. G. Smith, I.P.M.; Wm. Garbutt, S.W.; A. Rhagg, J.W.; M. Corbitt, P.M., Treas.; Dr. Sinclair, P.M., M.C.; Rev. Thomas Metcalf, Chap.; Wm. M. Pybus, Sec.; E. Shewbrooks, S.D.; Wm. Dalrymple, J.D.; W. Brown, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; T. Thompson, S.S.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler.

The visitors tendered their hearty good wishes to the newly-installed Master, and the proceedings closed after a pleasant meeting.

The banquet was afterwards held in the large refreshment room below the lodge room and was partaken of by a numerous company. The dinner was provided by Bro. John Phillips, of the Queen's Head Hotel, Newcastle, and was quite up to his usual style.

The toast list comprised the ordinary Masonic items and was interspersed with part songs, glees, and songs rendered in good style by the choir of the lodge and other brethren. The company dispersed after spending a happy and enjoyable evening.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—St. Hilda Lodge (No. 240).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, on Monday, the 12th inst., when there was a numerous attendance of brethren. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. H. Thompson, W.M., assisted by his officers. Mr. William Knox Moffatt, having been balloted for and unanimously elected as a fit and proper person, was along with Mr. Joseph Graham, previously balloted for, regularly initiated as an Entered Apprentice by Bro. G. S. Shotton, I.P.M. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree and Bro. John Tunstall Clarke was passed to a Fellow Craft by the W.M.

After the ordinary business of the meeting, the Worshipful Master proposed "The hearty congratulations of the brethren of St. Hilda Lodge be given to Bro. T. G. Mabane, P.M., Dir. of Cers., and P.P. J.G.D., on his appointment as Registrar of the South Shields County Court," and wishing him long life and happiness to enjoy his preferment.

The motion was seconded by Bro. J. H. Morton, P.M., and cordially accepted.

Bro. T. G. Mabane, P.M., responded feelingly, saying that of all the congratulations he had received those given him in open lodge by his brethren made him feel most proud and gratified.

Two new candidates having been proposed and seconded the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when Bro. Graham responded in a neat speech to the toast of "The Newly-Initiated Brethren," and Bro. Capt. Hans Olsen, of Nova Scotia (St. John's Lodge) responded on behalf of "The Visiting Brethren." A pleasant evening was spent.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—This lodge held its usual monthly meeting on the evening of the 14th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. Bro. Gregson, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Pilkington, I.P.M.; Bayley, S.W.; Stanton, J.W.; J. Hatch, P.M., Sec.; Heald, S.D.; Nicholson, J.D.; Thistlethwaite, I.G.; and Shaw, J.S. There was a good attendance of brethren, especially of those who have "passed the chair."

After the lodge had been opened considerable discussion took place relative to the question of a new lodge room, the present one being required consequent on structural alterations to the Athenæum. The W.M. reported the result of visits which had been made by the sub-committee (appointed at the previous meeting for that purpose) to different premises in the town, but none of which seemed to meet with general approval, and eventually the sub-committee were reappointed and instructed to make inquiries relative to the purchase of a piece of land suitable for the site of a Masonic hall. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and after the usual proclamations had been made and responded to the lodge was closed with the rites according to ancient custom.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, Bro. G. Beaver, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and others: Bros. E. B. Hobson, J. Rowland, and J. Warren, Past Masters; J. H. Roberts, S.W.; T. Ovenden, J.W.; T. Butt, P.M., Treas.; C. Norman, P.M., Sec.; Ross, S.D.; C. Sweating, J.D.; W. Lacey, I.G.; W. Higdon, Org.; H. Mason, W.M. 913; Harris, W.M. (Royal Oak); F. A. Saunders, J.W. 1536; and A. Ives, J.W. 1742.

The lodge being opened, Bro. G. Nichols was admitted a joining member. Mr. Hickson was then balloted for and the result being favourable he was admitted into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Bros. J. Marchant and Low were then passed, and the lodge was closed.

After partaking of supper, served in the hall by Bro. Moulder, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, and the rest of the evening was spent in harmony.

STAFFORD.—Staffordshire Knot Lodge (No. 726).—A meeting of emergency of this lodge was held on the 8th inst., at the Swan Hotel, by authority of the W.M., Bro. James Senior, for the purpose of passing Bro. W. Beck, a gentleman who was about to leave England for Newfoundland, to the Fellow Craft Degree. The ordinary monthly meeting of the lodge was held on the 21st inst., when there were present Bros. Jas. Senior, W.M.; J. Baker, S.W.; J. Mottram, J.W.; J. Storer, P.M., Treas.; F. Woolley, Sec.; E. J. Mousley, S.D.; J. Woodridge, J.D.; T. E. Fowke, P.M., D.C.; J. Bervon, Org.; S. Rigby, I.G.; W. D. Batkin, H. Thorn, and W. Brown, Stewards; R. Tomlinson, Tyler; T. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.R.; S. Moss, W. H. Ridge, G. Griffith, W. H. Fith, F. Espley, J. Nevitt, H. Belcher, W. T. Moss, J. Hayes, W. Brown, W. P. Duncalfe, and A. C. Ward.

The minutes of the last regular lodge and the lodge of emergency were read by the Secretary and confirmed. Bro. W. H. Ridge was raised, and Bro. W. W. Kennick passed, both ceremonies being ably performed by the W.M.

The brethren then proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and the unanimous choice of the brethren fell upon Bro. J. Baker, S.W., who suitably responded for the honour conferred upon him. Bro. J. Storer, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. R. Tomlinson, Tyler. Some correspondence having been read and notices of motion given the lodge was closed in ancient form.

GUILDFORD.—Royal Alfred Lodge (No. 777).—The usual meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Angel Hotel, on Thursday, the 15th inst., when the alterations in, and revision of, the bye-laws agreed to at the previous meeting were unanimously confirmed. The brethren then proceeded to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year, and the result of the ballot shewed that the present W.M., Bro. Charles Belton had been unanimously re-elected. The W.M. having in the kindest terms expressed his acknowledgement of the high honour conferred upon him, the brethren unanimously re-elected the Treasurer, Bro. J. C. Collier.

The lodge was afterwards closed in ancient form, and the brethren subsequently passed a most agreeable evening, which was enlivened by the charming singing of Bro. Eve, P.P.S.G.W., and other members of the lodge, and by the artistic singing and pianoforte playing of Bro. Dunkley, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—This lodge held its meeting on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at the Terminus Hotel, when there were present Bros. W. D. Merritt, W.M.; T. F. Barrett, I.P.M.; Prov. G. Reg., as S.W.; J. C. Johnstone, P.M., P.P.G.D., as J.W.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.Z., Prov. G.D.C., Sec.; G. R. Dawson, S.D.; J. F. Harrington, P.M. 160; P.P.G.P., J.D.; C. Floyd, W.M. 1817, I.G.; E. E. Phillips, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D., Org.; A. Martin, Tyler; J. R. Hemmann, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Gregson, H. A. Holback, W. H. Bingham, P.M. 771, P.P.G.D. Berks and Bucks; G. L. Wood, C. F. Woosnam, and E. F. Wood.

Bros. J. Girling and W. J. Belcham were elected joining members, and Bros. C. F. Woosnam and E. F. Wood were passed to the Second Degree. Bro. E. E. Phillips gave the Lecture on the second tracing board. The W.M. expressed his intention of serving as Steward on behalf of the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School. The lodge was then closed and adjourned.

PATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th inst. at the Masonic Hall. Bro. J. B. Sargent, I.P.M. (in the absence of Bro. Duke, W.M.), presided, together with Bros. A. D. Womersley, S.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., Treas., acting J.W.; Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Chap.; R. Hughes, acting Sec.; Henry Kimm, acting S.D.; Jas. Richardson, J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; Wm. Till, I.G.; Jesson, Tyler; C. Martin, Jordain, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. Henry Foster, who was declared duly elected. The lodge was then closed.

WEST DERBY.—Pembroke Lodge (No. 1299).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Thursday afternoon, the 15th inst., at Rawlinson's Hotel. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. Bro. W. Hiles, W.M., occupied the chair at the opening of the proceedings, and those present also included Bros. W. Jones, P.M. and W.M. elect; T. G. Fisher, P.M.; W. S. Bennett, P.M.; F. B. Bramham, P.M.; and W. S. Vines, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Holding, P.P.G.R., and P.M. 823; A. T. Shore, P.M. 816; J. R. Bottomley, P.M. and Treas. 1675; C. S. Dean, W.M. 1289; J. J. Smith, J.W. 1035; D. Cumming, 1609; J. Sharples, 724; H. Wood, 724; Thos. Musker, 1035; K. Wilson, 724; and J. Lee, 1065.

The lodge having been duly opened, Bro. W. Jones, P.M., was presented for installation by Bros. W. Hiles, I.P.M., and W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C., and the installation ceremony having been most efficiently performed by Bro. W. S. Bennett, P.M., the newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Hiles, I.P.M.; R. W. Taylor, S.W.; W. Kinsey, J.W.; T. A. Whitney, Sec.; W. S. Vines, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas. (re-elected on the fifth time); F. B. Bramham, P.M., M.C.; J. J. Ramsay, S.D.; W. A. Boylett, J.D.; J. Fearnett, I.G.; P. Gibson, S.S.; Thomas Price, J.S.; and S. H. Jones, A.S.

After the appointment of officers the W.M. presented Bro. W. Hiles, I.P.M., with a handsome and very valuable P.M.'s jewel subscribed for by the members of the lodge, which bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. W. Hiles, P.M., by the brethren of the Pembroke Lodge, No. 1299, of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons as a mark of their esteem and fraternal regard, and in pleasing remembrance of his services as W.M. for the year 1882-3." In past years it has been the practice of the lodge to have their installation banquet at the hotel in which they hold their meetings, but owing to the serious illness of Bro. Rawlinson, an adjournment elsewhere was necessary.

The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren therefore proceeded to the Canton Hotel, Victoria-street, where an excellent banquet was admirably served under the personal superintendence of Bro. W. S. Vines. After the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and cordially responded to, the proceedings being agreeably diversified by songs contributed by a number of the musical brethren.

WALTHAM NEW TOWN.—King Harold Lodge (No. 1327).—A regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Britannia Hotel, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., Bro. John Noyes, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. J. Robinson, S.W.; W. A. Rogers, J.W.; West, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; W. Gilbert, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; T. Reilly, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; S. Jacobs, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Fisher, I.P.M., P.G.S.B.; F. Drummond, P.M.; J. Tydemann, P.M., P.P.G.P. Essex; J. Gaskell, P.M.; Lewis, S.D.; Holdsworth, J.D. (pro tem.); F. M. Bilby, W.S.; Brewster, W.S., I.G. (pro tem.); Bennett, Eversfield, Howlett, Milam, Newman, Osman, Stables, Welsh, Peacock, and Page, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Hatch, P.M. 31, Central America; Green, 901; Walker, 8546; and Yardley, 72.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The ballot was unanimous in favour of three gentlemen. Bros. Milam and Peacock were passed to the F.C. Degree, and Messrs. W. J. Hillier, J. Hogg, and Charles Phipps were initiated. The lodge voted 20 guineas to the Girls' School, which was put on Bro. E. West's list. Bro. West returned thanks on behalf of himself and the Girls' Institution.

The lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual toasts were given and some good harmony brought a pleasant evening to a close.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Walker Lodge (No. 1342).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street West, the W.M., Bro. W. Smith, Prov. G. Supt. of Works, occupying the chair. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., and a good number of the brethren and several visitors were present. After the minutes of the last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. William Smith, who had been elected a second time to fill the office of W.M., was presented by Bro. William Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., D.C., to Bro. E. D. Davis, P.P.G.S.W., Prov. G.D. of C., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and was duly installed into the chair in a very solemn and impressive manner. After the W.M. had been saluted by the brethren the Installing Master delivered the charges to the W.M., Wardens, officers, and brethren, and concluded his remarks by referring in laudatory terms to the general working of the lodge and the satisfactory way in which it had been conducted during the past few years.

The Worshipful Master appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Wm. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., I.P.M.; Dixon Corrie, S.W.; William Swan Armstrong, J.W.; Alderson Barker, P.M., Treasurer; Joseph Purvis, Secretary; Henry Spittle, S.D.; Thomas Palmer Bennett, J.D.; John Donald Annan, P.M., M. of C.; James Harle, I.G.; Jethro William Mathews, S.S.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler. The W.M. said that he trusted the selection he had made would be beneficial to the lodge, and that the work would progress as favourably as during the past year.

Bro. E. D. Davis, Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, intimated that he must now leave, as his business engagements prevented him from having the pleasure of staying until the close of the meeting. The W.M. expressed his most sincere thanks to Bro. E. D. Davis for the very great kindness he extended to himself and the lodge by being present and so ably performing the installation ceremony. Bro. Michael James Barkas was examined as to his proficiency, and was passed to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., who also explained the working tools, &c. Bro. Henry Spittle proposed, and Bro. Alderson Barker, P.M., Treasurer, seconded, that Bro. William Smith, the Worshipful Master, be the Trustee in the place of Bro. Adam Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.P., resigned, and he was declared duly elected. Bro. William Cooper, I.P.M., moved, in accordance with his notice of motion, that the sum of two guineas be subscribed from the funds of the lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and that the same be placed on the list of Bro. Benjamin J. Thompson, P.P.G.S.W., Prov. Grand Sec., who would attend the anniversary festival in June. It was resolved that this matter stand over till next meeting. The W.M. invested Bro. Michal James Barkas as Junior Steward for the ensuing year. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. Adam Wilson, P.M., resigning his membership of the lodge. The W.M. thanked Bro. Chas. Roope, S.W. 24, for his kindly presiding at the organ.

After further routine business the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, Pilgrim-street, where a most sumptuous repast was provided and thoroughly enjoyed. The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Queen," which was received and drunk with that enthusiasm for which Masons are distinguished. The Worshipful Master gave "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.V.G.M. of England," and alluded to his energetic interest in the Craft. The Worshipful Master next gave "The M.W. Pro G.M., Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W.D.G.M., Earl of Lathom; and Officers of Grand Lodge."

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Earl Percy; the V.W.D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Richard Henry Holmes; and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge of Northumberland," and remarked on the very active part that the Prov. Grand Officers generally took in the Craft. Bro. William Cooper, I.P.M., next proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. William Smith, P.M., Prov. G. Supt. of Works," which was received with the greatest enthusiasm. Bro. Cooper alluded to the fact that that day's meeting was the first the lodge had held in the Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street West, and trusted the removal from Byker would be conducive to the success and welfare of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master briefly responded, and hoped that with the hearty co-operation of the officers and brethren the lodge would ultimately attain a prominent position in the province. The meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge held in the past year under their banner had been most successful, and he hoped that with the enthusiasm of the brethren increased prosperity would attend the lodge during the ensuing 12 months.

The Worshipful Master proposed the toast of "The Installing Master," and regretted that business engagements and slight indisposition prevented Bro. E. D. Davis, P.P.G.S.W., Prov. G.D. of C., from being present. The W.M. alluded to the very active interest Bro. Davis took in the Craft, and which was illustrated by his accepting the office of Installing Master at one week's notice and at a great personal sacrifice of business time. The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge," which was responded to by Bros. William Cooper, P.M., I.P.M.; John Donald Annan, P.M., M. of C.; and Alderson Barker, P.M., Treas., each of whom reiterated a hope that the removal from Byker to Grainger-street West would be beneficial to the lodge. "The Masonic Charities" were given and responded to with Masonic interest.

The toast of "The Present and Past Officers" was briefly responded to by the S.W., Bro. Dixon Corrie, who expressed a hope that the brethren would support the W.M. during the ensuing year. The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was responded to

by Bros. Bird, W.M. 1664; John Wood, I.P.M. 48 and S.W. 1712; J. Montgomery, P.M. 991; and C. B. Ford, W.M. 481.

The evening throughout, which was a most enjoyable one, every brother present contributing in some way to the conviviality of the hour, was brought to a pleasant close by the Tyler's toast, given by Bro. Joshua Curry. The W.M. has every prospect of having a busy and prosperous year.

Amongst those present were Bros. William Smith, P.M., Prov. G. Supt. of Works, W.M.; William Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., I.P.M.; Dixon Corrie, S.W.; William S. Armstrong, J.W.; Alderson Barker, P.M., Treas.; J. Purvis, Sec.; Henry Spittle, S.D.; Thomas P. Bennett, J.D.; John Donald Annan, P.M., M.C.; J. Harle, I.G.; J. William Mathews, S.S.; Michael Jas. Barkas, J.S.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; Arthur Munro, Past S.W.; John Wood, I.P.M. 48; Charles Roope, S.W. 24; E. D. Davis, P.M. 685, P.P.G.S.W., Prov. G.D. of C.; John Bell, S.D. 991; J. Kellaway, 1119; James Montgomery, P.M. 991, P.P.G.P.; D. G. Anderson, I.P.M. 1664; C. B. Ford, W.M. 48; H. S. Bird, W.M. 1664; J. Harrison, G. Macdonald, Henry Harman, and others.

GRAYS.—St. John's Lodge (No. 1343).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, when there were present Bros. Frank Sackett, W.M.; D. Bartlett, S.W.; F. J. Wingrove, J.W.; E. Sturgeon, P.M., Treas.; C. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; T. Norris, S.D.; C. Potter, I.G.; Martyn, Tyler; Rea Corbett, P.M.; Godwin, P.M.; A. Sturgeon, P.M.; Landfield, P.M.; and T. P. Wingrove. Visitors: Bros. R. Hubbard, P.P.G.S.D.; C. P. Drawbridge, W.M. 77, P.M. 20; J. B. Tolfriett, P.M. 503; W. D. Merritt, W.M. 1000; C. Palmer, Sec. 1697; and A. Lucking, P.G.D.C. Essex.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed the report of the Audit Committee was received. Bro. Lucking then presented Bro. Bartlett, W.M. elect, to the W.M., who installed his successor into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. F. J. Wingrove, S.W.; Norris, J.W.; E. Sturgeon, P.M., Treas.; Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; R. L. Williams, S.D.; C. Potter, J.D.; T. P. Wingrove, I.G.; and Martyn, Tyler.

Bro. Sackett, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

ALDERSHOT.—Army and Navy Lodge (No. 1971).—This lodge met on Wednesday, the 21st inst., with Bro. Asst. C. General Cook as W.M., there being also present Bros. Dr. Grier, as S.W.; Lieut.-Col. Sartorius, as J.W.; Captain Croisdale, P.M., P.G. Swd. Br., as I.P.M.; Colonel Richardson, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Major Douglas, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., as Sec.; Major Turner, S.D.; Lapham, J.D.; Rev. J. Mullins, I.G.; Captain Rose, Dr. Morse, and several others.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed the W.M. passed Bros. Dr. Morse and Dr. Deeble to the Second Degree in a very earnest and impressive manner, and he afterwards delivered the lecture on the tracing board and the charge in the Second Degree in a style which was heartily appreciated by the brethren present. Other routine business having been transacted Bro. Major Douglass said their esteemed I.P.M., Bro. Captain Croisdale, had promised to deliver an address on the subject of "Masonic Education" to the members of the Aldershot Camp Lodge, and as they all knew the earnest zeal with which their brother endeavoured to promote the best interests of the lodges to which he belonged, and how anxious he was to make their meetings pleasant and instructive, he would suggest that Bro. Captain Croisdale be specially invited to read a paper on some Masonic subject in their lodge, which he felt sure their worthy brother would consent to do, and thereby enhance the pleasures they hoped to derive from the good Masonic work for which there was every reason to believe their next meeting was likely to be distinguished.

The request having been warmly supported by the W.M., Bro. Captain Croisdale, who was present, very kindly acceded thereto, and said he was always glad to give any assistance and to do any Masonic work for which his past experience as a Master and Past Master may have qualified him. He then intimated that at their next meeting he would address them more particularly with regard to the duties incumbent upon them as members of the Craft, and he would also offer for their consideration a few suggestions, which if carried out would in his opinion make their meetings far more attractive and popular than they were at present.

There being no further business the lodge was then closed.

INSTRUCTION.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933).—This lodge met as usual on Friday, the 16th inst., at the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, when Bro. B. Stewart was W.M., assisted in the duties of the evening by Bros. Moss, S.W.; Smith, J.W.; B. Cundick, P.M., Preceptor; W. Musto, P.M., Sec.; Richardson, S.D.; Bardouleau, I.G.; M. Cohen, West, and Stephens.

Lodge was duly opened, and after usual preliminaries the ceremony of raising engaged the attention of the lodge, the working being efficiently and conscientiously carried out. The W.M. finished his labours by working the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Third Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down, and Bro. D. Moss unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, when it was understood Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 1349, would work the ceremony of installation.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, on the 15th inst. Present: Bros. L. Nathan, W.M.; B. M. Nathan, S.W.; C. Nathan, J.W.; Smith, S.D.; Bourne, J.D.; B. Solomons, I.G.; Richardson, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary; S. Jacobs, W. H. Gulliford, Hyams, Mogford, and E. W. mith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Jacobs acting as candidate. The ceremony of raising was also gone through, in which Bro. Hyam was the candidate. Lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, Bro. Richardson, Preceptor,

working the Second Section of this Lecture. Bros. E. Nathan, 205, and E. W. Smith, 245, were elected joining members. Bro. B. M. Nathan, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, the other officers taking place in rotation. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for the very able and efficient manner in which he had occupied the chair, especially in working the Second and Third Degrees. The lodge was then closed.

NORWICH.—Walpole Lodge (No. 1500).—This prosperous lodge closed its annual lodge of instruction session on Wednesday evening, the 14th inst., with a banquet of the most recherché description, and well served by Bro. Wilkin, the Steward of the Masonic Association, 23, St. Giles'-street, the dessert being supplied by Bro. J. J. Hunt. In the absence of the W.M. (whose illness was deeply regretted by the brethren), the chair was occupied by Bro. Harper, I.P.M., under whose gavel a most happy and harmonious evening was spent. It need scarcely be added that on rising Bro. C. W. Bacon, P.P.G. Stwd., and Steward to the school, under whose superintendence the arrangements were carried out, did all that could possibly be desired; in fact, this indefatigable and zealous brother almost excelled himself on this occasion, and the hearty and well-merited applause which followed the mention of his name from the chair must have convinced him that he had most efficiently and satisfactorily conducted all that was entrusted to his care. The invited guests were as follows, and most of them were present: Lodge 1500—P.M.'s Bros. G. Brittain, P.P.G.O.; T. Lord, P.P.G.S. of W.; D. Mannings, P.G.S.B.; T. Mackley, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. H. Cox, P.P.G.A.D.C.; H. Barwell, P.P.G. Sec.; J. Harper, P.G.P.; S. J. Carman, S.W.; M. Bailey, J.W.; C. E. Stevens, S.D.; C. W. Bacon, J.D., P.G. Steward; S. Smith, I.G.; W. W. Warner and J. Cox, Stewards; E. Howard, R. H. Gising, Hon. Sec., P.G.S.; C. Campling, D. Gaul, J. Weyer, J. Hobrough, J. H. Cooper, T. Wolveridge, R. Tidman, A. B. Mann; 213: C. Sexton, W.M.; G. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; J. Watson, P.M., P.P.G.A.D. of C.; G. Kersey, I.P.M., P.P.G.P.; T. C. R. King, P.G.S.; W. J. Butler, P.G.S.; P. Soman, P.P.C. Steward; 807: J. J. Hunt, I.P.M.; S. N. Berry, P.M., P.G.S. of W.; R. Baldry, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; A. Berry, P.G.P.; G. Green, P.M., P.G.D.C.; G. Berry, P.P.G. Steward; T. Campling, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; R. A. Madge, Org.; H. Rosling, T. Winter, C. Payne; 943: W. Shorten, H. A. Pepper, 100: Mann; 93: E. Baldwin, P.Z.; W. W. Lake, W.M.; G. Jewson, I.P.M.; J. Bridgman, P.M., P.G.R.; R. Gunn, P.M., P.G.T.; H. Sendall, C. L. Holden; 52: C. R. Gilman, W.M.; W.M.; A. H. Santy, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; J. B. Pearce, and J. B. Aldis, P.M., P.G. Sec.

Royal Arch.

CHICHESTER.—Cyrus Chapter (No. 38).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Council Chamber, on the 15th inst. The following were present: Comps. Arthur Smith, Z.; R. T. Turner, H.; the Earl of March, M.P., J.; V. P. Freeman, P.Z. 311, 315, 732, Prov. G.S.E.; John St. Clair, P.Z., S.E.; F. W. Gruggen, S.N.; Oliver Lloyd, P.S.; George Smith, P.Z., Treas.; W. H. Barrett, A.S.; H. M. Davey, P.Z.; O. N. Wyatt, P.Z.; R. G. Raper, P.J.; G. Gatehouse, J. Lutman Johnson, J. Lillywhite, G. Kemp, H. E. Breach, J. L. Priestnall, A. Buquet, E. Ingold, and R. Smith, Janitor.

The chapter having been opened the minutes were read and confirmed and other routine business disposed of. The Treasurer's balance-sheet showed that the liabilities incurred when the chapter was started eight years ago had been paid off and there was a balance in hand. Lord A. Gordon-Lennox was a candidate for exaltation, and a ballot having been taken and proved unanimous, his lordship was in due form exalted to the Sublime Degree. The installation of Principals was then proceeded with as follows: Comps. R. T. Turner, Z.; Capt. Henty, P.Z., H.; Lord March, J. The Second Principal was unavoidably absent. The investiture of officers took place as follows: Comps. John St. Clair, S.E.; G. Gatehouse, S.N.; Oliver Lloyd, P.S.; George Smith, Treas.; and the Prin. Soj. nominated as Assistants Comps. W. H. Barrett and W. Dean, the former of whom was invested. Comp. Richard Smith was invested as Janitor. The M.E.Z. in the name of the chapter presented a P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. Arthur Smith, the retiring Z. Comp. John St. Clair moved a vote of five guineas towards the "Scott Testimonial." Comp. George Smith in seconding the proposition said he regarded it as a happy coincidence that now they were clear of liabilities the first grant from the funds should go to mark their esteem for Comp. John H. Scott, Prov. G.H., who was the first Z. of their chapter. The vote was carried unanimously. Bro. Fisher, of the Lodge of Union, was proposed as a candidate for exaltation. The chapter was then closed and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

After the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given and duly honoured, the speeches being interspersed with songs from Comps. Lord Algernon Gordon-Lennox, Gruggen, Lloyd, Priestnall, Lillywhite, St. Clair, and Buquet.

Comp. Freeman in responding for "The Prov. Grand Officers" expressed the pleasure they all felt in working under so excellent a chief as the Prov. Grand Superintendent, Sir Walter Burrell. He also spoke highly in praise of Comp. John Scott, Prov. G.H.

In responding for "The Visitors" Comp. Freeman congratulated the companions on the success of the Cyrus Chapter, on the state of its finances, and on the way in which the ceremonies were worked, and said it was always a pleasure to him to visit either the lodge or the chapter in Chichester.

Comp. St. Clair gave "The Three Principals."

The M.E.Z. in reply thanked the companions for placing him in his present high position. He had a great love for Masonry; it was the greatest delight he had in life, except of course domestic bliss, and as he happened to have a good memory it was his determination with the co-operation of the other Principals and with the assistance of the officers to make his year of office a year of excellent working.

Lord March acknowledged the cordial reception of the toast. It was his intention to pass the several chairs, and he looked forward to the day when he should in due course be installed as head of the chapter,

"The Past Principals" was given by Comp. Gatehouse and responded to by Comp. St. Clair.

Comp. Wyatt gave "The Officers of the Chapter." He had himself served as P.S., and could testify to the efficient discharge of the duties of that office by Comp. Oliver Lloyd, who had that day been invested as P.S. for the fourth time. The Treasurer, who had rendered good service to the chapter, had produced a most satisfactory balance-sheet, and he should call upon that officer to respond.

Comp. George Smith, P.Z., Treas., said it was most gratifying that their chapter was in every way so flourishing. As an old Mason he would say that success must attend their efforts if they continued in the future as they had done in the past to aim at a high standard of working, and to exercise a wise discretion in proposing candidates for exaltation. Now that the loan was paid off he trusted the chapter would be able to do something for the Charities.

"The Newly-exalted Companions" was given by Comp. Raper, who said they had that day received into their Order another member of that noble family which for generations had patronised and encouraged Freemasonry. While they welcomed Lord Algernon as a Royal Arch companion they also welcomed him as a soldier recently returned from the battle-field, where he had been engaged in the service of his Queen and country.

Comp. Lord Algernon Gordon-Lennox in response said he was grateful for the reception accorded to him. He was glad to be received among them in the chapter, and he should endeavour to attend to Masonic duty. They would remember, however, that his duties as a soldier must stand first; but so far as those duties permitted he should attend to Freemasonry, after the example of his ancestors.

Comps. Breach, Priestnall, Buquet, and Ingold also responded to the toast.

The Janitor's toast concluded the list.

HASTINGS.—Emulation Chapter (No. 40).

The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Castle Hotel on Monday, the 19th inst., under the presidency of Comp. T. H. Cole, M.E.Z., when the following officers were present: Comps. F. Rossiter, H.; E. W. J. Hennak, J.; J. B. Sargent, S.E.; F. de B. Cooper, S.N.; Dawes, P.S.; W. H. Russell, A.S.; Foster, Janitor; T. Trollope, M.D., P.Z.; Charles W. Duke, P.Z.; and A. R. Croucher, P.Z.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed ballot was taken on behalf of Comp. M. J. Jennings, 13, as joining member the same being declared in his favour. Bro. Henry Kimm, 1184, was next balloted for, which proving unanimous, he was exalted to the Sublime Degree of R.A.M. by the M.E.Z., the beautiful ceremony being performed in a very impressive manner. The sum of £5 5s. was voted from the funds of the chapter in aid of the Boys' School, the same being placed on the list of Comp. Trollope, and £5 5s. was also voted towards presenting a testimonial to Comp. J. H. Scott, Prov. G.H., Sec., &c., in appreciation of his very valuable services to Freemasonry. A vote of condolence was moved by the M.E.Z. on behalf of the widow and family of the late M.E. Comp. G. Wellard, P.Z., Treas., and £5 5s. voted towards raising a tombstone to his memory. The convocation was then closed.

SUNDERLAND.—St. John's Chapter (No. 50).

The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, on Tuesday, the 20th inst. The chapter was opened in due form by Comp. H. J. Turnbull, P.P.H., P.Z., Z., there being also present the following: Comps. F. Maddison, acting H.; A. T. Munroe, J.; M. Frampton, P.A.S., Z. 94; Henderson, P.Z. 94; G. Porteous, H. 97; the Rev. R. H. Yeld, N.; W. H. Craven, E.; C. McNamara, P.S. 97, acting P.S.; and several other companions.

The installation of the Second Principal (H.), Comp. R. Kinmond, was ably gone through by Ex. Comp. Turnbull. There being no other business Ex. Comp. Frampton proceeded to give the Third Lecture, after which Comp. Kinmond gave the Second Lecture, both of which were given in a very efficient manner. The chapter was then closed according to ancient custom, after which the companions retired to the banqueting room, and a very comfortable evening was spent at refreshment.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners Chapter (No. 240).

This chapter met for the dispatch of business on Thursday the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street. Among those present were Comps. John Ellis, P.Z., M.E.Z.; P. B. Gee, P.Z., P.G.P.S.; Alex. Cotter, P.Z., Treasurer; G. S. Willings, J.; C. Fothergill, S.N.; G. Crute, P.S.; W. H. Ball, Janitor; Richard Edwards, Jas. Bailey, John Francis, Donald Fowler, Wm. Kohn, Henry Firth, Chas. Ashworth, Wm. Fish, J. S. Warden, Bower, Wood, A. Bucknall, and J. C. Robinson (Freemason). Visitor: Comp. Fredk. Barnett, P.M. 249, P.Z. 594.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place as follows: Comps. G. S. Willings, M.E.Z.; C. Fothergill, H.; J. C. Robinson, J.; E. Carter, S.E.; G. Crute, S.N.; J. Bailey, P.S.; and A. Cotter, P.Z., Treasurer.

After the transaction of the usual routine business, the chapter was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. After the usual toasts had been proposed and responded to the proceedings terminated at an early hour.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Chapter (No. 1051).

The installation meeting of the above chapter took place on Monday, the 19th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. The chapter having been opened in due form apologies for non-attendance were read from Col. the Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., Prov. G.H.; Capt. Garnett, and others. The routine business having been transacted, Comp. Ellershaw was duly installed into the chair of the M.E.Z., by Comp. William Hall, P.Z.; Comp. Kelland into the chair of H., by Comp. Bagnall, P.Z.; and Comp. Wilde into chair of J., by Comp. Johnson, P.Z. 113, P.P.G.J.D. West Lancashire. The newly installed M.E.Z. afterwards invested his officers for the year Comps. Simpson, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; and Stanton, being re-invested Treasurer and S.E. respectively; Bayley, S.N.; Gregson, P.S.; and Stanley and Hannah, A.S.

After other business the companions adjourned to the

County Hotel where the installation banquet was held, the newly-appointed M.E.Z. presiding, supported by Comps. Longman, P.Z., P.P.G.S. of W.; Hall, Bagnall, Kelland, Wyld, and others; the vice-chair being occupied by Comp. Gregson, P.S., supported by Comps. Dewhurst, J. Hartley, Bayley, and others. During desert the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, an enjoyable evening being spent.

Mark Masonry.

WOOLWICH.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The usual quarterly meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, when some excellent work was done and important questions considered. Bro. A. Penfold, W.M., P.P.G.S.O. Kent, presided, while the following officers and others were present: Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Kent; W. Weston, P.M., P.P.G.O. Kent; H. Shaw, P.P.G.D.C. Kent, S.W.; W. Holleyman, P.P.G. Stwd., M.O.; D. C. Capon, P.P.G. Stwd., S.O.; G. Kennedy, P.P.G.A.S. Kent, Sec.; T. D. Hayes, P.G. Std. Br. Kent, S.D.; W. Moulds, P.P.G.I.G. Kent, J.D.; G. Nichols, I.G.; T. Ovenden, D.C.; J. Bilton, Stwd.; Capt. J. Sculley, R.H.A., S.W. and W.M. elect 44, P.P.G.I.G. Kent; F. Wood, J. Savage, G. Spinks (acting J.W.), H. Kerridge, J. Anderson, J. Whiteheart (acting J.O.), and C. Jolly (Freemason).

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last meeting passed Bro. T. Birmingham was admitted as a joining member and returned thanks. The ballot was then taken for Bros. the Rev. C. F. Reilly, Chaplain to the Forces and Chaplain of 1536, and W. H. Popplestone, 1536, and the result being unanimous these brethren were with the full ceremonial initiated into Mark Masonry. The revision of the bye-laws then passed under consideration, and several material alterations were resolved on, notably that there should be six meetings in the year instead of four. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year followed, and Bro. H. Shaw, S.W., was unanimously elected. Bro. H. Pryce, P.P.G.R. of M. Kent, was also unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. Lackland, Tyler. It was then unanimously resolved that a Past Master's jewel of the value of 10 guineas should be presented to Bro. Penfold in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge during his year of office. Bro. Penfold returned thanks, and assured the brethren that unless the lodge funds had been in a prosperous state he would not have accepted it.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to the Earl of Chatham Arms, Thomas-street, where a pleasant little supper awaited them; and we may here say "en passant" that at every meeting of the lodge Bro. Penfold has provided at his own expense the several suppers and the whole of the refreshments, so that the funds of the lodge should not be touched but should be devoted to the Charities of the Order. The usual loyal and Mark Masonic toasts having been honoured,

Bro. Hayes, as the only present Provincial Grand Officer present, responded for "The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Robinson, and the rest of the Grand Officers," and in so doing regretted that his connection as chairman of the Clacton Land Company prevented him attending the lodge so often as he should like.

Bro. Weston then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in so doing said they had shown how much they approved of Bro. Penfold's excellent working and general kindness to the lodge by the unanimous manner in which they had voted the jewel to him that evening. He felt sure they all would agree with him that Bro. Penfold had during his year of office "marked well."

Bro. Penfold in reply said that it certainly had been a very gratifying year of office for him. When he entered upon it he said that it would be useless for him to try to bring the lodge up to its original standing unless he had the cordial support of his officers, and now that the end of that year had come he could only say that the officers had done their duty in a most faithful and honourable manner. There was however another thing to be considered by a W.M. in taking office and carrying out the duties entrusted to him, and that was how was he to leave it for his successor? Now the question for them to consider was "Had he done so?" It was all very well for them to appreciate the working of the chair, but the primary question a W.M. had to ask himself in the lodge was "How had he left the lodge for his successor?" It was a big thing to occupy the chair of a lodge, and a man was a big man while in the chair; but unless the W.M. of a lodge, by a thorough desire and hard work brought his lodge into a good sound financial position so as to have the "sinews of war" ready for any emergency, it mattered not how brilliant might have been his working or the capabilities of his officers if the lodge had not prospered and the position it occupied was not worthy of the beneficent and exalted attributes of the Order.

The above is a brief outline of a grand and eloquent speech, and the other toasts were "The Initiate;" "The W.M. elect;" "Bro. Sculley, the W.M. elect of the Florence Nightingale Lodge;" "Bro. Birmingham, the joining member;" "The Masonic Press;" "The Officers;" and the Tyler's toast concluded a pleasant evening.

BRIGHTON.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 75).

The members of this lodge met at the Royal Pavilion, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., to assist in the installation of Bro. Stephen Peters, the W.M. elect. The lodge was opened by Bros. J. Harrison, P.M., acting W.M.; S. Peters, S.W.; F. Cable, J.W.; R. Paige, M.O.; T. Packham, S.O.; W. G. Baylis, J.O.; R. B. V. Powel, S.D.; C. J. Carter, J.D.; T. Holloway, I.G.; T. Hughes, Tyler; H. H. Hughes, Assistant Tyler; H. W. G. Abell, J. Ridge, S. R. Legg, G. R. Lockyer, P.M.; M. Grinberg, G. Goldring, G. Fieldus, J. Newman and W. Harris, W.M., 106; and T. Trollope, Prov. Grand Mark Master Sussex. Bro. J. Harrison presented Bro. S. Peters, the W.M. elect, to the Presiding Officer, Bro. Trollope, Prov. G.M.M.M., who acted as Installing Master, and in the usual able and impressive manner performed the beautiful ceremony. The Worshipful Master then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bro. T. Cable, S.W.; R. Paige, J.W.; T. Packham, M.O.; W. G. Baylis, S.O.; E. Bridges, J.O.; S. R. Legg, Sec.; R. B. V. Powel, R. of M.; C. J. Carter, S.D.; T. Holloway, J.D.; H. W. G. Abell, I.G.; F. Chargois, First Steward; G. Fieldus, Second Steward; and J. Hughes, Tyler.

The brethren after the closing of the lodge sat down to an excellent banquet, presided over by the newly-installed W.M., Bro. S. Peters. The usual Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, and after a pleasant evening the brethren separated.

China.

HONG-KONG, FEBRUARY 16TH.

In my last epistle to your numerous readers I said we were to have a Masonic ball. That now is a thing of the past. It was three years ago when the Masons in this lovely spot welcomed their friends to a grand ball at the City Hall, and it was then pronounced by the press and public to have been the "most enjoyable assembly and magnificent spectacle that had been seen in this part of the world." Sir John Pope Hennessy was then Governor of the colony, and whether it was that he was a Roman Catholic or not that he did not attend it is not known. In consequence of the absence of the now late D.G.M., R.W. Bro. T. G. Linstead, the D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. C. P. Chater, officiated at that ball in his absence. In consequence of the illness of the D.G.M. and subsequent death, no general Masonic celebration has been held for two years. There being no reason why the Masons should not meet together, it was resolved to hold a ball, which took place on the 31st ult. Invitations were issued most generously, and out of about 1000 visitors there were over 500 present. The magnificent spectacle of 1880 was certainly more than rivalled. The decorations were simply grand, and to give on paper a description of them is impossible to convey any adequate idea of the splendid scene.

The building is a very large place, and in front of it is a fountain (presented to the colony by Bro. Dent) and between this and the hall was a powerful argand gas burner which threw a brilliant light around for 30 or 40 yards the least. On the façade of the building was a gas eight-pointed star. A porch was temporary erected at the entrance and was lined with decorative matting and hung with Japanese lanterns. The pillars in the entrance hall were decorated with evergreens and festoons hung from one to the other. About 20 feet from the entrance is the grand staircase, at the foot of which on either side stood two Masonic gilt pillars supporting two spherical balls on which were delineated maps of the terrestrial globes respectively, and represented "B. and J." Between this was a gas illumination of the square and compass and "G." in the centre. At the landing at the top of the grand staircase was the W.M.'s pedestal supporting the volume of the Sacred Law and cross swords upon it. Above this was a large mirror which reflected the whole scene below. On either side of this landing are two staircases on the walls were hanging some transparencies representing the four cardinal virtues, namely, temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice. On the top of these staircases we came to a long gallery leading to the ball and drawing rooms. In the centre of this gallery the W.M.'s pedestal containing the perfect ashlar on a crimson velvet cushion, and above this hung a portrait of Bro. H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., in full Masonic clothing. At the head of the ball room was a very elaborately displayed trophy of Masonic jewels, tools, furniture, &c., of every degree. This of course attracted considerable attention from the unenlightened. All the globes throughout the building had the square and compass painted on them. The brackets on the walls were entirely covered with evergreens, and below these hung the banners used in the R.A. chapter. The doorways and windows were artistically draped with flags, and above each was a shield bearing a Masonic device, and the banners of the various lodges of the colony were conspicuously displayed about the room. In the drawing room were hung portraits of the R.W. Bro. T. G. Linstead, D.G.M.; the late Wor. Bro. W. T. N. Mercer, Deputy G.M., and others, including a steel engraving of the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth, of Masonic fame. The general effect of all the decorations and rooms was one of beauty and brilliance. The theatre was utilised as in 1880 for the supper room. The stage was converted into a sylvan retreat, and was occupied by the D.G.M., and deputy and principal guests, whilst the table was horseshoe shape, the inner space occupied with plants. The centre table in the pit was laid in the form of a square and compass, while on either side were tables in the shape of a plumb-rule, and one at the top in the form of a level. Above the proscenium was the square and compass and "G," whilst the front of the dress circle was festooned with green. In the dress circle were Japanese lanterns, bunting, and shields. I have given the best possible description of the decorations, but those brethren who know the building can imagine the brilliancy of the whole affair.

Soon after 9.30 his Excellency the Administrator, the Hon. W. H. Marsh, C.M.G., Mrs. Marsh, and other distinguished guests commenced to arrive, being met by the District Grand Master, R.W. Bro. C. P. Chater, and the Deputy District Grand Master, V.W. Bro. W. S. Adams, while the Knights Templar in their full robes constituted a guard of honour, and with their swords formed an arch of steel, under which the guests passed, whilst on either side of the staircases were lined by Grand Lodge Officers and Past Masters, Worshipful Masters, and Master Masons all in full regalia. At the top of the grand staircase were two beel-eaters and two trumpeters announcing the arrival of the company by a blast on their trumpets, and beside these were stationed two young page boys distributing programmes. The District Grand Master opened the ball with Mrs. Marsh and his Excellency the Administrator with Mrs. Adams. The music was supplied by the bands of the Buffs Regiment and the French flagship La Victorieuse, which played alternately 21 dances. The scene as the company passed from the ball room to the supper room was none the less brilliant than that at the opening. The Rosicrucians formed the guard of honour to the distinguished guests.

At the supper table the toasts of "The Queen and Craft," "H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "All Poor and Distressed Brethren" were drunk with the usual Masonic honours. The last dance was over by three o'clock, but the brethren and friends remained for some time longer, and the D.G.M. was shouldered to his seat at the supper table where his health and those of the committee were drunk. On the whole the Masons of Hong-Kong may be congratulated upon the success of the ball. A large number of influential brethren officiated as Stewards.

In my next letter I will give you a description of the Freemasons' Hall, which is a fine building used exclusively by us Masons.

TESTIMONIAL TO R.W. BRO. WILLIAM KINGSTON, DIST. G.M. OF MALTA.

Bro. William Kingston, as our readers must be aware, is a most able and estimable member of the Craft. It is now 26 years since he was initiated into our mysteries, and for the latter moiety of that period he has held the high and responsible post of District Grand Master of Malta. He is also the V.E. Provincial Prior of the Mediterranean in the Order of the Temple, and Chief Intendant General of Malta and Tunis for the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, besides having taken the 30° in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. That he must have possessed and exhibited unusual merit to have had such important offices conferred upon him admits of no question, nor is it in any way surprising that merit of the character we have described should be recognised in some form or other more or less tangible. It is therefore with no ordinary degree of pleasure we announce that, at the meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Malta, which was to be held towards the close of this month, it was intended to present to Bro. Kingston a very handsome testimonial, which, however, will be appreciated far more from the circumstances attending its presentation than for the intrinsic value it possesses. This testimonial consists of a tea tray, kettle and stand, case of pearl-handled dessert knives and forks, liqueur frame, cruet frame, and sundry other articles, all manufactured in silver by the well-known firm of Mappin Brothers and Co. We have had the opportunity of inspecting the several articles, and can testify to the artistic skill and excellence of the workmanship, a skill and excellence which, in fact, consort well with the Masonic skill and excellence of the distinguished brother who, before these lines meet the eye of the reader, will have become possessed of so conclusive and emphatic an evidence of the esteem and respect of his fellow-craftsmen. We append the inscription on the tray, an inscription which is as eloquent as it is brief:

"Presented with other silver articles to R.W. Bro. William Kingston, 30°, D.G.M. Malta, Provincial Grand Prior of the Mediterranean, Intendant General Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, &c., &c., by the members of the Craft in the District of Malta, as a mark of personal esteem and as a testimonial of their high appreciation of the zealous, courteous, and effective manner in which he has discharged the important duties of D.G.M. during the past 13 years, and to commemorate his 26th year of membership in the Craft. 1883."



Miss Hilda Hilton opens the Opera Comique to-morrow (Saturday) night with "Bondage" adapted from the French.

"Iolanthe" at the Savoy still draws immense audiences. Seats must be booked far in advance. We notice the M.W.G.M. has been to see the pretty opera twice. Mr. Grossmith, Miss Jessie Bond, Miss Leonora Braham, and Mr. Barrington are the centres of attraction. The music and scenery are quite on a par with the other big successes of Mr. D'Oyly Carte—"Patience," "Pinafore," and "The Sorcerer."

Bros. Crowder and Payne are making the Canterbury pay, which no one has done before. They cater for the tastes of their audiences, and by continually changing their programme and introducing novelties and new personages keep up the popularity they have now made their own in Lambeth. Their latest Fairy Ballet is attracting just now crowded houses, and altogether they seem to have tapped a new vein and mean to maintain their own in that neighbourhood.

The Folies Dramatiques, lately the Novelty, opened on Thursday with "Ascot," a farcical comedy, and "Les Cloches de Corneville"—a shortened version. We shall have something to say later on about this house in Great Queen-street. In the meanwhile we may mention that a brother of an earl, who is a member of our fraternity as well as a son of a baronet, a daughter of a clerical peer, and the wife of a colonel are amongst the company. Probably this alone will draw for a time, but without talent it could not last; but we know two of those we have mentioned possess qualifications necessary for the stage. Our only hope is that the theatre won't close again on account of failure.

There can be but one verdict about the new comic opera at the Strand, produced on Saturday evening, and that is that its success is secured. "Cymbia" is composed by Florian Pascal, whose real name is Williams, a son of the well-known musical publisher. Mr. Harry Paulton is the author. It is difficult to know which deserves the greater compliment, therefore we leave it to be shared between them. For the first few nights the whole of the seats were booked, and judging by Saturday night the audience seemed to have thought their money well spent. "Cymbia, or the Magic Thimble," is a story taken from the mythical time of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. We wish particularly to point out that this is a new and original opera, and not adapted from the French. The music is melodious, and throughout the piece there is evidence that the composer is a skilled musician. Mr. Fitzgerald and his orchestra also bring their whole talents into play, the consequence of which is the opera goes along merrily. We thought in the opening chorus of the first act the brass instruments were a little too powerful, but this can easily be remedied, and when the whole company get more into swing and feel more at home the new production at the Strand will even, if that be possible, go easier than on a first night. The first and third acts seem to us the best, particularly the latter. A little cutting down in some places and an addition in others will probably be needed. In the opening scene we find bailiffs in possession of King Arthur's castle, but he has arranged to restore himself to wealth by marrying three of his sons to three princesses. Cymbia is a shepherdess possessed of a magic thimble, by which she is able to do anything she wishes. Cymbia appears on the scene,

and the old king is immediately captivated. Mr. Harry Paulton, as King Arthur, is very droll, and causes much fun by his expressing a wish to be younger, but "I mustn't think of it." Through Cymbia the three sons, Burbas, Bleobber, and Redaine are engaged to the three rich princesses Menda, Rhaader, and Penarra, but they also became enamoured of the shepherdess, and leave their intended brides, who are about to return to their homes in disgust that there are to be no banners, no music, and no festivities on the marriage day, not knowing that the bailiffs have seized everything. The very robe the king wears has "lot 14" pinned to it, but he is ignorant of it. Cymbia does not care in the least for the king or his three sons, but she loves a younger one—Carrow. She endows him with the skill of a sculptor, and he thereby displays much artistic merit, a reference to the recent Belt case. Carrow is the sculptor of four statues, but so much in love is he that the four faces are made to represent the face of but one person, and that one Cymbia. To prevent her working harm in the house Carrow possesses himself of her thimble, but the shepherdess regains it and wields such influence over the old king that he becomes music mad and banishes his three sons because they cannot sing. Cymbia loses her thimble, but finds that Prince Carrow is still constant to her. In the third act she recovers it. Cymbia and the three princesses having strayed into a mystic glade, King Arthur comes that way and becomes the bond slave of 30 girls, but for propriety's sake is called their mother. He has to clean their shoes and in one the thimble is found; he quietly puts it into the pocket of Cymbia, not knowing its value, when she immediately regains her power and all ends happily. Of course the three princes marry the three princesses and Cymbia marries Prince Carrow. Bro. Henry Walsham, who plays the last-named character, sings in his usual tasteful style. Mr. Harry Paulton delivers himself of some of the drollest of his droll sayings; his topical songs are of course equally good. On Mr. Paulton lies the burden of the piece, and without him it would not become popular, but with him it is a certain success. Madame Camille D'Arville, as Cymbia, makes her debut in London, indeed in England, under the most favoured circumstances. She is a native of Holland and has only been four months in this country and yet she speaks English perfectly. There is no broken-German nor broken-French discernible. Whoever is responsible for bringing her over here has shown much wisdom; we predict for her a long stay in England, and no doubt her name will soon become known by every one who frequents the theatre. Her singing is clear and her words easy to catch. Her face is also pretty, and we could not help noticing a strong likeness to another favourite at the Strand who played for some years, we mean Miss St. John. Her voice is a mezzo-soprano, her high notes are the sweetest, but apart from her singing she is a natural actress, graceful, pathetic, and highly attractive. The great applause she obtained was well deserved, while complimentary it was well earned. Madame Vesalius, Princess Menda, also new to the English stage, was well received, but she is a long way removed from Madame D'Arville. Miss Vere Carew, Princess Rhaader, must be specially mentioned; she has often delighted Strand audiences, but at no time has she deserved her applause more than in her new character. We hope we do not let out too much of a stage secret when we say she is a daughter of Mrs. Swanborough and of Bro. Arthur Swanborough. Another of his daughters also plays in the opera, we believe for the first time. Miss Vere Carew is naturally, we should say hereditary, fitted for the stage, and we make no doubt will always sustain the family name with great éclat. As an instance of her capacity we may say that a few months ago she took Middle. Sylvia's part in an opera—the principal—at a few minutes' notice without having been her under study. The ladies and gentlemen of the chorus should not escape notice, for they go a long way to make up the success of this new and pretty opera. We may here remark that there is not a coarse sentence nor suggestive phrase throughout. Cannot Mr. Williams and Mr. Paulton and other Englishmen compose and write operas and plays without going to France for them? Our tastes are purer and our authors seem to be so too. The gem of the opera is Carrow and Cymbia's duet, "Till thee I met." "Is not this delightful?" "Lost, the power to save us is gone," are also very fine. Mr. Walsham was well encored in "Love at the helm," Cymbia's ballad, "No more, no more," is another favourite. It is almost needless to say that the principal characters were called before the curtain after each act, as was the composer. Mr. Alias deserves the highest credit for the lovely dresses he has made from Mr. Wilhelm's designs; the scenery by Mr. Ryan should be carefully noted, as it adds to the pleasantness of the piece. Bros. Arthur and Edward Swanborough are to be complimented on their change of programme; probably another will not be required for some time. Bro. Harry Hitchens, their acting manager, may not while compliments are so thickly flying about from all quarters come in for them; but as a brother Mason we remember him, for it is he who sets to the comfort of the audience, and without him we should not fare well. We may add Bro. Edward Swanborough, P.M. Asaph Lodge, is S.W. of the new Strand Lodge, which sent up £150 to the recent Benevolent Institution Festival.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

PAICE.—On the 24th inst., at Home Glen, The Avenue, St. Margaret's, Twickenham, the wife of E. Paice of a son.

STEVENS.—On the 27th inst., the wife of H. Stevens, Esq., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

FERRIS—STEVENS.—On the 24th inst., at Holy Trinity Church, Clapham, Thomas M. Ferris, only son of Thomas Ferris, Esq., of Walworth, to Ellen Lavinia, second surviving daughter of Bro. James Stevens, of Clapham.

DEATH.

GLOSTER.—On the 17th inst., at his residence, 114, Douglas-street, Deptford, Bro. Henry Gloster, P.G. Steward Middx., P.M. 1531, and W.M. 1326.

MASONIC AND GENERAL TIDINGS

Bro. the Lord Mayor attained his fiftieth year on Sunday last. It is not given to everyone to have agreeable associations with Lady Day.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., and the Rev. A. Porah, M.A., are amongst the subscribers to the Pepys Memorial, the funds for which amount to £120.

Mr. E. F. Flower, who was known for many years for his strenuous opposition to the use of tight bearing-reins and severe bits, died on Monday morning, at his residence in Hyde-park-gardens, at an advanced age.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon will preside at the annual festival of the United Kingdom Railway Officers and Servants' Association and Railway Orphan Fund, to be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday, April 11th.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., has presented his portrait, handsomely framed, to the Bethnal Green Free Library (which is supported entirely by voluntary contributions) in commemoration of his visit on the occasion of the opening of the library to the public in December, 1881.

The Lady Mayoress, Lady Ellis, and Lady Truscott have consented to have their names added to the list of patronesses for the forthcoming fancy dress ball which is to take place at Willis's-rooms on Thursday, April 26th, in aid of the funds of the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square. Mr. E. W. Layton is a member of the committee.

At the half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company, Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson in the chair, it was agreed that, in recognition of the energy and conscientiousness with which the secretary, Bro. Magnus Ohren, had performed the business of the company, his salary should be increased £50. per annum.

We are pleased to learn that the movement for a testimonial to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Sussex is being warmly taken up in the province. The subscriptions, both from lodges and individual members, are very liberal. At the last regular meeting of the South Saxon Lodge (Lewes) the sum of 10 guineas was voted from the lodge funds, and several individual members of the lodge added their names to the list.

Bro. Jonas Duckett, P.M. and Secretary United Pilgrims Lodge, 507, was on Easter Tuesday unanimously elected churchwarden of Camberwell, the largest parish in the United Kingdom.

Mr. A. M. Kino has given up four of his branch establishments. The business will in future be carried on at his two original houses, viz., 39 and 40, Cornhill, and 7, Regent-street.

Bro. F. P. Alliston, C.C., and Bro. J. E. Walford, C.C., are spending Easter at Rome.

Bro. Altman, C.C., has removed from Upper Holloway to "Elmira," a residence which he has purchased in West End-lane, South Hampstead.

Bro. G. Shadler was on Thursday, the 22nd inst., installed W.M. of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65.

Bro. T. Loveridge presided at a dinner of the General Purposes Committee, which was held at the Guildhall Tavern on Wednesday evening.

The following are amongst the list of stewards for the 56th anniversary of the Infant Orphan Asylum, which will be held at Willis's Rooms on Friday, May 11th: Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, H. B. Marshall, C.C., and J. F. Harding, F.R.C.S.

We are informed by the secretary of the Brixton Orphanage for Girls that Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C. has received the thanks of the committee for his many kindnesses. Other friends in the ward of Farringdon Without, chiefly in the Meat Market, have also been thanked for their gifts in kind.

The Queen has been pleased to signify her intention of opening the Great International Fisheries Exhibition at South Kensington, on Saturday, May 12th.

Bro. Sir John Bennett has promised to give a lecture at South-place Institute on Tuesday evening next, on "The Coming Municipal Government for London."

Under the presidency of Bro. G. Manners, the City Lands Committee are actively engaged in arranging the course of proceedings at the Guildhall on the 11th of next month, when the Corporation presentations to Lord Wolseley and Lord Alcester will take place. They will be of the plainest description. The reception will be in the Library and the presentation in Guildhall. It has not yet been definitely decided who shall be invited to the banquet, which, it may be added, is to be given by the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House in the evening.

Bro. J. M. Clabon presided on Tuesday at the annual meeting of the Equity and Law Life Assurance, held at the offices. The report, which was adopted, stated that the total receipts during the year had been £212,864, and the total payments £119,036, so that the society's assets had been increased by £93,828. They now amounted to £1,818,431, and excluding expenditure items such as cash on current account and the reversions, were invested on December 31 last, producing £4 10s. 6d. per cent. per annum.

TRUSSES, ELASTIC BANDAGES, ETC.—SEELEY'S HARD RUBBER TRUSSES.—The world's recognition of unequalled excellence. Receiving the only award of merit granted for trusses at the late international Medical Exhibition, 1881. Made in every desirable and latest improved pattern, fine steel-springs, neatly covered with highly-polished hard rubber, light, cool, cleanly; unaffected by time, use, or climate. Free from all scurf, rusty, chafing, or strapping unpleasantness. Used in bathing. Always reliable. The correct and skillful mechanical treatment of hernia or rupture a specialty. Under patronage of the world's most distinguished surgeons. Choice assortment of elastic surgical hosiery. Belts, improved suspensory bandages, shoulder braces. Establishments—74, Fleet-street, London, E.C., and 1347, Chestnut-street, Philadelphia, U.S.A.—[ADVT.]

We are glad to be able to state that the health of the Lady Mayoress continues to improve.

Bro. J. Stechelbach asks us to acquaint the brethren that his premises have been thoroughly restored at Nos. 59 and 60, South Molton-street, W.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., has consented to preside at the annual festival in aid of the Field-lane Refuges and Ragged Schools, which will be held at the Westminster Palace Hotel on Wednesday, April 25th.

The Royal Palace at Amsterdam will be placed at the disposal of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales during his visit to the International Exhibition to be held in that city.

Bro. Augustus Harris was made a freeman and liveryman of the City on Saturday week, and in the evening had the honour of dining with Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. The same day he was elected a member of the Drury Lane Fund.

On Good Friday the Mohawk Minstrels, whose directorate consists of Bros. James and William Francis and Mr. Harry Hunter, gave two performances of sacred music at their quarters in the Agricultural Hall. The attendance was numerous on both occasions.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has kindly consented to preside at a public meeting to be held at the Mansion House on Friday, the 13th April, in aid of the funds of the London Hospital, Whitechapel, E.

Bro. Viscount Lewisham, M.P., will take the chair at the anniversary festival of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society's Schools, to be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Wednesday, 25th April.

Bro. the Earl of Aberdeen, has kindly consented to take the chair at the anniversary festival of the British Orphan Asylum, Mackenzie Park, Slough, to be held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Friday, the 13th April next.

We regret to hear that Bro. Major-General Burnaby, M.P. for South Leicestershire, is seriously ill at his residence, Baggrave Hall, and that the state of his health is causing considerable anxiety to his friends.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., took part in the distribution of prizes at the Labourers' Encouragement Society at Romsey, Hants, on Wednesday, and was specially thanked for his assistance by the Home Secretary.

The Queen and Prince of Wales have severally received from the Western States of America coops of live prairie hens, and an attempt will be made to acclimatise them.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has made a further and still more urgent appeal for funds to relieve the sufferers from distress in the Western Isles and Highlands of Scotland, his lordship believing that the public has not sufficiently realised the terrible amount of suffering which prevails in those localities.

Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Breadalbane are expected to arrive early next week at Harcourt House, Cavendish-square, from Taymouth Castle, Perthshire.

Bro. G. O. Trevelyan, M.P., reached town on Wednesday evening, having been unexpectedly summoned from Stratford-on-Avon, where he had been spending the Easter holidays as the guest of Mr. Phillips, M.P.

Bro. the Emperor of Germany, who has been slightly indisposed for some time past has made great improvement in health within the last few days.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.S.W., paid a visit on Wednesday to Rathemow, where he inspected his regiment, the Ziethen Hussars, who have the reputation of being the best horsemen in Germany.

Lady Brassey, accompanied by Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., opened a Wesleyan bazaar at Hastings on Tuesday.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has consented to be present at the anniversary festival of the Licensed Victuallers' School, to be held at the Crystal Palace on the 26th June next. Bros. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser and Sheriff Savory, will also be present.

Bro. the King and the Queen of the Netherlands are expected to arrive at Queensborough from Flushing in their yacht, the Valk, on Tuesday next, the 3rd of April. Their Majesties are travelling incognito and will remain in England about a fortnight.

We are asked to announce that a change of proprietorship at the "Moorgate" necessitates the removal of the Metropolitan Lodge of Improvement, No. 1507, into fresh quarters immediately, and that on and after Monday, the 2nd day of April next, the lodge will be held at the Crown and Cushion, 73, London-wall (corner of Great Winchester-street) every Monday evening, as heretofore, at 7.30 p.m.

At the ordinary half-yearly meeting of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company, Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson in the chair, Bro. Alfred Layton, was re-appointed Auditor.

The Times prints a letter from Mr. William Hoyle on the consumption of intoxicating liquors during the year 1882. The bill is a little less than it was for 1881; it is a great deal less than it was for 1876, when it reached its maximum amount. During the intervening years it has fluctuated. In 1877 there was a reduction of more than five millions sterling in the sum spent by the nation on intoxicating drinks. In 1878 there was a slight rise. In 1879 and 1880 the decrease was very marked. The £147,288,759, which is the amount shown for 1876, sank in 1879 to £128,143,863, and in 1880 to £122,279,275. In 1881 it rose again to £127,074,460. By the last returns there is a falling-off to £126,251,359, which is the amount at which it stands at for 1882.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—DISEASES OF Advanced Years.—The grand climacteric being passed, mankind passes to old age. Then the digestion becomes impaired, the nervous system grows feeble, and the physical powers become enervated. Now arise congestion of the liver, lungs, or head, followed by dropsy, asthma, or apoplexy, which frequently afflict and often destroy the aged. As the liver usually becomes torpid, its activity may speedily be revived by rubbing Holloway's Ointment thoroughly over the pit of the stomach and right side, at least twice a day, and taking the Pills at the same time. This treatment also disperses all other congestions by varying the parts rubbed according to the situations of the mischief.—[ADVT.]

Bro. Jonas Duckett, P.M., was on the 22nd inst. for the tenth year appointed Secretary of the United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507.

We regret to announce the death on Saturday last of Bro. Davison, P.M., of York. A notice of his Masonic career will appear in our next.

The War Exhibition at Humphrey's Hall, Albemarle-gate, Knightsbridge, will be closed to-morrow (Saturday).

At the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, the number of patients under treatment for the week ending March 24th, was 865.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—We are requested to state that the candidate, Thomas Woodward, No. 32, on the list for the next election on Monday, 16th April, is withdrawn.

We are asked to announce that owing to alterations in progress at the Norfolk-square Hotel, the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction has been compelled to remove, and rooms have been secured at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, W., where their next meeting will be held on Monday next. This lodge appears to be doing excellent work, and we are pleased further to note that the hon. Secretary, Bro. Dehane, has secured a list for the Girls' School Festival amounting to £10 10s.

Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (Alderman Knight) and Sheriff Savory accepted special invitations to a complimentary banquet given by the brethren of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, on Thursday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a numerous attendance of brethren and visitors under the presidency of Bro. Henry Povey, W.M. Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser was prevented by his other public engagements from accepting the invitation to be present. We hope to give a report of the very interesting gathering in our next issue.

A new R.A. Chapter to be attached to the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839, will be consecrated on Friday, the 6th prox., at Freemasons' Hall, at 4 p.m. The ceremonies will be performed by our esteemed G.S.E., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, assisted by Comps. Capt. N. G. Phillips, Rev. C. W. Arnold, Hugh D. Sandeman, Col. H. S. Somerville-Burney, Dr. J. S. Lavies, and Comp. Frank Richardson, as D.C. The Principals-Designate are Comps. Joseph W. Brooke, P.M. 1839, M.E.Z.; W. A. Malony, P.M. 25, 1839, H.; and George F. Smith, jun., W.M. 1839, J.

On the occasion of the presentation to Lord Wolseley and Lord Alcester, at the Guildhall, on Wednesday, April 11th, the library will be used as a reception room, and detachments of the City of London Rifles and the Naval Volunteers will probably form the guards of honour. Invitations to the Lord Mayor's banquet at the Mansion House in the evening, to meet Lord Wolseley and Lord Alcester, have been accepted by the Duke of Cambridge, Mr. Childers (Chancellor of the Exchequer), Major-General Drury-Lowe, General Sir G. Willis, Sir H. Kepple (Admiral of the Fleet), General Sir E. A. Whitmore, Admiral Brandreth, Lord Sandhurst, Admiral Sir A. Hoskyns, Col. Sir S. R. Buller, V.C., C.B., Major-General Sir A. Clarke, Major-General Blake, Colonel Sir Owen Lanyon, Colonel the Hon. P. Methuen, Sir J. Stokes, &c.

Mr. Macliver, M.P., was on Tuesday last initiated into Freemasonry at Plymouth. There was a large gathering of Provincial and Past Provincial Grand Officers of Devon, and Bro. Macliver in a brief address after his initiation remarked that all over the world Freemasonry had a common brotherhood, and had done great things in the cause of humanity. He was much struck with the religious sentiments which pervaded the ceremony and believed that the objections which a large section of the Christian Church had to Freemasonry arose, if not from ignorance, at any rate from a false conception of what Freemasonry really was. The whole foundation of the system seemed to rest on religious faith and belief, without a particle of sectarianism; and regarding it in this light, as well as in the light of the immense amount of good it was doing in every part of the world he should be glad to render to it whatever service would tend to promote its interest and welfare.

The annual supper of the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction was held on Monday evening, the 19th inst., at the Canonbury Tavern, Bro. Trewinnard, the respected Preceptor, occupying the chair. After a well served repast the brethren present spent a most enjoyable evening. The toasts were brief. In that of "Success to the Instruction Lodge," Bro. Trewinnard made allusion to the large number of brethren who attend weekly, averaging 22. Some excellent harmony followed by Bros. Townley, Snook, Woodman, Brampton, and others. Bro. R. P. Forge, the worthy Secretary, was to the regret of the brethren prevented by indisposition from being present. Amongst those, however, who shared in this pleasant reunion were Bros. Baker, Gregory, Humphrys, Halford, Snook, Dyer, Galer, Cook, Killick, jun., Jones, Strugnell, Marks, Edis, Lynn, Deacon, Bevan, Perkins, Rhodes, Clark, Stretch, Deering, E. Woodman, Selig, Defries, Brampton, Franckee, Townley, Hall, W.M. 1693; Gribble, Woodman, Crosbie, Collingridge, and Fletcher.

At a recent meeting of the Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 529, at the Crown Hotel, Worcester, when the Festival of St. John was celebrated, a very interesting ceremony took place. This was the presentation of a very handsome jewel to Bro. John Stanley, in recognition of his services as Tyler to the lodge for the long period of 37 years. The presentation was made on behalf of the lodge by the W.M., Bro. W. Williamson, Sheriff of the city, who spoke of the constant attention which Bro. Stanley had paid to the duties of his office for so long a time. Bro. Godson, P.G.M., also alluded to the valuable services which Bro. Stanley had rendered to the Provincial Grand Lodge, of which he is also Tyler. The jewel, which is a chaste work of art, bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. John Stanley on his 37th election as Tyler to Lodge Semper Fidelis, 529." Bro. Stanley in accepting the gift stated that through the help of the Great Architect of the Universe he had been enabled to attend every lodge meeting except one during the time he had held his honourable office. In recognition of their services jewels were also presented to Bros. G. J. Westbury, I.P.M., and S. Coall, Hon. Sec., to the lodge.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS For the Week ending Saturday, April 7, 1883.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 31.

Lodge 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.

MONDAY, APRIL 2.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129, Leadenhall-st.
Lodge 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
Lodge 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot.
Lodge 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LOGES 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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
Lodge 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-street-Hot.
Lodge 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Lodge 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Lodge 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., E.

LOGES 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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Lodge 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd.
Lodge 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot.
Lodge 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
Lodge 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
Lodge 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
K.T. Precept. 129, Holy Palestine, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Grand Avenue M.H., 88, Gracechurch-st., at 7.
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
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.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.

United Strength, Hope Tav., 179, Stanhope-st., Regent's Park, at 8.

Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Dukes Head, 29, Whitechapel Road, 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.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Lodge 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
Lodge 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Lodge 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.
Lodge 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Lodge 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
Lodge 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.

LOGES 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.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
Lodge 890, Hornsey, F.M.H.
Lodge 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
Lodge 1489, Marquis of Ripon, 90, Ball's Pond-rd.
Lodge 1629, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
Lodge 1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.
Lodge 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Chap. 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
Mark S, Thistle, F.M. Tav.
K.T. Precept. 134, Blondel, F.M. Tav.

LOGES 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.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1622, Rose, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Lodge 1929, Mozart, Harewood House, High-st., Croydon.
Lodge 1949, Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.

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MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE, For the Week ending Saturday, April 7, 1883.

MONDAY, APRIL 2.
Lodge 104, St. John's, Ashton Hot., Stockport.
Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
Lodge 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
Lodge 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
Lodge 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
Lodge 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
Lodge 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Chap. 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Manchester.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4.

Lodge 287, Unanimity, Dog and Partridge, Stockport.
Lodge 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
Lodge 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
Lodge 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
Lodge 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tuebrook, Lp'l.
Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.
Lodge 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
Lodge 1070, Starkie, M.H., Southport.
Lodge 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
Lodge 1473, Bootle, Assembly Rooms, Bootle.
Lodge 1505, Earl of Chester, M.H., Lymm.
Chap. 758, Bridgwater, M.H., Runcorn.
Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6.

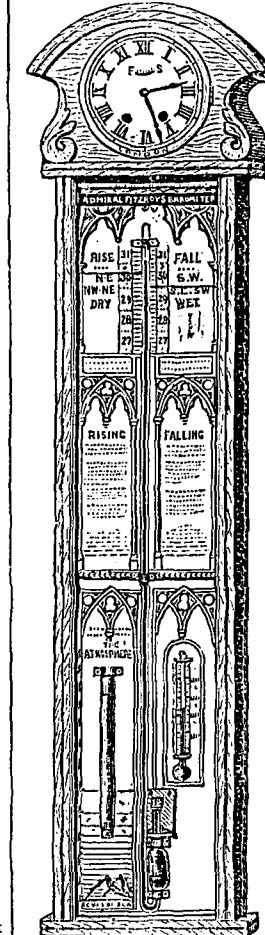
Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
Lodge 1375, Architect, Town H., Withington.
Lodge 1387, Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
Lodge 1561, Morecambe, M.H., Morecambe.

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