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At the Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter several new warrants were granted. The Grand Chapter of Portugal was recognised; and Bro. Lieut.-Col. CREATON's motion to grant £2000 for rebuilding Freemasons' Hall was judiciously deferred for consideration until next meeting of Grand Chapter.

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THE fact that His Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER was made a "Mark Master Mason" at Golden-square a week ago, suggests alike consideration and reflections not a few to the thoughtful Masonic student. It is not a little remarkable to realize the present distinguished position of the Mark Degree. Its practical existence under Lord LEIGH may be dated only within a generation, and it has now a very effective organization and numerous adherents. Some of the most distinguished members of our Craft enroll themselves in its ranks, attend its meetings, and claim its honours. And yet who can tell us anything certain about it? The learning of a GOULD or HUGHAN would fail them, were we to press them for a clear consistent narrative of the origin, progress, and history of the Mark Degree. As far as the grade itself is concerned it is confessedly a "Crux" about which much mystery exists. "The Mark" seems to have been unknown to or passed over by the Revivalists of 1717, and though traces of it in the last century exist, they are few and far between, and comparatively late. No early English minute book alludes to it, and the marked difference as between the English and Scottish Craft in this respect deserves to be carefully noted when we treat on the subject. In Scotland on the contrary the Marks are almost if not entirely synchronous with their earliest authentic minutes, which go back to A.D. 1600 in round numbers; and we think Bro. D. M. LYON, the great authority on Scottish Masonic history, will agree with us when we say that all known Masters and "Fallows of Craft" seem to have had a Mark. What then is the cause of this great divergence of custom, this absolute difference of procedure? It is neither easy to be accounted for, nor susceptible of distinct explanation. There is undoubtedly a great difference of normal procedure which confronts the most credulous, and must strike the most careless. What the relation is of the older Marks to the Mark Masons of to-day is another "Crux," equally difficult and equally hazy, equally hard to digest and harder to explain. Some connexion there probably was, but what that was, is reserved for the labours of a HUGHAN and a GOULD, a MURRAY LYON and a RYLANDS satisfactorily to explain. Up to date therefore all is mystery in respect to the Mark, and such it must remain. Much stress has been sometime laid on the existence of Immemorial Mark lodges, as a proof of the antiquity of the Degree. But knowing how often this word Immemorial is used most improperly, and without any historic warrant, we do not ourselves set much store by that fact in itself. The Ritual of Mark Masonry is undoubtedly modern, as likewise the division into two grades. Perhaps in one sense its Modernity is its recommendation. At any rate it flourishes and expands, and its now many friends may surely and truly say, "nothing is so successful as success."

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IN the *Times* of the 2nd inst. there appears a paragraph relative to the Italian Freemasons and International Arbitration. The actual purport of it is as follows: During the recent visit of Mr. HENRY RICHARDS, M.P., to Italy, a deputation of Freemasons, headed by Count BRANIFORTI, waited upon him at Milan to present him with an address from their brotherhood, congratulating him upon the success of his labours at various times on the Continent of Europe to popularize the movement for international arbitration. Mr. RICHARDS gratefully acknowledged, in his reply to the deputation, his sense of the value of the very important co-operation of such a powerful body as the Freemasons, both in Italy and other lands, in the great cause of international arbitration and peace. The active sympathy of such an influential brotherhood was in the highest degree encouraging to himself and his colleagues of the English Peace Society." Mr. RICHARDS is evidently ignorant of the principles of English Freemasonry if he thinks such

resolutions and addresses are likely to find favour or imitation among them. The great secret of the success of English Freemasonry is its absolute ignoring of all sectional, social, political questions. On the Continent, unfortunately, more or less, Freemasons too often forget the great aim and aid of Freemasonry, and allow themselves to be mixed up frequently with open political or quasi political discussions. In addition to this they interfere with social questions which provoke controversy, so that they are compelled practically to ignore the fundamental and all important duty of Freemasonry, Charity. Hence it comes to pass, and the fact is much to be regretted, that loyal English Freemasons find it often utterly impossible to attend foreign lodges or agree with their patent or latent prepossessions, to approve of their theoretical principles, or sympathize with their practical proceedings.

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MANY of our readers have doubtless perused in the daily papers a not unamusing controversy between Sir EDMUND BECKETT and Mr. SEDDON, in which the former elaborates and expresses fully his normal opinion of architects and their works. These are Sir E. BECKETT's opinions, and are well known and often put forward. But in the discussion an allusion occurs to a "Reredos" at St. Alban's, originally proposed to be erected by the Masonic Committee, but which design, for reasons which the "Faculty Committee" submitted to the Masonic Committee in perfect friendliness, was not persevered in. The alternative proposal for a pulpit was substituted, and has been happily and successfully completed. Our esteemed and energetic Bro. C. E. KEYSER, the Secretary of the Masonic Committee, feeling himself aggrieved by certain expressions of Sir E. BECKETT anent the Reredos, has written some letters on the subject. They have come before us in the *Hertfordshire Standard* of the 27th October, and we think it right to call attention to them here, the more so as we gladly call to mind Bro. C. E. KEYSER's laudable energy and persevering patience, his courtesy and consideration, in what turned out to be a very trying little matter both of work and responsibility. It seems that Sir EDMUND BECKETT talks of that "paltry gimcrack of a Reredos." Now, as is well known, Sir EDMUND uses normally very forcible language, both as to his likes and dislikes, and we do not think that Bro. C. E. KEYSER need be hurt at such expressions. Sir EDMUND may not like Reredoses in general, or that Reredos in particular. Reredos is a hard and apparently a foreign word, and there are good many worthy people up and down the country who, as some one said amusingly years ago, "seem to shiver at the very name." As regards the design in question, it certainly was neither paltry nor gimcrack in any sense. It was, we feel bound to say, a most graceful and effective sketch; but, if we remember rightly, was not originally unanimously approved, of even by the Masonic Committee. As regards the window, it was, we think, clearly understood that the Reredos was to suit the window, and not the window the Reredos; and Sir E. BECKETT is completely wrong in imputing such bad taste on the part of the Masonic Committee, whose only wish was to help on a great and goodly movement, and not in any way to injure the architectural beauties of St. Albans. We can quite sympathize with Bro. C. E. KEYSER's feelings at such an unfortunate mistake in words, and are glad to assure him of our pleasant remembrance of his genial labours and his unfailing energy.

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WE have been considering the past history and present position of the Mark Degree from an antiquarian point of view solely, but think it only reasonable and right, amid so many new claims and conflicting rites, to say a few words also on the superior antiquity of Craft Masonry. Whatever may be the real origin of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, whether it be the product of an Hermetic or Rosicrucian Fraternity, whose true annals are lost in the ignorance of early patrons and "adaptations," there can be no doubt that no grade in the world can claim superior antiquity to our humbler Craft Masonry. It may be that Hermeticism ran along the stream of time "pari passu" with Masonic initiation, at times dominating it, at times diverging from it, but we seem to gather the fact from countless evidences that a secret Masonic Sodality existed everywhere in very early times, probably in some way linked on to Egyptian and Primæval mysteries, which seems to have surmounted the dividing influences of countries and oceans, to have outlived the fall of mighty empires, and defied the encroaching hand of time. Curiously enough the marks of the earliest builders are found also everywhere, alphabetical, numeralistic, Hermetic, symbolical, and we believe we are correct in saying on all ancient buildings. Were these all merely for convenience, to check payment, continual family marks? We cannot believe it. We must therefore assume the existence of a world-wide fraternity, with something in common, and if the modern use of the "mark" was identical with that of early times, an argument to some extent irresistible might be derived for the

antiquity of Mark Masonry. But such we apprehend is not the case, though, not seeking to dogmatize on the point, we leave it here. But Craft Masonry has existed, as we said before, from early ages, and survived, and is to day more flourishing than ever. North, south, east, and west its lodges are increasing and advancing, and if in all jurisdictions not in the same safe ratio of useful befitting power, let us hope for better things and happier days. It has been said that Craft Masonry dates from 1722. No more perverse or idle view of Masonic history ever was propounded. "The 1717 theory," as it was termed, has been long given up, and except our good old paradoxical friend JACOB NORTON, we know of no authoritative writer who seriously holds it to-day. The revivalists of 1717 were not the creators of a new order, the founders of a new organization, the fautors of a new ritual. They may have modified, altered, reduced, or extended what they found ready to their hands; but the outcome of 1717 may be practically found in the antiquarian treatise of PLOT and the peculiar revelations of the SLOANE MS., which, if of 1715 transcription is clearly of 1650 verbiage. The existence of a Freemasonry in the seventeenth century is now clearly proved, based on the admission of ELIAS ASHMOLE and the assertion of RANDLE HOLMES, both Freemasons, and there can be no doubt that, as the point is more closely studied, to which we have often called attention, more curious discoveries will reward the patience and energies of the discreet and sagacious student. It is sometimes wonderful to us to think that this humble Society of Freemasons has so endured where others have crumbled away to nothing; has outlived sarcasm, excommunication, persecution, insults, the tortures of the Inquisition, and, above all, the unfaithfulness of professed friends, the treachery of proclaimed adherents. Indeed, it seems to gather fresh "stamina" from the centuries as they come and go, to emerge from the opposition of the foolish and the censures of the ignorant, as perhaps might be expected, stronger and more vivacious than ever. "Esto perpetua" we say so long as it ministers to social contentment, unity, loyalty, and peace; so long as it increases the happiness of the Brotherhood, and upholds the welfare of Mankind.

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We often hear of "Masonic Statistics" which unfortunately are too often used by the empirical or fanatic (of either side) for their own purposes, and in no sense appeal to the abstract virtue of veracity or the concrete acceptance of the world. The following passage from our excellent contemporary the *New York Dispatch*, edited by Bro. J. SIMONS, P.G.M. of New York, will commend itself to those who prefer fact to fiction, true figures to imaginary. "There are probably about a million and a half of Masons in the world. Great Britain includes about one-sixth of the entire number, and the United States a still larger fraction. The estimate for the whole of Europe is 350,000, and for North and South America about 650,000. Asia, Africa, and the islands of the sea furnish the remainder." These figures accord on the whole, or nearly so, with some which appeared a little time back in the *Freemason*, and we believe to be as approximately correct and "up to the mark" as any such Masonic statistics can be.

### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was holden on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, when there was a larger attendance than usual. The companions present were:

Bros. J. W. Montagu, as M.E.Z.; the Hon. Mr. Justice Henry Thoby Prinsep, as H.; Col. Creaton, P.G. Treas., as J.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; Rev. F. Robinson, as G.S.N.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.S.; Robt. Grey, 1st Asst. S.; Dr. Gooding, 2nd Asst. S.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Raymond Thrupp, J. Sampson Peirce, T. D. Bolton, H. Maudsley, H. J. P. Dumas, Rev. C. W. Arnold, Frank Richardson, John Messent, J. Derby Allcroft, G. T.; Magnus Ohren, J. M. Case, Ralph Costa, Rev. Ambrose Hall, J. C. Parkinson, Wilhelm Ganz, G. Org.; J. A. Rucker, James Glaisher, Edgar Powyer, H. G. Buss, Asst. S.E.; H. Greenwood; Controller Samuel G. Bake, Z. 330, 1383; Henry Higgins, P.Z. 1381; Eugene Sweny, Z. 913; W. L. Smithson, P.Z. 289; Edward W. Braine, Z. 145; C. H. Köhler, J. 1381; H. Howard Hodges, P.Z. 771, P.P.G. Reg. Berks and Bucks; Haryman C. Cummings, Z. 1837; W. H. Perryman, P.Z. 1341; S. P. Catterson, P.Z. 79, Z. 548; Benjamin Isaacs, P.Z. 73; A. A. Pendlebury, P.Z. 1056; Neville Green, P.Z. 1524; W. H. Lee, P.Z. 1524; William Vincent, P.Z. 1624; Edward F. Storr, P.Z. 1094, Z. 192; J. W. Brooke, Z. 1839; W. Chubb, P.Z. 8; Thomas J. Ralling, Z. 51, Prov. G.S.E. Essex; William Dodd, P.Z. 1194; J. Homsey Casson, H. 1615; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619, (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of Grand Chapter in August, the report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

The accounts were as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£1043 14 1	By Disbursements during the	
" Unappropriated		Quarter	£201 10 4
" Account	209 9 10	" Balance	1031 19 9
" Subsequent Receipts	195 14 6	" Unappropriated	
		Account	215 8 4
	£1448 18 5		£1448 18 5

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

Col. CREATON then moved that the prayers of the following petitions be granted.

1st. From Comps. Wm. Richard Pratt, as Z.; James Gray, as H.; Wm. Barefoot, as J.; and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the John Miller Lodge, No. 1906, Madras, to be called the Madras Chapter, and to meet at Royapoorum, or Black Town, Madras, in the East Indies.

2nd. From Comps. Theobald Ringer, M.D., as Z.; Rev. John Augustus Lloyd, M.A., as H.; John Campbell Maclean, as J.; and 10 others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1533, Marlborough, to be called the Methuen Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Marlborough, Wiltshire.

3rd. From Comps. Sir Michael Edward Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., as Z.; John Walker, as H.; Richard V. Vassar-Smith, as J., and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Royal Gloucestershire Lodge, No. 839, Gloucester, to be called the Royal Gloucestershire Chapter, and to meet at the Bell Hotel, Gloucester.

The motions having been seconded were carried unanimously.

A charter was also granted to the Chapter of Unanimity, No. 42, Bury, Lancashire, authorising the companions to wear a centenary jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st February, 1882, the chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years.

The District Grand Lodge of Malta having on the 18th September, 1883, expelled from Masonry a brother P.M. late of the Wanderers' Lodge, No. 1604, London, and P.M. and Treas. of the Wayfarers' Lodge, No. 1926, Malta, also of the Melita Chapter, No. 349, Malta, for defalcation of his lodge accounts.

Col. CREATON moved:—

"That this companion of the Melita Chapter, No. 349, be declared expelled from the Order of Royal Arch Masons."

The motion was seconded by Comp. J. LEWIS-THOMAS and carried.

The Grand Orient of Portugal having intimated that they had authorized the formation of a Royal Arch Grand Chapter for that country, with chapters working in accordance with the English Ritual, and the said Grand Orient and Grand Chapter having each requested the recognition of the latter Body by the Grand Chapter of England, the Committee recommend that this Grand Chapter do accede to the request.

Col. CREATON moved:—

"That the Grand Chapter of Portugal be henceforth recognised by the Supreme Grand Chapter."

This was seconded by Comp. JAMES LEWIS-THOMAS, and also carried nem. con.

Col. CREATON postponed till the February Convocation his motion—

"That the sum of £2000 be granted from the funds of this Grand Chapter, in aid of the proposed re-building of the Temple at Freemasons' Hall, recently destroyed by fire," as Grand Lodge had not yet decided on a scheme for the rebuilding of the Temple.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the general Committee of this Institution was held on Saturday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Grand Standard Bearer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. G. P. Britten, Joyce Murray, William Roebuck, Charles Frederick Hogard, Alfred Williams, Donald M. Dewar, John L. Mather, Frederick Adlard, W. Mann, Horace Brooks Marshall, Henry Venn, H. S. Goodall, Rev. Dr. Morris (head master), John Seax, Thomas Cubitt, C. H. Webb, G. P. Festa, George Motion, W. Maple, Geo. P. Gillard, A. F. Godson, F. Binckes, Sec., and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The report of the Audit Committee gave rise to a long discussion, the Audit Committee having refused to pay an item of £9, the hire for half a year of an omnibus employed according to custom for many years past to convey the Committee to Wood Green. Some brethren contended that it was beyond the power of the Audit Committee to refuse to pass an account, and that the functions of the Committee were confined to examining and checking the accounts. Other brethren however held that the Audit Committee were right, and nearly all expressed the opinion that the hiring of the omnibus should be dispensed with and the audit be held at the offices. It was ultimately referred to the House Committee to consider the propriety of continuing the use of the omnibus after the 31st December. The Chairman was then authorised to sign cheques for the amounts passed by the Audit Committee and for the £9 for the omnibus.

After Bro. BINCKES had read the report, which shewed a clear balance in hand of £3978 4s. 8d.,

On the motion of Bro. W. ROEBUCK, seconded by Bro. W. MANN, £2000 was ordered to be invested to the account of the Preparatory School Fund, thus raising the amount invested on that account £11,000.

On the motion of Bro. W. ROEBUCK, seconded by Bro. J. L. MATHER, £500 was ordered to be transferred to the Sustentation Fund.

Outfits of £5 each were granted to three former pupils of the Institution.

Bro. C. H. WEBB called attention to the case of a boy, named Herring, who was elected in October, and said that he was credibly informed that the boy was entitled at 21 years of age to £1800, and that two brothers were entitled to a similar sum each.

Bro. BINCKES said the case had been before the Quarterly Court, and that after full discussion 28 brethren voted in favour of the child's candidature, and 23 against it.

Bro. C. H. WEBB gave notice of motion for next Quarterly Court in January that further enquiry be made and the matter investigated as to whether the boy was a proper subject for admission to the Institution.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

### THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

(Continued from page 548.)

It will be readily conceded that the foregoing letters in explanation of the objects of the proposed Asylum and the sources whence the means to establish and support it were to be forthcoming was by no means as satisfactory as his Royal Highness would deem desirable, and that it would not afford him much ground for arriving at a conclusion as to the probable degree of stability that would attend the project. Indeed, the meagreness of the details furnished appears to have struck Bro. Bell himself, for on the 16th of the month of May we find him addressing a further communication on the subject to the Duke of Sussex, apologising for the details he had already furnished being less "full and explicit" than seemed desirable, but at the same time earnestly pressing his Royal Highness to grant the promoters of the intended charity the benefit of his patronage. The letter in full is as follows:

Austin Friars, 16th May, 1835.

Sir,—I had the honour to acknowledge the favour of your Royal Highness's communication respecting the proposed Asylum for Aged and Decayed Freemasons, but in so hasty a manner from my anxiety to lose no time in acknowledging your Royal Highness's kindness and condescension in directing that communication to be made that I fear my statement may not have proved so full and explicit as your Royal Highness might wish. If this unfortunately should have been the case, I have most humbly to beg your Royal Highness's pardon, and to express my sincere regret as well on account of the seeming though unintentional want of respect to your Royal Highness's commands as from the injury which from this cause I much fear the intended Charity may suffer from any delay in obtaining your Royal Highness's patronage.

May it please your Royal Highness to state whether you wish for any further information in the power of myself or coadjutors in this work of charity to give; their anxiety I am sure is not less than my own to lay it before your Royal Highness.

I am emboldened again to address your Royal Highness from the cheering result of the collection for the Girls' School, for having contributed to which my coadjutors on the present occasion and myself may honestly take some credit. Our object has been to put our shoulders forcibly to the wheel to assist, to the extent of our ability, that excellent charity, and also to evince to your Royal Highness and the brethren of the Craft that our intended charity is not to interfere with the excellent charities already existing.

May I be pardoned in stating that our anxiety to obtain your Royal Highness's patronage is very great; that we feel it is under your auspices that the Charity comes properly recommended to the Craft; that we acknowledge we ought to request that patronage only so far as our project deserves it; that time with reference to the proposed theatrical benefit and the close of the Masonic season presses; and that, in any way which your Royal Highness may be pleased to point out, we beg to offer the fullest information in our power, and humbly hope to be favoured with your Royal Highness's sentiments and advice as to our future proceedings.

I have the honour to remain, &c.,

(Signed) JOSEPH C. BELL.

There are one or two points in connection with this letter which strike us as being worthy of a passing comment or two. In the first place, it appears not a little incongruous that Bro. Bell, having commenced by apologising most humbly in respect of the meagreness of the information he had previously furnished, should have studiously refrained from supplementing those meagre details in the present instance. Then, having once made the admission that the information furnished was less full and explicit than his Royal Highness had most probably expected, Bro. Bell appears to have exhibited no small amount of indiscretion in pressing for his Royal Highness's patronage. Lastly, it would seem to have been a very questionable piece of policy on his part to refer to the contributions of himself and his coadjutors to the Festival of the Girls' School. No doubt these contributions were made from a conscientious desire, to show that the promoters had no idea of allowing their labours in behalf of the third Charity they were desirous of establishing to in any way interfere with their support of those actually existing. Still, it does strike one as having been a most impolitic act, as though the writer were desirous of holding out to his Royal Highness—and who knows but his Royal Highness may not have been impressed with the same idea?—some sort or kind of temptation or inducement to grant the patronage that was asked of him. We have already said that the early history of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution does not read as smoothly as could have been wished, and we have suggested that this was due, principally no doubt, to the commission of slight acts of indiscretion on the part of sundry among the promoters who, in their anxiety to get their project carried out, were not quite as careful as they should have been in laying their plans before the chiefs of the Grand Lodge. The writing of such a letter as the above looks like one of these acts of indiscretion, and we are the more confirmed in this view from the events which followed the inaugural meeting of the promoters on the 22nd June. It will be remembered that among the resolutions adopted on that occasion was one to address a memorial to the Grand Master with a view to secure, as Bro. Bell had already attempted to secure, the patronage of his Royal Highness on behalf of the proposed charity. Acting in accordance with that resolution Bro. Crucefix, as chairman of the meeting, forwarded, under cover to Bro. W. H. White, G. Secretary, the following memorial signed by himself and certain of his coadjutors.

To his Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, M.W. Grand Master of Masons, &c.

Sir,—It being the fervent desire of many brethren of the Craft to establish an Asylum for a certain number of aged, destitute, and deserving Freemasons, we, having investigated the practicability of that design, beg as a first duty to be allowed to approach the Grand Master of the Order, in the hope of being permitted to lay at the foot of the Masonic Throne the accompanying statement of those circumstances which promise to the wishes of the brethren a felicitous reality; and at the like time to pray of the condescension of the Grand Master the help of his directing wisdom and the grace and strength of his moral support.

A cursory glance at the existing Charities of the Order may not here be irrelevant; and the undersigned advert to the following circumstances:—That the Boys' Charity, which owed its birth to the liberality of that portion of the Craft which united in 1813 under the direction of your Royal Highness, and the Girls' School, which was founded by the other branch of the Masonic Order, have by the aid of the protection of your Royal Highness not merely maintained their strength and utility, but have increased in prosperity. And although the Lodge of Benevolence has afforded innumerable instances of great casual relief, still that relief has been but casual.

The Committee are particularly desirous most respectfully to impress upon the attention of your Royal Highness that the "proposed Asylum" may not merely be viewed as the happy and unanimous result of the prosperity of the United Grand Lodge; but they are most anxious that the Masonic Government of your Royal Highness may be commemorated in future ages by the erection of a Temple, within the sanctuary of which the future meritorious Freemason may look back, with gratitude to the Great Architect, upon the memory of one whom living we love and respect.

The purpose of the brethren being, as the undersigned submit, purely Masonic, involving in its nature one of the highest and most sacred attributes of the Order, it is anxiously hoped that the grounds on which the brethren have hitherto proceeded, and the encouraging "signs and tokens" by which they are still beckoned to proceed being fully delivered and made manifest before the Throne, that the Grand Master will by graciously consenting to become the President of the "Asylum" at once display to the Craft the strongest proof of its utility, whilst so gracious an act must afford the happiest omen of its enduring success."

This memorial was dated 1st July, 1835, and to it were attached the signatures of the following brethren, namely, Bros. George Price, J. C. Bell, R. T. Crucefix, George Henekey, H. Rowe, J. Sansum, Z. Watkins, R. Field, S. Hodgkinson, Ed. Wilson, Geo. Reid, W. T. Smith, W. Brooks, J. P. Acklam, R. Cooper, R. L. Wilson, and C. Robottom. The answer, which was somewhat lengthy, and serves excellently to give one an idea of his Royal Highness's views on the subject, was not long in coming. It bears date, "Freemasons' Hall, 9th July, 1835," and is to the following effect:

Sir and Brother,—I am commanded by the M.W. Grand Master to acknowledge the receipt by his Royal Highness of the memorial signed by yourself and several other brethren, under date of the 1st inst, which you forwarded, together with an account of certain proceedings and resolutions of a meeting which appears to have been holden on the 22nd ultimo, relative to a projected Asylum for Aged and Decayed Freemasons, and soliciting his Royal Highness's sanction and support of the Institution.

When the subject was first introduced to the notice of the Grand Master by Bro. J. C. Bell, his Royal Highness requested to be furnished with such particulars of the proposed plan of the contemplated or expected means as would enable him before offering an opinion, to give the subject a full and fair consideration preparatory to an interview with that brother, so that his Royal Highness might be prepared to discuss the matter.

Bro. Bell immediately forwarded a brief and hearty sketch (probably all that the shortness of the time enabled him to offer) not however sufficient for the purpose, and his Royal Highness consequently requested something more in detail, but no further statement was received until the arrival of the memorial and other papers sent by you. And here his Royal Highness's remarks, not in the way of conveying an expression of

displeasure or imputing an intentional irregularity, that the convening a meeting of a number of brethren to appoint officers and make laws and regulations for the intended Institution was altogether irregular while seeking to obtain the approval of the Grand Master and ultimately the sanction of the Grand Lodge; because, by such a proceeding, the meeting determines important preliminary points, and it must be evident upon reflection that his Royal Highness cannot as Grand Master enter into communication with a body of Masons not known to the Grand Lodge, nor acting under any recognised authority. If the brethren think fit to meet and carry on their plans as individuals, not seeking the countenance of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge, they certainly are at liberty so to do; but they cannot, under such circumstances, be permitted to correspond as a body with the various lodges. His Royal Highness was ready, and is still willing, to receive from Bro. Bell any suggestions or information which the friends of the plan may desire to submit, to enable his Royal Highness to form a judgment on the matter, and to determine on the propriety of bringing it to the notice of Grand Lodge, without the concurrence of which body a business of so much importance, and involving so many interests, ought not to be proceeded with hastily, neither could any beneficial result be expected.

The M.W. Grand Master is much surprised to observe amongst the resolutions passed at the meeting on the 22nd June one fixing an "Inaugural Dinner" for the 31st inst., under the direction of certain Stewards; and still more at having just been shown a printed circular announcing the dinner, in which the brethren attending are requested to appear in Masonic clothing. Upon this latter point the Grand Master observes that the proceeding is most irregular and contrary to the laws of the Craft, and he therefore trusts that that part of the plan will be immediately abandoned.

His Royal Highness does not at present offer any opinion upon the expediency or eligibility of the proposed establishment, because he is not yet in possession of information or data to assist him in arriving at a conclusion or of forming a judgment whether the measure could be taken up in the Grand Lodge with a fair prospect of success.

I am, &c.,

(Signed)

WILLIAM H. WHITE, G.S.

The W. Bro. Dr. Crucefix.

There is an unmistakable sense of dignity about this reply of the Grand Master to the memorial of the promoters. There does not seem to have been any special reason for thus urging the proposed scheme on the notice of his Royal Highness, further than that the close of the Masonic session was close at hand. Yet as the subject was pressed so vehemently, care at least should have been taken that the exact nature of the steps that had been and were being taken to promote the contemplated Asylum were fully explained. In such case no doubt his Royal Highness would have discovered for himself that the said steps were provisional in their character and were only intended to give some kind of form to labours which otherwise would run the risk of being ill-considered and ill-directed. It is clear the memorialists, by organising meetings, proposing an "inaugural dinner," drawing up resolutions and apparently appointing officers, had taken too much upon themselves, seeing they were only a self-constituted body of brethren, gathered together from different lodges, but having no authority to address themselves as a body to the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. The exercise of a very little care on the part of Bro. Crucefix and those acting with him would have been sufficient to prevent a charge of unauthorised meddling with, or indifference to, lawfully constituted authority being visited upon them. Moreover, as they were so eager to obtain his Royal Highness's patronage and support, it was clearly possible for them to have made an attempt between the date—27th April—of Bro. Bell's first explanatory letter and that of their own memorial—1st July—to collate information of an ampler and more detailed character. What Bro. Bell had said, as he himself admitted in a subsequent communication, was well enough as far as it went, but it was meagre in the extreme; and what his Royal Highness was so desirous of obtaining was information of a character that would enable him to form a judgment on the expediency and eligibility of establishing the new Charitable Institution, and also as to whether it appeared to have such prospect of success as would justify it being referred to Grand Lodge with a view to receiving the countenance of that august assembly. Yet nothing of the kind had been submitted, and the promoters instead had continued to bring upon themselves the displeasure of the Craft as well by the measures they had adopted as a constituent body as by the circular issued by sundry of them in their capacity of festival Stewards inviting brethren who purposed being present to attend in Masonic clothing. It is to be regretted that some men of judgment in the Craft did not intervene and set matters right between the Grand Master and the Committee, or at all events put them in a fair way of being adjusted. The Craft would have been spared some bitter differences and the assistance of Grand Lodge in promoting the welfare of the Aged and Decayed Freemasons might have been rendered at a much earlier date. But no such kind intermediary appears to have volunteered his services and the Committee went on pursuing their labours in their own fashion, but whether with greater circumspection as regards their own mode of proceeding and greater consideration for the dignity of the members of Grand Lodge, the progress of this history will in due time disclose.

(To be continued).

## THE REVISE OF THE CONSTITUTIONS.

BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

Bro. Hawkins having taken us back to A.D. 1815, when the first edition of the "Constitutions" for the "United Grand Lodge of England" was published, the following brief article will continue the list of these invaluable works back to 1723.

In 1722 an edition of the "Old Charges" was published by J. Roberts, but not by the authority of the Grand Lodge of England; neither in any sense was it the laws to govern the lodges of that period. The pamphlet was issued at sixpence, and a copy was sold at the "Spencer sale" for £8 10s. for the noted "Bower Library," now the property of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

The first "Book of Constitutions" of the premier Grand Lodge of the world, established 1717 in London, made its appearance the year afterwards, viz., 1723, and is now highly valued as a curiosity, as much as twelve guineas being sometimes asked for a copy. An excellent reprint of it is published by Bro. Kenning, edited by the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A.; another is to be found in the series of the "Old Constitutions" of Bro. W. Spencer and Co., and fac-similes are also to be had in the United States. Although the Rev. Dr. James Anderson styles himself "the author of this book," the arrangement of the Regulations was mainly due to Bro. George Payne, in 1720, but Dr. Anderson is entitled to rank as the compiler of the historical portion.

The Second Edition was printed in 1738 and in many respects it may be looked upon as the chief of the series, its influence being so widespread, and its authority being so universally acknowledged for many years. Bro. Gould's "History of Freemasonry" should be consulted as to its merits and demerits, especially the first volume of that noble work. There being

evidently many copies unsold in 1746, another title page was inserted and dated for that year, but else it was unchanged.

The Third Edition was published in 1756, the Rev. John Entick, M.A., being the editor. Owing to some cause or other this issue is not so generally met with now as its immediate predecessor.

The Fourth Edition made its appearance in 1767, under, it is said, the same auspices or editorial supervision. A side issue of 1769 in octavo (the others being in quarto) was a singular publication and so far has not been explained. Bro. Woodford in the "Cyclopædia" maintains that this was an unauthorized edition, so also do Carson and myself. It was the same text as that of 1767, save that the proposed "Charter of Incorporation" was added. In 1776 an appendix was printed, compiled doubtless by Bro. Wm. Preston, which was sold bound up with the work of 1767, and is a creditable compilation. This explains the Fourth Edition being sometimes met with either with or without the "Appendix."

The Fifth Edition was printed and published in 1784, the editor being Bro. John Noorthouck, who acted under the direction of the "Hall Committee." The frontispiece is a representation of the Freemasons' Hall. The issue of 1769 was reprinted in Dublin and embellished with several curious copper plates, a book now rarely met with. The 1784 Constitutions was the last to contain the historical introduction.

## MUSIC AND FREEMASONRY.

One of the chief enjoyments of our lodge meetings is the musical entertainment which it is usual to intermingle with the speeches that follow the banquet. This entertainment varies in degree from the half-dozen songs that may be volunteered by members of the lodge or their guests on ordinary occasions to the more elaborately arranged programme we are wont to associate with our most important gatherings, as when a new W. Master is installed in the chair of K.S., or on the occasion of a new lodge being consecrated, and its Master designate installed. The introduction of this harmony is by no means confined to Masonic banquets, but in their case at all events there is a certain appropriateness which has escaped the notice of the casual student of our Craft usages. Among the seven sciences which are included in the curriculum of Masonry, we learn from ancient MSS. which have been preserved to us that music holds an honoured place. Thus in the Buchanan MS., so named after the brother who presented it to United Grand Lodge in 1880, which is assigned by Bro. Gould in his "History of Freemasonry" to the seventeenth century, we read that "the sixth" of the sciences so included "is musicke, and it teacheth the Crafte of Songe and voice of tongue orggann harpe and Trumpett." Thus, as we have said, the "Crafte of Songe" being a part of the Craft of Masonry, there is a certain fitness in its introduction into our after-dinner proceedings, and yet it seems there are those who deprecate this usage, because, forsooth, it involves what they consider a needless expense, and protracts a meeting unduly. Now we have had many years' experience of Masonic meetings, and we have invariably found that these harmonies are very pleasant. They may not in the case of amateur performances possess any great degree of artistic merit, though, of course, there are many amateur musicians whose abilities, be they vocal or instrumental, will compare well with the abilities of the professional artist. But they are indicative of a desire on the part of those who contribute them to promote the general enjoyment, while with the performances of the trained singer or instrumental artist, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred they afford a real pleasure to the brethren present. Why then should attempts be made to limit the musical programme which so desirably constitutes a part of the proceedings of our lodge meetings, on the score that it involves a needless expense to have the services of professionals engaged, and a considerable waste of time?

Again, there are other grounds on which the retention of music should be advocated. It is usual at our gatherings to have a certain list of toasts, and the list is almost invariably the same, no matter what the occasion may be which has called us together. Thus we begin with what are known as the loyal and Masonic toasts, and these are followed by similar honours paid to the Worshipful Master, the Past Masters, the Masonic Charitable Institutions, the Visitors, the Officers of the Lodge, &c. It is impossible for even the most eloquent of speakers to impart anything of novelty into the speeches in which they severally introduce or acknowledge these compliments. There may be local or other circumstances which occasionally justify a departure from the ordinary phraseology employed, but these seldom present themselves; and what is an unfortunate W.M. to do in submitting the same toasts at successive meetings but address his audience in set terms in behalf of the several propositions he brings forward? What, for instance, can he say of the Past Masters, as a rule, than that they are a capable body of men, who fully deserve the honours that have been conferred upon them, and that he has derived great benefit from their loyal advice and assistance? What can he do more in proposing "The Visitors" than extend to them a hearty welcome? And what can these do more than express their sense of the hospitality they have received? or the Past Masters than thank the W.M. for his appreciation of their services? Of course the language that is used is capable of being varied on occasion; but it is impossible to speak of a stereotyped subject in other than stereotyped terms, albeit the terms themselves may be both graceful and sincere. Then it is not every one who can play the part of orator—even though after-dinner oratory may not, as a rule, be of very much account. Some men break down from extreme nervousness, others are verbose, others inconsequential, and others egotistical or didactic. When music is introduced between the speeches, the audience finds immense relief from the monotony of the speechmaking, and the separation of the brethren "in peace and harmony" very truthfully describes the close of a Masonic gathering.

Some of course will rejoin that, while these arguments may be satisfactory enough in the case of amateur singing, they will not apply to lodges which on important occasions secure the services of professional singers, and that, too, at considerable outlay. A set banquet, they say, is costly enough in all conscience without incurring the further expense of a set concert. But we have yet to learn that a Master is to be blamed for sanctioning or incurring an expenditure which he knows is well within the compass of his means. It is not the man of large fortune who is to be condemned for spending freely of his superfluous moneys, but the man who pinches or impoverishes himself in order to make a display. There are lodges which could well afford to have a set concert by professional artists at every one of their meetings, and there are others which, even with the utmost practice of economy, find it by no means an easy task to keep the balance on the right side of the account. But this is no reason why all our lodges should be placed on a dead level as regards expenditure. It is no argument against

the rich lodges spending freely of their wealth that poor lodges may follow in their wake, and, like the frog in the fable, attempt to rival or outvie them. The rigid economist may urge that all expenditure which is not absolutely necessary is a mistake, because it affords a direct encouragement to luxury on the part of those who are unable to afford it. In other words, A, who has £2000 a year, is not to buy the luxuries he can afford because B, with an income of only £500, may outrun the constable. This we have said is no argument, at least in our judgment, and we shall be very sorry if it is allowed to have weight with our wealthier lodges and brethren.

But if the wealthy are to be discouraged from spending liberally, what will become of the luxuries of civilised life and those who make an honest living by purveying them? The musical profession does not exist for the mere purpose of contributing to the entertainment of Masonic brethren, but being in existence, it is open to brethren, as to others, to engage the services of the professional artist, if they can afford the luxury of so doing. If we are never to incur any expenditure but what is absolutely necessary, then there will be an end to every profession which supplies or contributes towards the luxuries of life. Music, painting, sculpture, the drama, are not among the necessities of our existence. We can do without them, as we can do without expensive clothes or costly food. But it is one of the privileges of wealth that it is in a position to encourage the arts, and without the exercise of this privilege, the hundreds and thousands of people who now live, and live comfortably, by art labour would be deprived of their means of subsistence. We are not advocates of extravagance, but a liberal expenditure according to one's means is justifiable and we see no reason why those who can afford it should forego the pleasure of engaging professional musicians at our installation and other meetings, because there is danger that other people may engage them who have not the means to spare for such a luxury.

## RECORDS OF EXTINCT LODGES.

BY BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

ROYAL LODGE, CHESTER.

(Concluded from page 551.)

It will be seen that there is a good deal of interest in this old book, which has been rescued from destruction by Bro. Robinson, and its contents may perhaps materially assist some local brother, with better opportunities than I have of later information, to write a complete history of the Royal Lodge or the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cheshire.

I append a list of the members of the lodge during the period covered by these minutes. It is of interest as showing the class of men who supported masonry, and may interest Chester antiquarians and genealogists.

1738. Edward Orme, W.M.	Richard Lane. John Arden. Danl. Bonner.	Henry Pretty. Rev. John Gleave. Thomas Doland.
1739. John Browne, W.M.	1757. Wm. Lewis.	Charles Pickering. Lieut. Robinson, Altringham.
1740. John Dicas, W.M.	Thos. Cholmondeley. Rev. Milliquett.	Rev. Wm. Windus. Lieut. John Barrow.
1741. Benjamin Powell, W.M.	Charles Townsend. Charles Maltas.	Lieut. Thomas Macklin. Ensign George Jackson.
1743. Thomas Cole. John Gother.	Richard Montgomery. Arthur Barber.	Robert Frith.
George Buckton. John Goffe.	1758. George Lee.	1761. John Barry.
Thos. Vernon. Thos. Dean. Chas. Corn.	John Edwards. Hon. Richard Barry. Hon. Arthur Barry.	Richard Whitworth, Esq. Rev. John Prince.
Joseph Briscoe. Ambrose Orme. Griffith Biggins.	Hon. J. Smith Barry. Capt. James Mason. Jonathan Cotgrave.	—, Vernon. Thomas Cookes. W. Travers.
John Rowley. Thomas Wilbraham.	Daniel Smith. Lieut. James Knox.	Peter Edwards, of Wrexham. Thos. Price, of Llangellen.
George Cotgrave. John Matthews. Robert Newton.	Wm. Bowers. Capt. Wm. Butler. Allen Holford, Esq.	William Lewis.
William Faulkner. William Ince. Richard Whiteman.	John Barker. Honoratus Leigh Thomas.	1762. R. A. Williams. Pattison Ellanes.
Charles Parry. Thomas Dean. Rev. Thomas Pollen.	Benjamin Flewitt. Capt. Ralph Barker. Rev. Richard Markham.	Michael Connor, of Madeira.
John Boswell. George Leigh. Matthias Wilson.	Rev. Theophilus Meredith. Rev. Ralph Markham. Gerald Fitzgerald, Esq.	1763. Thomas Swanwick, serving brother.
Rev. John Carmichael. John Gother.	John Ingram. Richard Francis Powell. Richard Ollerhead.	Thos. Cotgrave. John Parry, jun. Ensign J. Dimmock Griffith.
1844. John Williams. John Gough.	Christopher Davenport, Esq. Bell Lloyd, Esq. Rev. John Kymaston.	Nicholas Lechmere. 1764. Thos. Price, jun. Rev. Hinton Maddock.
1846-9. Fisher Tench. John Page, Esq. Henry Hancock.	Francis Elcock, Esq. Boulter Brereton. Silvester Richmond.	Francis Smedley.
1750. Thos. Kirkes, Esq.	George Smith. Joseph Dyson. R. W. Griffith.	1765. J. Hennerley, of Nantwich. Ralph Capper, of Nantwich.
1751-4. John Hodden. John Lawton.	Henry Guyon. Rev. Thos. Holme.	Capt. Williamson. Robt. Salusbury Cotton, Esq.
Thos. Bowers. Thos. Farrington. S. Jackson.	Rev. Richard Owen. Thomas Hale.	Henry Bennett, Esq. Samuel Harvey.
Thos. Liddell. Rev. J. Prince. John Golborne.	Thomas Parry. S. Welchman Wynne. Thos. Parry, of Wrexham.	—, Barsley. Richd. Walthall, Esq.
John Hancock. William Gittins. Holme Burrowes.	1859. Rev. Ravenscroft. William Griffith.	John Edwards, flax dresser. Richard Whitworth.
John Thomas. W. Delacour. Francis O'Brien.	Charles Woods. Thomas Hale. Rev. W. Jefferies, St. Asaph.	1766. Henry Harvey Aston, Esq. John Edwards, jun.
S. Bagnall. Robt. Bowers.	Jos. Turner, of Hawarden. Jas. Banks, of Christleton. Meyrick Meredith.	William Sumner. Thos. Kyffin, Esq.
1755. John Goulter. Alexander Racketta.	Robert Young, Esq. Roger Willbraham, Esq.	Thos. Porter. Wm. Wynne, of Wern, Esq.
Wm. Bowcock.	Antonie Haslem, Esq. Wm. Gibbins, of Barr, near Birmingham.	William Jordan. Edward Griffith. Thos. Griffith.
1756. John Croughton. James Polliott.	1760. Henry Stanley.	William Seller. Geo. Bushell. Henry Rider, jun.

It only remains to add that in a flyleaf of the book is written "Given to me by John Lloyd, Esq., of the Mount., Boughton, at Chester, March, A.D. 1840. William Henry Black."

**Obituary.**

**BRO. EDWARD M. HUBBUCK, P.G.S.**

We regret to record the death, on the morning of the 2nd inst., at his residence, Rosenthal, Catford, Kent, of Bro. Edward Martin Hubbuck, a distinguished and ardent Freemason, Past Master and Treasurer of the Felicity Lodge, No. 58. He died at the comparatively early age of 64 after a very short illness. A neglected cold brought on pneumonia, to which he succumbed notwithstanding the most eminent medical advice. He was never married, but as head of the old established firm of Messrs. Thos. Hubbuck and Sons, in the white lead and linseed oil business of Lime-street, City, his ample means enabled him to follow the generous impulse of his heart in dispensing benevolence and charity with a bountiful hand. His genial and hospitable disposition in private life, as well as his amiable character, will long be remembered by his friends and associates, and his agreeable companionship will be regretted by all who knew him. For 40 years he had been a member of the Farriers City Company, of which he was Upper Warden, and would have been Master of the company next year. He was also a member of the New Thames Yacht Club, of the City Carlton and St. Stephen's Clubs. But it is as a hard working Freemason that Bro. Hubbuck will be best known to our readers. He was initiated in the Felicity Lodge, then No. 66, now No. 58, on the 20th April, 1857, and was made a Master Mason on the 17th June following. As the punctual coadjutor of Bro. Henry Muggerridge at the weekly meetings of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, from the time the lodge meetings were held at the Green Dragon Inn, Bishopsgate-street, whence it migrated to the Guildhall Coffee House and subsequently to Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, many then newly-initiated Masons during the last 25 years and many Past Masters of this day, together with not a few Past Grand Officers, will remember with grateful acknowledgment the instruction in the principles of the Craft and in the ritual of the ceremonies received from the lips of these two masters in Masonry. With Bro. Hubbuck the sometime irksome task of training a rough ashlar and shaping it to a perfect cube was indeed a labour consonant with his love of Masonry, and most cheerfully and pleasantly in the absence of Bro. Muggerridge did he conduct this lodge of improvement with the strict verbal accuracy and impressive manner for which in all the Masonic degrees the Stability Lodge has a well earned reputation. Bro. Hubbuck was of a disposition which led him not to seek promotion in Masonry beyond the position of universal respect he held in his mother lodge. He was Grand Steward in 1862, a liberal contributor to the three Charities, to all of which he had served as Steward several times, and became either Vice-President or Life Governor of them. He attended Grand Lodge regularly, although he seldom spoke there. He was also a member of the Felicity Chapter of the Royal Arch, and belonged to the St. George's Lodge, No. 140, as well as the Blackheath Lodge, No. 1320, of which he was one of the founders. Our lamented brother's funeral took place on Wednesday at Lee Cemetery, Kent, being attended by nearly 100 friends and brother Masons, besides his nephews and immediate relatives. The service was impressively read by the Rev. T. J. West, vicar of St. Mark's, Lewisham. Wreaths and floral crosses covered the coffin, and were afterwards deposited on the grave by loving hands. The coffin, which was of polished oak, was laid in the family vault, and it was gratifying to see so many brethren of the Felicity Lodge present, who with other Masons cast into the open grave each one a sprig of acacia as a recognition of a Master in the Craft entered into rest. The worthy Tyler of the lodge was also at his post.

**BRO. G. M. FELTON, C.C.**

It is with deep regret we have to report the death of Bro. George Matthew Felton at the early age of 49 years, which took place suddenly on the 4th inst., at his residence at Clapton. He was initiated in the Victoria Lodge, No. 1056, on the 25th September, 1872, and was a Past Master of that lodge; he was the first Senior Warden of the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, London, and its Master in 1877. Bro. Felton was a leading member of the Corporation of the City of London, represented the Ward of Cripplegate Without in the Common Council, and last year filled the office of Chairman of the City Commission of Sewers. He had been Chairman of the City of London School and was most highly respected and beloved by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and his loss his most deeply deplored. We take the following from the *City Press* of the 7th inst: "Mr. Felton was born on November 9th, 1834, in the City-road, and was educated at Dr. Townley's school in Bishopsgate. After he had become well established in business he devoted a good deal of time to public work, notwithstanding the many claims he had upon his attention privately. He was chosen a member of the Court of Common Council in 1874, and was elected on several committees, among which was that of the City of London School, which he became chairman of in 1879, when the designs for the rebuilding of the great establishment on the Thames Embankment had to be decided upon. How happily this matter was arranged is well known. In 1877 he had become a member of the Commission of Sewers, and last year was elected chairman of that important body. He filled the office in a way that may be said to have given universal satisfaction. Eminently practical and firm, he was yet remarkably conciliating, and he made a host of friends by his force of character and his genial unassuming manner. At the end of his year of office the Commission, on the motion of Mr. Deputy White, seconded by Mr. Deputy Walter, passed the following resolution unanimously: 'That the best thanks of this Court are due and are hereby presented to George Matthew Felton, Esq., for the able manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Commission during the past year as chairman, and the Commissioners, whilst recognizing the ability and energy with which he has dealt with the various questions brought forward from time to time, appreciate the kindness and courtesy which he has extended to every member, and that they trust that he may long be spared to enjoy the reputation acquired by his aptitude and zeal in the public service. The latter hope has not, unhappily, been realized. A sentence or two from his reply to the vote of thanks may be quoted as quite characteristic of him. He said: 'I can only wish I deserved half the encomiums that my friends have passed upon me, but this I will say, that I have endeavoured to carry out the purpose for which you have placed me in this chair. I have done

that to the best of my ability, and I am pleased to see that it is appreciated.' There is no vain-glory in this, neither is there mock humility. There is no effusiveness. Mr. Felton was accustomed to go straight to the mark, and having acknowledged the kindness and courtesy of the Commission, he immediately went on to glance at the past, and to foreshadow the work and the responsibilities of the future. At yesterday's meeting of the Commission Mr. Felton's death was feelingly referred to by the Chairman, and a vote of condolence with the family was passed."

**BRO. JOHN DEIGHTON, P.G.D.**

Cambridge men of more than one generation will hear with sorrow of the death of V.W. Bro. John Deighton, P.G.D., and for nearly a quarter of a century Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Cambridgeshire. He undertook the duties of Deputy Prov. Grand Master in somewhat troublous times. One of his first duties was to protest against a motion made in a private lodge "that the Provincial Grand Master be requested to resign his office." The fact that this motion was only defeated by one vote proved that the new Deputy Prov. Grand Master had no easy task before him; but soon by firmness and courtesy he disarmed opposition and conciliated his adversaries. To-day the province of Cambridge—town and gown—is unanimous in the grief over the friend and brother it has lost. Undoubtedly his great work was the foundation of the Isaac Newton University Lodge in the year 1861. All Masons who were "up" at that time will remember how he gathered together the few undergraduates and B.As. who belonged to the Craft and encouraged them to apply for a warrant. He himself undertook the duties of Secretary, and in a few months the lodge had not only started, but was out of debt and flourishing. Many who have since been advanced to important positions in the Craft owe their earlier Masonic education to him. The Prov. Grand Master for Lincolnshire, the present Senior Grand Chaplain, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Berks and Bucks, and many others will gratefully acknowledge how much they owe to him. Nor was it only in the Craft that he lived a useful life; he was Alderman and J.P. for the borough of Cambridge, and, had he desired it, might have been Mayor. As a medical man he was beloved by all his patients, rich and poor; the former will remember gratefully the "skill and ability" with which he tended them in their hours of pain and sickness, and the poor will never forget how much he did for them. Only his most intimate friends knew that, busy as he was, he found time to give his valuable professional services when there was little chance of earthly fee or reward.

**BRO. JAMES SHUTER, M.D., F.R.C.S.**

Bro. James Shuter, M.D., F.R.C.S., of St. Bartholomew's and the Royal Metropolitan Free Hospitals, a brother very highly respected and beloved, died suddenly on Thursday morning, the 1st inst., by misadventure, having taken a large dose of morphia in mistake for an ordinary draught. Bro. Shuter had attained great eminence in his profession, and a long and prosperous career seemed to be before him. His friends were warm and numerous and it was a terrible shock to them to learn of his untimely end. Bro. Shuter was initiated in the Lodge Loyalty and Charity, No. 1584, Kew Bridge, in 1879, and the lodge will be in mourning on the 10th for respect to his memory. He was buried at Kensal Green Cemetery on the 7th, the Venerable Archdeacon Emery, formerly college tutor of the deceased, officiating. The ordinary lectures and classes were suspended for the day, and the medical and surgical staff (Bro. Shuter's colleague's) as well as a large number of students and of former students now in practice, were in attendance to testify by their presence and their undoubted grief to the loss they had sustained.

**Births, Marriages, and Deaths.**

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

**BIRTHS.**

- BERGER.—On the 4th inst., at Oxford-gardens, the wife of L. N. Berger, of a daughter.
- MOORE.—On the 5th inst., at the Barracks, Brecon, the wife of G. K. Moore, Lieutenant 24th Regiment, of a daughter.
- PHILLIPS.—On the 2nd inst., at Hounslow, the wife of Lieut.-Colonel Phillips, 4th Hussars, of a son.
- RENDEL.—On the 4th inst., at Lancaster Gate, the wife of J. Rendel, of a daughter.
- TOD.—On the 7th inst., at Sans Souci, The Park, Highgate, N., the wife of John Tod, of a daughter.

**MARRIAGES.**

- ELVIN—WILLIAMS.—On the 30th ult., at St. George's Church, Hanover-square, Bro. John Elvin, S.D. La Tolerance Lodge, No. 538, and Preceptor to the Lodge of Instruction, to Gertrude, daughter of Bro. Thomas Williams, P.M.
- GODLEY—SAYCE.—On the 6th inst., at St. Mary's, Monmouth, the Rev. E. R. Godley, rector of Tintern, to Florence Emily, daughter of the late W. Sayce, formerly of the Knoll, Abergavenny.

**DEATHS.**

- FELTON.—On the 4th inst., at Clapton, Bro. George Matthew Felton, C.C., aged 49.
- HUBBUCK.—On the 2nd inst., after a short illness, Bro. Edward Martin Hubbuck, P.M. 58, P.G.S., of Rosenthal, Catford, and Lime-street, City, in the 64th year of his age.
- SHUTER.—On the 1st inst., by misadventure, Bro. James Shuter, M.A., M.B. (Cantab), F.R.C.S., son of J. L. Shuter, of Lawn House, Tufnell-park-road, Holloway, aged 37.
- SPECK.—On the 3rd inst., at Fulham-park-gardens, S.W., T. S. Speck, Esq., aged 47.
- TREDWELL.—On the 5th inst., at St. John's Lodge, Lower Norwood, S.E., Anne, widow of T. Tredwell, Esq., aged 71.
- TUXFORD.—On the 20th ult., at Castelnuo-villas, Barnes, Surrey, W. R. Tuxford, son of Weston and Jane Tuxford, aged 27.

**BRO. ALFRED BROOKMAN AND THE NEW BRIDGE ACROSS THE RIVER THAMES.**—In the Court of Common Council last week, Bro. A. Brookman proposed: "That the Bridge House Estates Committee be relieved from the various references sent to it by this Court upon matters relating to communications between the North and South sides of the River Thames east of London Bridge, and that such references, together with consideration of the whole matter, be referred to a special committee to be appointed by the Court, and that instructions be given to such committee to report forthwith thereon, especially as to the desirability of erecting a low level bridge with openings on a site either between the Tower and St. Katherine's Docks, or west of the Tower by Great Tower Hill." He disclaimed any idea of discourtesy to or censure on his colleagues of the Bridge House Estates' Committee; that would be unbecoming for him and undeserved on their part. But he was convinced that no scheme which did not comprehend the construction of a bridge across the Thames east of London Bridge would give sufficient relief to the traffic requirements, and he held an equally strong conviction that it would be a waste of time to try and further induce the Committee to bring up a report embodying such a plan. He therefore asked the Corporation to appoint a special committee charged specially to report on this question. He reminded them of the several deputations that had waited upon the Corporation in May, with a request for a low level bridge, when nothing was urged with respect to a ferry, and on that occasion he felt it his duty to vote with the majority, who were in favour of the memorials going to the Coal and Corn and Finance Committee, believing it was better another body than the Bridge House Estates Committee should deal with the question. That Committee soon went to work and brought up a report, upon which the Corporation ordered, on the 19th July, that the communications should be provided without delay, and he contended that this was a distinct recommendation that bridge facilities should be arranged for. The Bridge House Estates Committee, to whom the reference was transferred, ignored that, and had only answered a part of their instructions in deciding to apply for permission to divert their funds for the provision of steam ferries. In the hope that something useful might be done, he signed the report, for the necessity was immediate, and he was informed that the ferries might be placed on the river in something like four months. The Committee had not indicated the cost of the site of those ferries. Bro. Brookman expressed regret that maps had not been provided by which the formation of the river might be considered, and this omission he attributed to the influence brought to bear by the Committee, who had declined to assist him. Ferries should be placed from Limehouse to the Commercial Docks, and from Millwall to Greenwich; but the only plan the Committee entertained was the purchase of the Thames steam ferries, which had proved such a failure, and also to put another ferry across the river near the Tower, where it was absolutely dangerous. He therefore thought it time to speak out, and he asked that the Clerk would read the last resolution arrived at by the Bridge House Estate Committee. They had no business to appeal to Parliament without the Corporation knowing their plans, and he declared that the Committee intended to do what the Corporation did not wish. The Corporation desired that accommodation should be provided, but the only proposal before the Committee was that the plant of the steam ferry company should be leased for £30,000 for a few years, with £5000 extra for Sundays, or that it should be purchased for £50,000—£50,000 for a proved failure, which would not satisfy anybody except the sellers.—Bro. Brookman wished to ask the Remembrancer whether he had received any instructions from the Committee to promote a Bill for the diversion of the funds of the Bridge House Estates, with the object of leasing and establishing a ferry at Wapping?—It was decided that the question should not be answered.—Bro. Brookman proceeded, amid constant interruption, to quote from the reports of various officials on the subject of Thames communications. Their engineer, he stated, had declared that ferries would only be useful much lower down the river, where a bridge would not be contemplated, and that ferries to cross near the Tower were not the proper means of relief. Colonel Haywood had stated that the river near the Tower was so crowded with shipping and passenger steamboats that the management of the large pontoons necessary for the conveyance of horses and carriages would be attended with great inconvenience and difficulty, if not with danger. Pointing out that to the west there were fourteen bridges to a population of 2,300,000, the engineer asserted it was preposterous the use of a single bridge would be sufficient for a population of 1½ million. Bro. Brookman maintained that it was quite within the power of the Corporation to pay for a bridge, and that it was within the mark when he said that the Chamberlain would tell them there were ample funds available. He would ask them, were they doing their duty in keeping these funds locked up, and in permitting the large taxation which the Metropolitan Board of Works would have to exact if they were left to provide the accommodation? Bro. Brookman, continuing his arguments, reminded the members that great dissatisfaction existed with respect to the proposed tunnel of the Board of Works. But he urged that if the Corporation determined to build a bridge, the Board might reconsider their determination, and would also co-operate with the Corporation with respect to the approaches, as well as provide ferry accommodation down the river. He appealed to the Corporation not to permit the money of the Committee to be frittered away in failures.—Bro. W. S. Gover moved the previous question, on the ground that Bro. Brookman had given no grounds why the Bridge House Estates Committee should not conduct the references to the end. Nor had he touched on the ways and means, and it should be remembered no other Committee could deal with the funds of the Bridge House Estates.—Bro. Brookman denied the assertion of Bro. Gover that he had not considered ways and means. He repeated that there would not be the slightest difficulty in providing the funds for building the bridge. The Chamberlain would be able to satisfy them that the enormous increase of wealth in the Bridge House Estates would permit it to be done.

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### To Correspondents.

The following communications have been received, but are not inserted in this issue owing to want of space:—

Craft Lodges—Royal Cumberland Lodge, 41; St. John's Lodge, 221; Pattison Lodge, 913; Priory Lodge of Acton, 1996

Instruction—Eccleston Lodge, 1624; Brixton Lodge, 1949; New Finsbury Park Lodge.

K.T.—Harcourt Preceptory, 74.

Royal Order of Scotland.

Correspondence—Bro. Wm. J. B. Macleod Moore; C. M. Wilson.

### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada (28th Annual Communication)," "Liberal Freemason," "El Taller," "Masonic Review," "City Press," "Citizen," "Hull Packet," "Masonic World," "Court Circular," "Broad Arrow," "Keystone," "La Chaine D'Union," "New York Daily News," "Tricycling Journal," "Fireside News," "Masonic Token."

### THE HUGHAN TESTIMONIAL.

The names of the brethren forming the Committee of the Hughan Testimonial Fund, under the presidency of the Earl of Zetland, will be published next week, as well as a list of subscriptions. We shall be glad to receive the names of subscribers. Bro. George Kenning has undertaken to act as Treasurer until after the first meeting of the Committee.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1883.

### Original Correspondence.

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

### THE STATUS OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Is the amended regulation granting joining Past Masters a position in a lodge next after the then W. Master to be confirmed at the December Communication or not?

Your correspondence columns have shown three classes of opinions on this subject: (1.) Those who agitated for the change and who say unhesitatingly, Yes. (2.) Those who say with equal decision, No, because the real grievances which joining Past Masters laboured under have been removed by the amended Rules 80 (giving them membership of their Provincial Grand Lodge) and 141 (giving them precedence after the Past Masters who have filled the chair); and (3.) Those who suggest a compromise by giving a lodge the power of conferring precedence on a joining Past Master if it thinks well to do so.

It is surprising what an amount of controversy there has been over a very trifling matter. For stripped of all the surroundings which have been ingeniously tacked on to it, the question as it now stands really amounts to this: shall a joining Past Master have the right to sit a few places higher up in lodge and at the festive board than he had under the old Constitutions. It is nothing more. Nothing can take from a Past Master his rank as such, except his own act of ceasing for 12 months to subscribe to a lodge; and on the other hand, no regulation that can be framed will ever make a past Master in a lodge a Past Master of a lodge, the distinction will always be there, whatever decision Grand Lodge may come to.

But in no well-conducted lodge is the distinction apparent. A joining past Master, who proves himself worthy of it, will always receive, by the courtesy of his brethren, the honour which is his due. It is difficult to realize—but I suppose the phenomenon occurs, else why all the commotion about it—a lodge where the desire for a seat higher up by two or three places than the one they are accustomed to fill, "vexes the souls," meeting after meeting, of brethren who have attained to the dignity of "Rulers of the Craft."

I would point out, by the way, that the two terms "rank" and "precedence" have been strangely confounded in this controversy. Rank is one thing, precedence is another. All Past Masters in a lodge, whether they have passed the chair of that lodge or not, are of equal rank, and the only distinction between them is the order of seniority, i.e., precedence. Turning to the three different opinions I have mentioned, as regards the first, I shall be surprised if Grand Lodge confirms the amended regulation. As a provincial Mason, I say without hesitation that in its present form it is most distasteful to the vast majority of lodges, who will resent it

as an unwarrantable interference with their private affairs. As regards the second class, I shall not be surprised if Grand Lodge strikes out the addition to the Rule, and says to joining Past Masters, You must be content with the redress of your grievances as provided for by the amended Rules 80 and 141.

But there is, in my opinion, a great deal to be urged in favour of the compromise that has been suggested,—that of granting lodges the power of conferring precedence on joining Past Masters.

Some brethren,—yourself, Mr. Editor, amongst the number—fight shy of this proposal. What harm is there in it? What possible injury can be done to the Craft, what "ancient landmark" is disturbed by allowing a lodge to say, if it feels so disposed, that the affiliated Past Masters therein shall take precedence in this order or that order? It is a matter that concerns the individual lodge, and nobody outside the lodge. If it pleases a lodge to do it, it harms nobody else. Let them, I say, have the power if they choose to exercise it.

There is all the difference in the world between granting a lodge this power, and granting an individual Mason the right of claiming such and such a position, whether the lodge he joins is agreeable to it or not.

I cannot sympathise with those Past Masters who, on removing to another part of the country, want to join a lodge and, whether the lodge wishes it or not, have their exact precedence amongst the roll of Past Masters of such lodge guaranteed by the Constitutions, and before they have, by their work or their services, shewn whether they are worthy of any consideration from the lodge or not. I say that if Grand Lodge compels my lodge to do this I will take due care that no joining Past Master passes the ordeal of the ballot box.

Now with reference to the compromise. It was Bro. Havers, P.G.W., who, at the very commencement of the controversy, suggested this solution of the question, and I have as yet seen no more simple, more practical, or less objectionable method of dealing with it. Only it should be made quite clear by a clause in the Constitutions that lodges may exercise this power if they choose. It must be permissive, not compulsory.

The application of the privilege should be left as unfettered as possible. It ought not to be this position or that, but any which the lodge thinks well to confer. Whether it should be done on the joining Past Master's admission or afterwards, whether any or all existing Past Masters who have not filled the chair shall have precedence amongst those who have, whether it shall be done under by-law or by resolution proposed and carried in the ordinary way, whether each individual case shall be decided by a majority or a fixed proportion or the unanimous vote of the lodge, whether it shall be done by ballot or otherwise—these are all matters which may be left to the judgment and decision of the lodges interested.

Let me add one argument in favour of the proposal which I have not yet seen urged. It is conceivable that cases may occur, quite outside what has given rise to the present controversy, in which the privilege of conferring precedence on joining Past Masters would be very properly and legitimately exercised. Suppose, for example, there are in a town or neighbourhood two or three lodges, each with a roll greater or less of Past Masters, and who for good and sufficient reasons mutually desire to amalgamate and form one strong lodge. Naturally they would seek to amalgamate under the warrant of the oldest lodge, and it is quite understandable, and it would also seem to be quite proper, in such a case as this, that the precedence of the two or three sets of Past Masters should be mutually arranged and regulated, say, by the dates of their respective installations, or otherwise.

The provision that has been suggested would meet such a case as this, and no one could take any possible exception to it.

In my opinion Grand Lodge cannot do better than support and carry Bro. Havers's original solution of the question.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours truly and fraternally,  
CESTRIAN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
As the Board of Masters will shortly have to decide what course is to be adopted as to the confirmation of the minutes of the two Special Grand Lodges of June and August, and to determine what motions, if any, are to be submitted to Grand Lodge in December, it occurred to me that a summary of the views your correspondents have taken on the subject might be of interest.

Since the 4th of August you have published letters from 38 correspondents, one half being anonymous. Of these, 13 only are in favour of the amendment which was carried in rule 186 at the August Grand Lodge; 23 are against it, and two are neutral, though the last do not quite like the innovation.

If therefore these 38 correspondents may be taken as fairly representative there is evidently a very large majority against the new rule.

It is incomprehensible to me that so many of your correspondents (several of them evidently well read in Masonic law), should have been ignorant of the fact that by rule 3 on page 73 of the present Book of Constitutions, joining Past Masters are members of Provincial Grand Lodges, and that it was the Board of General Purposes who, by their drafting of the new rule 80, took away this membership.

Several writers have been candid enough to admit that a seat of honour in lodge and at the banquet is one of the chief objects of this new rule, and I can only express my fervent hope that this admission will prove fatal to the granting of what is asked for on such an unsatisfactory ground. Since I last had the honour of addressing you I have made many enquiries as to the feeling in various parts of the country upon this subject, and I have not come across one single brother in favour of the change.—Yours truly and fraternally,  
S. M. M. C. O.,  
P.M. of a London and of a Provincial Lodge.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
At a meeting of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1012, held at Bury, Lancashire, on Thursday, the 1st inst., the following resolution was unanimously passed on the subject of the Status of Past Masters.—Yours faithfully,  
WM. D. WALKER, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. E. Lanc.  
COPY OF RESOLUTION.

"That this lodge, having considered the proposed altera-

tion of Rule 186 in the draft Book of Constitutions, is of opinion that it would be detrimental to the best interests of Freemasonry, and strongly disapproves of any such alteration."

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
As one interested in the above subject, I perused the "study" on the matter in your last issue with pleasure. In the "Pocket Companion and History of Free Masons," &c., by J. Scott, London, 1754, dedicated to Baron Carysfoot, G.M., several paragraphs in chap. iii., entitled, "The State of Masonry from the Union of the Crowns to Grand Master Montagu," contain references to Sir Christopher Wren. In this work a list of Grand Masters and Wardens is given from 1663 to 1752. I have appended a portion of several paragraphs that mention Sir Christopher Wren.  
J. C. M.

Sunderland, Nov. 6th.  
Page 85. "After the restoration of King Charles the Second, who, though he had been a Mason abroad, neglected the Craft, giving himself entirely up to his pleasures; however, in 1663, Henry Jermyn, Earl of St. Albans, being Grand Master, Sir John Denham, Deputy Grand Master, Sir Christopher Wren and Mr. John Webb, Grand Wardens, made the following regulations," and so on.

Page 86. "Thomas Savage, Earl of Rivers, succeeded St. Albans as Grand Master, who appointed Sir Christopher Wren, Deputy Grand Master, and Mr. John Webb and Mr. Grimlin Gibbons, Grand Wardens; but the Deputy and Wardens had the management of everything concerning the Craft. This year, on the second of September, the City of London being almost destroyed by fire, the Free Masons were necessarily employed, and encouraged to rebuild that noble City in a more elegant style than before. The Deputy had formed a grand design of making it the most regular and splendid City in the World, but by private properties and other hindrances this laudable design could not be carried into execution. The elegant style of the Craft evidenced itself in building the Royal Exchange, St. Paul's Cathedral, the foot stone of which was levelled in due form by the King, Grand Master Rivers, the architects, craftsmen, nobility, and gentry, Lord Mayor and Aldermen, Bishops and Clergy, in the year 1673; designed and conducted by the Deputy Grand Master Wren, as Master of Work, with his Wardens, Edward Strong the Elder and Younger," &c.

Page 87. "George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham, an old Mason, became Grand Master (1674), but being indolent, he left all to Deputy Wren and his Wardens, and was succeeded by Henry Bennett (1679), Earl of Arlington, who was too deeply engaged in State affairs to mind the lodges, yet in his Mastership the Craft was very considerable, and many persons of distinction requested to be admitted and were accordingly accepted by the fraternity."

Page 91. "Upon the death of Grand Master Arlington, in the year 1685, the lodges met and elected Sir Christopher Wren Grand Master, who annually, while carrying on St. Paul's, met those brethren who could attend him to keep up good old usages till the Revolution. King William was privately made a Mason, approved of the choice of Sir Christopher Wren, greatly promoted the interests of the Craft, appointed the fine new Palace at Greenwich in the year 1695 to be an hospital for seamen, and ordered it to be finished according to Jones's old design. This year also (1695) the most noble Charles, Duke of Richmond and Lennox, grandfather of the present Duke, Master of a lodge at Chichester, coming to the annual assembly in London was chosen Grand Master and approved by the King. Sir Christopher Wren was his Deputy, who acted as before at the head of the Craft, and was again chosen Grand Master in the year 1698."

MASONIC PORTRAITS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
I should be glad if you would permit me to thank Bro. "Mancunium" for his interesting letter and kind offer with reference to Masonic portraits. I have reason to believe that all the portraits he mentions were published in the "Freemasons' Magazine" during the latter part of the last century, and no doubt he will be glad to learn that a complete copy of that now rather scarce publication is in the Grand Lodge Library.

My letter of the 13th ult. referred more particularly to engravings of the identical portraits lost through the late fire; of course, if we cannot get these, other portraits of the same eminent Masons would be very acceptable. However, I am much pleased in being able to say that, with one exception, we have, of one sort or another, likenesses of all the noble brethren named in my former letter, the exception being the Duke of Athole. Bro. W. H. Longhurst, a few months ago, presented to the Grand Lodge an exact copy of the full length portrait of the late Earl of Zetland, which was destroyed by the fire, and Bro. R. S. Warrington has recently presented a very beautiful half-length of the Duke of Sussex, evidently taken from the one we have lost, signed and presented by his Royal Highness to the late Bro. Silvester, Bro. Warrington's uncle and predecessor in business; and we have now to thank Bro. Whythead of York (to whom we are already indebted for a very fine engraving of the last of the York Grand Masters) for a companion picture to the above of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, by the same artist and engraver.

Bro. "Mancunium" describes Lord Petre as "in Royal Arch costume." Now as I have some doubt as to whether that distinguished brother was a R.A. Mason I should be glad to know if there are any R.A. emblems in the picture, or has your correspondent mistaken (very naturally) the robe of a peer for that of a Principal of a R.A. Chapter? Again, in the description of the Duke of Cumberland he says "with Grand Master's chair." If he really means chair that picture is new to me; if however "chair" is a misprint for "chain," and your correspondent will take another look at the picture, I think he will find it is not a Masonic chain, but the chain or collar of the Order of the Garter with the "George" attached.

Should not Robert, Lord Donoughmore, have been Richard, Lord Donoughmore?

If on looking at the pictures again Bro. "Mancunium" finds I am wrong I should be glad if he would favour me with a sight of the three I have mentioned. For the benefit of future readers it is as well to be accurate in small matters of this kind as well as in those of more importance.—Yours fraternally,  
H. SADLER, P.M.

OBJECTIONS TO CANDIDATES.—A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

A case has happened in a lodge of which I am a member, and which I venture to think is unequalled in the annals of Freemasonry.

In July last a candidate was duly proposed and seconded, his name, address, &c., was entered on the summons for the next meeting and sent to every subscribing brother, in accordance with the Book of Constitutions, page 83, paragraph 2. Between the proposal and election objections were raised against him, and some arrangement was entered into between the proposer and objectors that the same should be withdrawn. This information was not conveyed to the W.M., and the proposer unfortunately failed to arrive at the lodge in time, consequently the candidate was unanimously elected. A strong objection has since been raised against his being initiated, and the W.M., in deference to the wishes of a number of the brethren, has from time to time postponed the ceremony. Some of the brethren urge that page 80, paragraph 4, settles the matter, and declare the candidate should be initiated; others are of opinion the latter clause of paragraph 13, page 65, of the Book of Constitutions is sufficient to warrant the lodge in rejecting him.

Will you or some of my senior brethren who are well versed in our ancient rules and regulations answer the following questions, or give any information bearing on the case?

(a) Has any brother the right to raise objections after an election, when every subscriber had ample opportunity of making them at the proper time?

(b) Is the W.M. justified in listening to objections at this time, and refusing to initiate the candidate without being furnished with some specific charge against him?

(c) The initiation being postponed, is there any court to which the brethren can appeal, for the W.M. to be instructed how to proceed?—I remain, yours fraternally,  
AN ENQUIRER.

A PRINTER'S ERROR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

By a sad typical blunder "the frontispiece to the Constitutions of 1723" is turned into "the frontispiece of the Constitutions of 1738" in my recent "Study" of Sir Christopher Wren. Luckily, most Masonic students will see the mistake at once; but it is none the less annoying to you, yours fraternally,  
THE WRITER.



THE REPORTS OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE FOR 1882.

As our contemporary the *Observer* truly says, the reports, for Mr. Vincent's report accompanies Sir E. Y. Henderson's, are very good reading, and will well repay perusal. We are glad to commence our notice of them by propounding Mr. Vincent's emphatic assurance and declaration that our own "little village," with more than 700 square miles of territory and barely less than five million of inhabitants, is the safest capital in the world for both life and property. It is very remarkable to note and realize at what a rapid rate London is increasing year by year, so much so as to lead us sometimes to ask ourselves these questions: "Where do all these millions come from? what do they do? and where will it all end? Yet it is so; and making every allowance for the "classe dangereuse," London affords a home and a shelter to crowds who cannot find any elsewhere. The responsibility of the police for the peace and order of this overgrown metropolis of ours is intense, and on the whole it is but fair to accord to that often abused but indispensable and invaluable body of men, not only our highest meed of praise, but our fullest sympathy and our patriotic support. In 1882, in illustration of what we have said, 2,300 new houses were added to the metropolitan area, forming 508 new streets and one new square, and covering a distance of 75 miles 862 yards; 78,416 persons were apprehended by the police; 3581 were taken for assaults on police officers; while 9042 were simple drunkenness. As regards burglaries, and larcenies, &c., of a serious criminality, on the whole the report is favourable. 12,876 children and 3961 adults were reported missing. Of these, 7538 children and 860 adults were found by the police, the remainder returned home or were recovered by their friends, except 74 adults who committed suicide, and 124 adults and 12 children who utterly disappeared. This surely is a sad but awful blot amid our frequent claim to a high civilization, that so many living beings annually disappear from our very midst and are untraceable, suggesting many serious considerations as to the onward progress of "prosperous criminality." The number of fatal accidents in the streets increased to 272 in 1882, while the number of persons injured advanced to the serious total of 3589. Allowing for the reckless driving of hansom, omnibuses, &c., it is wonderful that more accidents do not occur in our crowded streets. 18,659 deposits were made by cabmen of property left in cabs, and 10,031 articles have been returned from the office in Scotland-yard. The articles deposited by cabmen were of a most varied character, amongst them being three bonds for £1000 each, a plate of silver valued at £240, a diamond worth £500, and bank notes to the value of £830. Amongst the articles deposited and never claimed by their owners were three £50 notes. In the public carriage department 12,010 new licences were issued, and 1406 new carriages had been introduced; 22,275 licences had been issued to drivers and conductors during the year. The working of the Criminal Detective Department, under Mr. Vincent, seems to be progressing satisfactorily, and will no doubt greatly improve in efficiency and thoroughness. Suggestions are sometimes made as to introducing a foreign system of detection into England; but we believe that any such organized course of procedure to be impossible in our country for many reasons. The readers of Gaboriau's novels would hardly like to believe that, despite his ability and ingenuity, we had many "Lecoqs" at work amongst us in England; on the contrary, we hold, and hold openly, that our English system is best suited for our English temperament and temperature. The detective police in London are often greatly hampered by the actions

of the so-called special agents, as Mr. Vincent has himself pointed out, who, apeing their names and calling, often obtain money by false pretences from the credulous and the ignorant. Very often worthless characters, ejected ignominiously from the police service and insensible to the claims of either truth or propriety, they only serve to encourage criminality of every sort, especially by the countenance they give to, and the companionship they maintain with, some of the very worst characters of both sexes. It is an old police theory when "women are bad they are bad," and some of the worst criminals in this great emporium of folly, vanity, and often desperate wickedness are those "dear creatures" whom, though often a complete misnomer, we like to designate the "gentler" or "softer sects."

## MAGAZINES.

"All the Year Round" is decidedly dull this month, though "Jennifer," "Neighbours," and "A Boarding House Romance" are pleasant reading.

"The Century" holds its own. Indeed we think it better to refer our readers to its most striking pages, rather than repeat the warm, if normal expressions of encomiastic appreciation. According to us it is truly without a compeer.

"Temple Bar" has some amusing and interesting articles, and its two stories "Belinda" and "Ione Stewart" are nearing their "Denouements."

"The Antiquary" is also rather heavy this month, though the articles "Archaic Land Tenure in England" and "Customs of Over Cambridgeshire" deserve perusal.



## 258] THE ROYAL LODGE, CHESTER.

In last week's *Freemason*, Bro. Hughan suggests that the old Chester minute book, which has been the text of Bro. Whythead's very interesting articles, is the same volume of records mentioned in the "Early History of Freemasonry in England," where Mr. Halliwell says "Mr. Black possesses a minute book of the Freemasons of Chester of the eighteenth century." There can be no doubt that Bro. Hughan's suggestion is correct, for in the beginning of the minute book the following memorandum is written: "Given to me by John Lloyd, Esq., of the Mount Boughton, at Chester, March A.D. 1840. (Signed) Will Henry Black." This Mr. Black had an appointment at the British Museum, and I am told he wrote much on antiquarian subjects. I should be glad if some of your correspondents could inform me whether he published anything in which he used the information obtained from this book. As he was probably not a Mason he might have studied it for the purpose of obtaining matter of local or personal history. May I make another appeal to the good nature of your correspondents. It would be interesting to Masons in Chester to know if there are any older Masonic minute books in existence than this which commenced in 1743, and if so of what lodge and date.

J. C. ROBINSON.

## 259] MASONIC SEALS.

Can anyone throw light on a statement which is made by "Reghellini" of a mediæval seal which "presents the device of several Masonic implements with the following legend: S. Artis muratorum Pætrajalorum?" The Latin words seem to me suspicious. MASONIC STUDENT.

## 260] MACKAY'S ENCYCLOPÆDIA.

I call attention to the subjoined "cutting" from the *Keystone*, as I for one rejoice to see that Bro. Mackey's valuable work has been so appreciated: "Mackey's Encyclopædia," issued nine years ago, has sold to the extent of four thousand copies. It is now nearly out of print, only twenty copies remaining unsold. We have secured a part of these, bound in full sheep, published at nine dollars each, which we will sell for eight. This affords a rare opportunity, which will continue for but a very limited time, to secure a work of sterling Masonic value. It is a Masonic library in a single volume."

EDITOR OF "KENNING'S CYCLOPÆDIA."

## 261] CHARLES SACKVILLE.

Why did Bro. Rob Morris in his interesting little essay on the "Medals of the Freemasons" in the "American Quarterly Review" for 1858, ignore this medal? Had he any doubts as to its genuineness and authenticity? If he sees the *Freemason* perhaps he will kindly answer my query. DRYASDUST.

262] This controversy has reached a very interesting stage. "Dryasdust's" note of 29th Sept., in which he mentions his receipt of a letter from Mr. R. S. Poole, keeper of the medals in the British Museum, to the effect that a specimen in silver of the Sackville medal is in the Museum, having been acquired some years since from the collection of Mr. Edward Hawkins, the antiquary, is most important, especially as it fixes the date, if not absolutely as 1733, undoubtedly at about that year. Moreover, the inscription "L. Natter, F." mentioned as being beneath the bust on the obverse, with "173" and a fourth figure which may be "3," appended, assigns the medal as the work of Natter, the letter "F" standing for "Florentine," or, more probably still, for "Fecit." Thus, as the case stands now, we have it established indisputably that Charles Sackville, Earl of Middlesex, was resident in Florence during the autumn, winter, and well into the spring of 1732-3. We have it also, on the authority of Mr. Poole, that a silver specimen of the Sackville medal by L. Natter is in the British Museum, its date, the last figure of which is obscure, being described on "the card accompanying it in the Museum cabinet" as 1733. We are further told that there was such a medal in the Minerva Lodge collection at Leipzig. This is the direct evidence we have succeeded in obtaining. Subsidiary, but still important evidence is to be found in the statement in Findel's history that in 1737, that is, four years after Sackville's sojourn in Florence, Gaston de Medicis, the last Grand Duke of the Medicean family, issued an edict against the Freemasons, thus showing that whether a previous and unqualified statement made in the same history as to Sackville having established the first Masonic lodge in Florence in 1733 is true or not, the fraternity had arrived at a sufficiently active and prosperous

state in Italy in 1737 to have evoked a denunciatory edict from the ruler of Florence, the Pope himself following in Gaston's footsteps a year later. On the other hand, there is, as yet at all events, no evidence forthcoming to show that Sackville ever was a Freemason. He was not present at the initiation at Kew in 1737 of Frederick Prince of Wales, of whose household or rather of whose wife's household his lordship some years later became a leading member. Spence, who accompanied him as a friend and tutor in his travels, and was with him at Florence, makes no mention of the Freemasons, though in one of his letters from Turin he speaks of and describes the Adepts. The words "Ab Origine" which are on the medal constitute the device of the Strict Observance and Natter the medallist, who died at St. Petersburg, 1763, after a sojourn in Russia of some 18 months, is said or supposed to have taken an active interest in the establishment of a Strict Observance lodge in the great northern capital, the inference being that the medal is a Strict Observance fraud or fable, and that Natter, though he struck the medal, antedated it to 1733, and inscribed on it the bust of Charles Sackville—as he might that of Charles Jones had he been as prominent a member of society—because his lordship had been in Italy and was a known patron of letters and the arts, as well as the introducer of Italian opera into England. I am quite willing to admit that these statements and allegations amount to very strong presumptive evidence against the Sackville Florence Lodge theory, but the question as I will put it to be now determined is this: Do these statements tell as strongly against this theory as the direct evidence that has been obtained does in its favour? Let me offer two suggestions which may serve to help us nearer to an elucidation of the mystery. Is it possible to establish that Natter was in Florence in 1734? Is there anything in the archives at Knole Park, where Charles Sackville, Earl of Middlesex and afterwards Duke of Dorset, died, which can help us? It is one of the seats of Lord Sackville, and a member of the family, Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. E. Sackville-West, was W.M. of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, and Prov. G.S.W. Oxon, in 1877. Perhaps that brother, if his attention were drawn to the matter, might be able to furnish some information. It is also desirable, as "Dryasdust" has suggested, that, if possible, we should discover who first makes mention of the medal.

G. B. A.

## 263] MAKING MASONS FOR TWELVE SHILLINGS.

Our erudite brother, Col. MacLeod Moore, G.C.T., Great Prior of the National Great Priory of Canada, of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, in subscribing for two copies of my forthcoming "Masonic Sonnets," encloses me the following: "With regard to your query about one of the notes to my allocution read before the Great Priory of Canada on the 10th of July last, on the 'Making of Masons for twelve Shillings' in the early part of last century, as appeared by placards on sailors' boarding-houses, &c., in London and Liverpool, I send you the following explanation, which I should be glad if you made public in the London *Freemason*. In the early part of last century a book appeared in the German language, under the title of 'Ueber den Zweck der Freymauren Order.' It was translated into English, and printed by a person in Albany, New York, in 1824, under the title of 'The End (or object) of Free Masonry.' It was written in the narrative style, and the author was a nobleman who had been initiated into a purer Masonry, and was making a tour on the continent, and through England, Scotland, and Ireland for his health. During his residence in England the state that he found Masonry in led to the publication of his work. He goes fully into a complete exposé of all the Masonic jugglery practised on the continent by Count Cagliostro, that arch deceiver and vagabond, and also gives a most humiliating account of Masonry as he found it in Liverpool and in London. He states it as a truth, that the Freemasonry of that age and day was entirely unworthy of the notice of civilised men; that at that time it was nothing, or if it had ever been anything, it had fallen so low as to become a reproach. The author states that while remaining in Liverpool he found a very large number of painted signboards stuck upon every grog-shop, sailors' rendezvous or boarding-places, and groceries, along the river, especially the sailors' boarding-houses, with the square and compasses represented on them, and the words, painted in large letters, 'Masons made here for twelve shillings.' There were scores of such signs to be found, all near the low parts of the city, and in London they were quite as common. He had formed a very high opinion of the Order, and the state of things which he found in England at that day was so contrary to his expectations that it led him to the publication of a bold and manly defence of the Order in its purity, and an address to the Fraternity, wherever they might be found, exhorting them to come to the rescue of a falling house. This was the state of Masonry in England in 1700, and it continued in that state more or less up to the year 1735, notwithstanding the formation of a 'Grand Lodge' in 1717." Preston, in his "Illustrations of Masonry," informs us that at the end of the sixteenth and beginning of the eighteenth centuries "the Fraternity then had a discretionary power to meet as Masons in certain numbers, according to their degrees, with the approbation of the master of the work where any public building was carrying on, as often as they found it necessary to do so; and when so met, to receive into the Order brothers and fellows, and practise the rites of Masonry," &c. Any light that can be thrown on the proceedings of the Craft previous to, and for some years after, the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1717, is invaluable. As a humble Masonic student, I would suggest to those of my brothers who happily are blessed with more learning, wealth, and leisure than myself, that no pains should be spared to discover a copy of the first, or German, edition of the remarkable work named by Bro. Col. MacLeod Moore, and to have it either literally translated or carefully compared throughout with the *Albany translation*, to see that the rendering is perfectly accurate, and then published for the instruction of Craftsmen, for we cannot rest content with our present misty views of Masonic history. No doubt our energetic Bro. Findel would gladly reprint the original German work in the pages of his "Bauhütte," and I am sure the translation would be equally welcome to such widely-circulated periodicals as the "Masonic Review," the "Voice of Masonry," and others; or it might be published as a separate volume, and as such would be heartily welcomed by the far too few brothers and lodges who ever aim at the formation of Masonic libraries.

GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDELL.

## LORD CARNARVON AND THE CANADIAN ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

An address, richly illuminated on vellum, and decorated with Canadian leaves and flowers suitable to the time of year, was presented to the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon during his recent visit to Canada. The address runs as follows:

"To the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon,  
Grand Pro Z. of the Supreme Grand Chapter  
of Royal Arch Masons of England.

"The principals and companions of Carnarvon Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 5 of the Grand Registry of Quebec, most respectfully offer you their most cordial and fraternal greetings, and with much pleasure tender you the heartiest of welcomes to the Dominion of Canada. It is with pride this chapter bears the time-honoured name of Carnarvon, and the companions knowing the high position you have always held in the Masonic Order, will ever strive to emulate your bright example and render Carnarvon Chapter of Montreal in every way worthy of the illustrious name it bears. The companions also desire to evince to you their great appreciation of the active interest you have always taken, and trust ever will take in Canadian affairs.

"Wishing you most cordially and fraternally many long and happy years, and a long continued and bright career in Masonry, and trusting nothing but pleasant and happy memories will remain with you of this present visit, we hope in the near future to be able to extend to you another hearty welcome to our Dominion.

"On behalf of the members of the chapter.

[Here follow the signatures.]

"Montreal, September 18th, 1883."

## GRAND MASONIC CONVERSAZIONE IN LIVERPOOL.

In works of true charity, in Masonic zeal, and in the exhibition of the pure fraternal spirit which is one of the numerous distinguishing characteristics of our noble Order, the Freemasons in and around the first seaport in the world have long held a proud and prominent place, and they have added to their already well-established good name by the most successful and thoroughly enjoyable reunion which, as we briefly stated last week, was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the evening of Tuesday, the 30th ult. Judging from the remarkable and unprecedented success attending this merry meeting, it is a matter of surprise with many of the Fraternity that gatherings of this nature are not more frequent in Liverpool. Although the members of the Craft are very numerous in this particular part of the province, and many of them occupy influential positions in life, whilst they possess a central Masonic Hall that will hold its own against any other in the provinces, and compare favourably with any similar building in the Western Division in respect to completeness and artistic taste, the holding of a conversazione, concert, or ball, save and except the annual dance in the Town Hall in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, is of very rare occurrence.

The idea for the conversazione and ball just held, to signalise the completion of the entire decorations of the above remarkably handsome building, originated some three or four months ago at a meeting of the House Committee of the Temple, and efforts were from that moment unrelaxing to make the effort what it has proved emphatically to be, viz., one of the most triumphant achievements in the annals of local Freemasonry. Half-a-dozen Committees were formed to take charge of the arrangements, the first of the six being the executive body, which consisted of Bros. Henry A. Tobias, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works, President; R. Brown, P. Prov. G. Treas., Vice-President; Dr. F. J. Bailey, Prov. G.S.D., Treas.; H. H. Smith, I.P.M., 1505, and R. Foote, P.M. and Treas. 1505, Hon. Secs., with Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P. Prov. G.R.; J. Teare Callow, P. Prov. G. Treas.; J. Pemberton, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works; and J. W. Ballard, P. Prov. G.P., assisted by the Chairmen of the sub-Committees—which were formed as under—as ex-officio members of the Executive: Literary and Arts: Bros. R. A. Davies, S.W. 1380 (Chairman) M. Aronsberg, G. Broadbridge, A. Bucknall, T. G. Fisher, J. A. Forrest, Edward Grindley, Joshua Hocken, John Humphreys, J. E. Jackson, Wm. John Lunt, J. Orr Marples, T. Mawdsley, Geo. Peet, Thomas H. Sheen, T. H. W. Walker, Gilbert G. Walmesley, and Richard Washington. Entertainments: Bros. Henry Firth, Prov. G. Stwd. (Chairman), J. B. Mackenzie, P.M. (Vice-Chairman), John Atkinson, J. Baylis, Joseph Bell, J. P. Bryan, Josef Cantor, Abr. Child, F. Emery, Maurice Hart, Wm. Lewis, Robert Martin, Sylvester Mattison, J. A. Muir, Major H. J. Nicholls, Joseph Queen, Wm. Savage, Joseph Skeaf, and David Keith. Music: Bros. J. P. Bryan, Prov. G. Org. (Chairman), H. J. Nicholls, Josef Cantor, and Joseph Skeaf. Refreshment: Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec. W.L., Bro. John Ballard (Vice-Chairman) J. Beesley, G. Broadbridge, A. Cotter, Thomas Evans, John Houlding, C. A. Luker, J. McCarthy, Thomas McCracken, J. C. McGuire, Sylvester Mattison, Lewis Peake, W. W. Sandbrook, Albert T. Tow, William S. Vines, G. S. Willings, and Reginald Young. Ball: Bros. Robert Martin, P.M. (Chairman), Thomas Salter, P.P.G.J.D. (Vice-Chairman), H. M. Molyneux (Master of the Ceremonies), John Beesley, J. M. Boyd, A. Bucknall, A. Cotter, W. E. Coxon, E. H. Dixon, Henry Firth, P. B. Gee, M. Hill, John Houlding, John Humphrey, James Lees, J. C. McGuire, Wm. Savage, J. L. Shrapnell, F. Smitton, Wm. Tomkinson, and T. Trewitt.

The conversazione carried out so admirably and successfully embraced a dramatic, literary, scientific, and musical soirée, comprising a high-class concert, an art exhibition which was at once unique and admirably selected and arranged, variety entertainments of a novel and amusing character, and a ball, which was quite equal in all its arrangements to the one above referred to. The proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to some Masonic purpose to be agreed upon by the committee, and there is little doubt on this occasion the cordial support and patronage of the Craft will enable them to hand over a considerable sum as the result. The issue of tickets was wisely restricted to about 500, and these were all speedily taken up by Liverpool Masons and the general public.

The majority of the large and fashionable company, which crowded every room in the old and new buildings, found the greatest attraction of the gathering in the splen-

did collection of works of art, literary and scientific exhibits, curios, &c., displayed in two apartments of the new hall; oil paintings, water colours, cartoons, and engravings of a very select and superior order were especially conspicuous; amongst those who contributed being Bros. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, S. Mattison, and E. Grindley, Dr. Newton (per Bro. Dr. Bailey), Bros. Philip Eberle, Richard Washington, Dr. Bailey, R. A. Davies, Humphreys, and R. Martin, Messrs. Agnew and Sons (per Mr. F. Williams), Bro. J. B. Mackenzie, and others. The artists whose works had prominent places in the Masonic gallery were Daniels, Pollantine, Prout, Burnett, J. B. Pyne, Cook, Alma Tadema, J. W. Oakes, A.R.A., Sorti, Horler, F. Paton, I. Cooke, Hardy, Bingley, Haynes Williams, B. W. Leader, A.R.A., Deschamps, C. R. Leslie, R.A., John Burr, T. Creswick, Dargelas, R.A., R. Ansdell, R.A., H. E. Hime Candletti, McWhirter, K. M. Speaking, and J. Wilson Mackenzie. The place of honour amongst the other art exhibits was properly given to Messrs. Elkington and Co., of Church-street, whose artistic taste is known and recognised all over the world. Chief amongst their contributions to the attractions of the Masonic soiree was the Communion plate of the See of Liverpool, which we regret we cannot find space to describe; the same firm also exhibited reproductions of the celebrated Milton and Pilgrim shields, illustrative of "Paradise Lost" and "The Pilgrim's Progress;" a Pompeian toilette, rose-water table, bronzes, vases, and shields, reproduced from the art treasures of the Emperor of Russia and from the Vienna, Berlin, Louvre, and South Kensington Museums; a collection of cloisonne enamels of ancient and modern Japanese and Chinese manufacture, with some specimens of Elkington production. The contributions of Davenport (Limited), of Canning-place and Lord-street, per Bro. T. Mawdesley, also formed a most valuable and attractive portion of the art treasures, and were universally admired by the numerous guests last night. The fame of the old firm has been largely built on the artistic quality of its productions, and the magnificent display of their own manufacture of china, as well as specimens from the Royal factories of Sevres, Vienna, Dresden, and Worcester, amply maintained the long-established reputation of Davenport (Limited). Other art, literary, and scientific exhibits were contributed by Bro. E. King-Ellison, Bro. Vernon, Bro. Henry Firth, Bro. A. Bucknell, Capt. J. B. Roose, Bro. Carter, Mr. Kidson, and Bro. G. G. Walmsley. A most interesting section of the evening's entertainment was an exhibition of microscopes, with living and other scientific specimens, kindly sent by Messrs. J. M. Williams, J. Wall, J. Vicars, A. T. Smith, jun., Dr. McClelland, and Dr. Hicks. In one of the smaller rooms of the building Bro. A. Bucknell showed the Swan light in connection with incandescent lamps and other illuminating appliances of interest. The plants with which the hall was very much brightened and beautified were lent by Bro. R. H. Exton, the statuary by Bro. J. E. Jackson, P.P.G.S. of W., and the cases for the art and other exhibits by Bro. H. Firth. The light, fitted up by Bro. Bucknell in the main corridor and in the basement, also added greatly to the beauty of the fairy-like interior.

The two-part concert was of the best class, and the programme brought forward a Masonic male-voiced choir about twenty strong, which could hardly be excelled for tone, vigour, and artistic colouring in its rendition of standard pieces. The lady artistes who assisted on this occasion were Madame Laura Smart, Mrs. J. Skeaf, Mrs. C. Lancaster, and Miss Annetta Hallwood, and the choir comprised Mr. S. Kirkham, Bros. J. P. Bryan, W. Lewis, Josef Cantor, Eaton Batty, R. N. Hobart, A. Child, David Williams, W. H. Quayle, W. E. Stone, D. Keith, O. J. Rowlands, D. J. Davies, J. T. Jones, H. J. Nicholls, and James A. Muir. Bro. Joseph Queen conducted with admirable tact; Bro. J. Skeaf, played a pianoforte solo with much brilliancy; and the onerous duties of accompaniment were most satisfactorily performed by Bros. Josef Cantor and J. Skeaf. The various solo numbers given by the ladies were loudly applauded; and the brethren who contributed songs during the evening—Bros. Eaton Batty, W. E. Stone, J. T. Jones, R. N. Hobart, D. Williams, and T. Foulkes—added most materially to the excellence of a musical programme of the highest order.

The most amusing of the miscellaneous features of the unique programme was a highly characteristic lecture on "The Modern Antiquities of Liverpool," delivered by Bro. Major H. J. Nicholls, which excited much laughter and elicited great applause. The thoroughly original oration was illustrated by a comical collection of "Living Waxwork Au Tomati." The special oration, written and delivered by Bro. Nicholls, was exceedingly funny, and the "goke" was greatly enjoyed by all who had the privilege of seeing the extraordinary waxwork groups. By special request, Mr. Ellis Brammall gave a new version of his celebrated sketch "The Showman" in character, and the realism of his clever impersonation was largely secured by the presence of a small band in proper travelling-caravan rig, under the direction of Bro. H. Round. Another item which caused genuine amusement was a performance of Romberg's "Toy Symphony," Bro. Skeaf being at the piano. Bro. J. Queen was the conductor, and the executants were chiefly brethren who had figured so favourably in the concert programme.

During the evening and up to an early hour in the morning dancing was carried on with spirit in the grand lodge room, and after the entertainments, in the chapter room. Bro. H. M. Molyneux, with his well-known tact and courtesy, kindly undertook and admirably performed the duties of Master of Ceremonies. Excellent music was provided by a strong quadrille band under the direction of Bro. J. W. Collison. Bro. Capper (Galt and Capper), Lord-street, was entrusted with the important task of furnishing light refreshments and supper for the large company, and the excellence of the catering in each department was the theme of general commendation.

The arrangements throughout the evening, barring an occasional rush and crush, were of the most satisfactory kind, reflecting the greatest credit on the members of the various committees. Bro. Henry A. Tobias was an excellent chairman of the general committee; and unstinted praise is due to Bros. H. H. Smith and R. Foote for the untiring zeal and great ability they displayed as honorary secretaries. Amongst others who gave special assistance in connection with the soiree preliminaries were Bros. R. Washington, Dr. J. K. Smith, J. T. Callow, J. W. Ballard, S. Mattison, Major Nicholls, J. P. Bryan, R. A. Davies, H. Frith, R. Martin, J. Skeaf, J. Cantor, J. Queen, Dr. Bailey, J. Houlding, J. Beesley, J. C. McGuire, John

Ballard, W. S. Vines, G. Broadbridge and others. The distinctive rosettes worn by the members of the various committees were supplied by Bro. George Kenning.

**ANNUAL SOIREE OF THE AFFABILITY LODGE, No. 317, MANCHESTER.**

This event came off on the evening of the ordinary meeting night of the lodge. After the business had been concluded and the lodge closed, the brethren proceeded to the banquet room, which had been improvised for the occasion into a ball room. Shortly after 8.30 the ladies began to arrive, and at nine o'clock dancing commenced, and continued until 11 o'clock, when the party adjourned to supper, which had been prepared meanwhile in the spacious lodge room, and we consider it only just to commend the ability displayed by Bro. Phillips in superintending the laying of the table, and to Mrs. Phillips for her superintendence of the culinary department; suffice it to say, that the supper gave, as all repasts do in this building, the utmost satisfaction. Only one toast was proposed, viz., "The W.M.," the remainder of dances to be executed within a limited time forbidding further speechmaking. At 12.30 dancing was resumed and kept up until 3 o'clock a.m., shortly after which the company returned home, having spent a very enjoyable and social evening.

Amongst those present were Bro. Wilson, W.M.; Mrs. and Miss Wilson; Bro. J. W. Edwards, J.W.; Bro. W. Nicholl, P.M., Treas.; Bro. Daniel Donbavand, P.M.; Bro. R. R. Lisenden, S.D., and Mrs. Lisenden; Bro. J. G. Elderton, J.D., and Mrs. Elderton; Bro. John Bladon, P.M., D. of C.; Bro. J. Garside, I.G.; Bro. W. B. Akerman, Stwd., and Mrs. Akerman; Bro. G. C. Frühling, Org.; Mrs. and Miss Bradshaw; Bro. Edward and Mrs. Smith; Bro. J. and Mrs. Pearson; Bro. H. R. G. Bayley, Affability Chapter; Bro. Eveleigh, 1055, and Miss Eveleigh; Bro. B. Taylor, 204, and Mrs. Taylor; Bro. Alison, 204, and Mrs. Alison; Bro. Marsland, 1588; Bro. Hothersall, 1011, and Mrs. Schofield; Bro. Vultchoff, and J. L. Hine, P.P.G.S.W., and Mrs. Higginbotham.



**Craft Masonry.**

**TEMPERANCE IN THE EAST LODGE** (No. 898).—The above good old lodge met on Wednesday last at the Assembly Rooms, Newby-place, Poplar, E. Bro. G. Gravely, W.M., was capably supported by Bros. Pulsford, S.W.; Sidders, J.W.; Waller, P.M., Treas.; Dr. C. W. Smith, P.M., Sec.; Butcher, S.D.; Geeves, J.E.; Byford, I.G.; C. Chapman, P.M.; T. S. Finch, P.M.; C. Scrotton, P.M.; H. Rogers, P.M.; F. Newall, P.M.; W. Shays, P.M., &c.; and many brethren. Amongst the good array of visiting brethren we noticed Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; J. Hughes, W.M. 1816; W. J. W. R. Hammond, 1278; T. Kennett, W.M. 1716; G. H. Stephens, S.W. 1623 (*Freemason*); and many others.

The ceremonial working comprised the admission into the order of Mr. Wm. Adcock, an emergency meeting a few days previously having served for the initiation of Bro. Bridges (who was also present). Bro. S. Godwin, 673, was admitted a member, and Bro. Wood being in attendance was raised to the Degree of M.M. The charity of the lodge was invoked, and as usual, most successfully, on behalf of distress, and the lodge and Benevolent Funds were largely drawn upon.

Masonic business satisfactorily at an end a plain but excellent cold supper was enjoyed by most of the brethren; and at its conclusion the toast list received all becoming attention. Some capital singing greatly enhanced the pleasures of the meeting, and Bro. Sherwin again being most able in accompanying, Bro. Bridges gave a capital rendering and all went pleasantly till in due time our old friend, Bro. Stewart, gave the Tyler's toast and the meeting terminated.

**MONTEFIORE LODGE** (No. 1017).—This lodge met on Wednesday, the 31st ult., under the presidency of Bro. John Syer, W.M. After the usual business of the lodge had been performed, the Worshipful Master said he would call on Bro. S. V. Abraham, I.P.M., to propose a resolution which, he was sure, would meet with the hearty sympathy of all present, namely, that an address be presented to Sir Moses Montefiore. He understood that there had been a meeting, at which the terms of the address had been agreed on, and he felt convinced that it would be approved by the brethren.

Bro. S. V. Abraham: Worshipful Sir, most cordially do I respond to the invitation you have given to me to move a resolution of this nature. I do so because I believe it to be in accordance with the views not only of every member of the lodge, but every brother in the Craft. I am very thankful for the kind observations you have made as to any resolution I may propose to the lodge, and the attention that may be given to it; but permit me to say most unhesitatingly on this occasion I do not claim any attention for this resolution, from the fact of my introducing it to your notice. With regard to its being drawn up at a meeting that took place, permit me to say this, more especially as regards the brethren who are Past Masters and officers of the lodge, that it was not a meeting of an official character. Some of the brethren asked me how far it would be advisable to move a resolution of this nature, and I invited them to my house to consider the question, and together we have framed some few words in the shape of the resolution, which I will now introduce to your notice. What I have to move is that the following address be presented to Sir Moses Montefiore. I feel somewhat at a loss to know what to say on the present occasion, for every phrase in the English language has been laid under contribution to express the unanimous feelings that one and all entertain towards our revered Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore. But I feel a degree of confidence that this address will meet with your approbation. I would particularly like it to be understood that in presenting ourselves to our venerable brother, we do not do so with any desire to push our individual selves forward, either as individuals or as a body of Masons, but we do so for these

two reasons; that it is an expression of our feeling towards one who so well merits it, and we think this lodge especially is bound to take some notice of the auspicious occasion of his entering on his 100th year. Let me assure you that when we were seeking for a name for our lodge (and those founders of the lodge who are present will bear me out) many names were suggested by which this lodge should be designated. We asked our venerable Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore whether he would permit us to associate his name with our future lodge which we then had in contemplation. He cheerfully agreed to it feeling I believe a great degree of interest in Masonry, and also actuated by that benevolent spirit which at all times causes him to accede to any wish which is properly expressed. I venture to think that his name has shed lustre in this lodge and it has added to our importance. What we do here to-day we do as Masons, while outside the lodge the name of Montefiore being associated with it, has been of vast importance to us in the lodge, and has added to its prestige. All honour is due to one who has done so much to alleviate the sufferings of mankind, and although he has not taken that part in Masonry which many here do, I mean in working Masonry, I venture to think his life and deeds have been true acts of Masonry. It would be impossible to say more than has been said. We all have our feelings and that is a desire to express our cordial congratulations to our venerable brother and to wish that every blessing that can be bestowed on him will be bestowed on him. I will now read the words I am about to propose as a resolution to be passed by the lodge, and although what we say here is Masonic, still I am bound to read these words to you, and it is your privilege to hear them; at the same time I think this resolution should be kept as free from the public gaze as possible until after the day it is presented. The following is the proposed address:

"The Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017. Bro. John Syer, W.M. The tongue of good report having ever been heard in favour of their revered Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart., the Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren in open lodge assembled, tender to him their fraternal and cordial congratulations on the occasion of his entering on his hundredth year. In his truly Masonic life, passed as a citizen of the world in alleviating distress and pouring the healing balm of consolation into the bosom of the afflicted, he has set a worthy example of prudence, fortitude, and justice; while his benevolence and charity have been universally spread over the earth's surface. They earnestly pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may preserve his faculties, and that the rays of heaven may continue to shed their benign influence over him; they fervently hope that Divine Providence may guard and protect him from trouble and danger; and that He who regulates the steps of man will give him strength and bless him with peace. Signed on behalf of the Montefiore Lodge, "S Cheshvan, 5644."

With these words we venture to approach our venerable brother, and ask his acceptance of our cordial congratulations not given in a formal manner, but given I believe in such a way as will be most acceptable to him—true, hearty, and genuine. I ask your unanimous sanction to it, and that it be engrossed on vellum. As there will be certain formalities to be gone through in presenting the address, I would suggest, with the sanction of the W.M., that we cannot do better than leave the matter in the hands of our Treasurer, who will see it engrossed and properly arranged, and he will also, if agreeable to the lodge, undertake to see it presented personally.

Bro. Samuelson seconded the resolution, and said he was in possession of correspondence which would prove what a good man Sir Moses Montefiore was.

Bro. Lewis Jacobs, Treas.: Being almost the only founder of the lodge in the room besides my friend, Bro. S. V. Abraham, I.P.M., I had hoped it would have fallen to my lot to second this resolution, but I will do all I can to see that it is carried out in a proper manner, and if agreeable to the lodge will undertake its presentation.

Bro. Abraham wished to add that accompanying the address, which would be in album form, there would be a list of the names of all the members of the Montefiore Lodge. The brethren shortly afterwards closed the lodge.

**LEWIS LODGE** (No. 1185).—This being the installation and annual meeting of this well conducted lodge there was more than ordinary interest manifested in the gathering at the King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, on the 27th ult. The meeting was numerously attended, there being present some 12 Past Masters, besides many visitors. Amongst the Past Masters we noticed Bros. T. Robinson, 3; W. G. Hallows, 861; W. Folliot, 137; T. C. Taylor, 554; T. Franklin, 1662; T. Hallows, 1662; F. J. Tinley, 1792; E. Lancaster, 1287; Durrant, 1185; Lloyd, 1185; T. Burdett, 1460; A. N. Thomas, 137; H. M. Hobbs, 1790; G. H. Humphreys, I.G. 173; and A. H. Fisher, and 1489; many other brethren.

The lodge was opened according to the ancient landmarks, when the ordinary business minutes were read and confirmed, much to the financial satisfaction of the members of the lodge and the visiting brethren present. A ballot then took place for two joining members, the Messrs. Stafford Hill and Charles Lait, who were unanimously elected, and they were right properly introduced and initiated into the mysteries of the Royal Craft by the outgoing W.M., whose working was hailed with much approval, being the eighteenth during his term of office. After which the W.M., Bro. T. Harrison, proceeded to install his successor, the S.W., Bro. J. R. Tollis, as W.M., which ceremony was done in a clear, lucid, and highly satisfactory manner, all present joining in complimenting the Installing Master on his working. The ceremony was simply splendidly done and freed from Lord Dundrearyism's. The charges were a masterpiece of well pronounced oratory. After the induction into the chair of K.S. of the W.M. elect, and the usual customary salutations had been given, the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers, the ceremony being most carefully and judiciously carried out. To the various chairs and offices the following were elected: Bros. Powell, S.W.; Shipway, J.W.; Durrant, P.M., Treas.; Lloyd, P.M., Sec.; the Rev. Dr. Morris, Chap.; Hildreth, S.D.; Field, J.D.; Sayer, D.C.; Knight, W.S.; Chatterton, Org.; Goodfellow, I.G.; and Church, Tyler. At the close of the installation of officers there followed a pleasing ceremonial, the presentation of a jewel to the outgoing W.M. The jewel was unique of its kind, as the name of the lodge denotes, and in a few well chosen and practical remarks the W.M. expressed a desire and hope that

he at the close of his term of office should descend from the chair with the same approval and appreciation of the brethren as had now the I.P.M., Bro. Harrison.

Bro. Harrison in acknowledging the high mark of respect paid to him, stated that he had tried to do his duty, which had evidently met with the approval of the members of the lodge, for which he was pleased, and he could only say that now passing into the senatorial benches, to mix with those gone before, which ought to be the aim of every square Freemason, he could only conclude by offering the lodge "heartily good wishes." He trusted that he should never disgrace the jewel presented to him, but do his best to adorn it with the holiest of virtues—Charity.

The lodge was closed in due form and the brethren at once adjourned to the banquet table, which was laden with the choicest luxuries and viands. Good suit and service having been done to the banquet the cloth was removed, and the W.M. gave the usual loyal toasts, which were heartily acknowledged.

The Worshipful Master in proposing the toast of "The R.V. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers," said that it was not necessary for him to dilate upon the qualifications of these brethren, it being accepted that they filled their varied posts with satisfaction to the Craft, and that was much to say. The toast was well received.

Brevity is said to be the "soul of wit," and this lodge is eminently prominent in that virtue. Certainly all the customary toasts were drunk and spoken to with enthusiasm, but the speeches of all were potentially short, but potential in power at the same time.

The singing was most excellent on the part of every brother. You might have imagined they were all of the St. Asaph Lodge, not amateurs, but professionals; need it be qualified by stating that the Great Macleane was present, and created roars of laughter. The toasts of "The Initiates," "The Past Masters," "The Visitors," and "The Officers" were all heartily drunk with due honours. Every one expressed themselves satisfied and delighted, and this charming gathering was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast, the company separating with "Heartily good wishes" to all at home, abroad, or wherever one and all might be.

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1259).**—The anniversary festival and installation meeting of this successful lodge passed off with great success on the 6th inst., at Bro. W. Davies', Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Limehouse, E. Bro. T. W. Gilling, W.M., was well supported by his officers and the brethren, some Masons of influence also being present as visitors. The business before the brethren simply consisted of the performance of the ceremony of installation on behalf of Bro. E. H. Rolfe, S.W. and W.M. elect. This proved a very effective "piece de resistance," having been entrusted to the able hands of our highly esteemed Bro. James Terry, P.P.G. J.W. Norths and Hunts, P.P.G.S.W. Herts, &c., who had the honour and privilege of consecrating the lodge some thirteen years since. Bro. Terry was assisted in his pleasant task by Bro. Buchan, P.M., as D.C., and Bro. Atkins, P.M., and Rowe, P.M. After receiving the salutations of the brethren Bro. Rolfe appointed the following brethren as his officers to assist him in carrying out the important duties he as W. Master had just undertaken: Bro. I. Charlton, S.W.; Esmond, J.W.; Wakefield, S.D.; E. Jex, P.M., Treas. (re-appointed); R. Bradbrook, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); L. Etling, J.D.; J. P. Moore, P.M., I.G.; Dixon, W.S.; Buchan, P.M., D. of C.; G. T. H. Seddon, P.M., Org. (re-appointed); and W. Very, Tyler (re-appointed). The Installing Master gave the Three Charges in his wonted eloquent manner, and the ceremony concluded, gaining the applause of every listener present. Bro. Davis, 169, was, after successful ballot, duly elected a member. After fraternal greetings had been exchanged, lodge was closed. From our knowledge of Bro. Rolfe we can most heartily congratulate the lodge upon possessing such a Worshipful Master, and that brother in being W.M. of such a lodge as the Duke of Edinburgh. Subsequently the ministrations of the worthy host, Bro. W. Davies, were put to a severe test, and his skill as a caterer won for him fresh laurels.

The usual toast list was gone through with all becoming loyalty to the throne and to our Masonic rulers.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities," feelingly given by Bro. Rolfe, who is a Past Steward, evoked a splendid peroration from that champion of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions, Bro. James Terry, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

"The Past Masters" toast, heartily welcomed, was responded to by Bro. R. Atkins (Preceptor of the lodge of instruction), and the visitors generally tendered their individual thanks for the excellent working in the lodge, and for the quality of the banquet.

A special toast was made in addition to that of the host, it was "The Health of Mrs., or Sister, Davies," and the warmth of the reception it met with was an additional proof, if such were required, of the popularity of that lady and the appreciation of her arrangements of the cuisine.

Several other toasts were honoured, and they were all splendidly relieved by the musical efforts of several of the brethren. Among these may fairly be mentioned Bros. Bradbrook, P.M.; Dixon, Atkins, P.M.; and others. Bro. G. Weige, P.M. 860, lent his professional assistance in a most effective and enjoyable manner. Bro. Seddon, P.M., was the life of the meeting by his ministrations upon the organ, and Bro. Very, the Tyler, gave his humorous account of the discourses of the three lies and the disastrous consequences attendant upon roaming about, after which, we had almost written in consequence of which, the brethren separated, a memorable and enjoyable evening having been passed.

**WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).**—The last meeting for the session of this lodge was held at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on Saturday, the 27th ult. There were present Bro. Thos. Perrin, W.M.; Fullwood, acting S.W.; Crump, J.W.; Jas. Crowden, S.D.; Philp, J.D.; Jenkins, I.G.; Bowler, Tyler; Gardner, I.P.M.; J. C. Woodrow, P.M. and Sec.; R. H. Crowden, P.M.; Hicks, W.S.; Johnson, W.S.; Vizzetelly, Robins, Hands, Ancell, Bellis, and others: Bros. Rosenthal, P.M.; Forman, P.M.; Wilson, P.M.; and H. Windybank, C.C.

The minutes of the previous meeting were duly confirmed, when the Secretary announced the names of those brethren who were eligible for election for the Worshipful Master's chair. The choice fell upon Bro. Crump, who was almost unanimously elected. Bro. H. D. Stead, P.M.,

was again elected Treasurer, and Bro. Bowler, Tyler. The W.M., Bro. Perrin, having consented to stand as Steward at the next festival for the Benevolent Institution, £10 10s. was unanimously agreed to be placed on his list of donations.

The lodge was then closed after greetings from the visitors, and the brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquet which was served in the Marble Hall. The toasts were duly proposed by the W.M., and responded to by the various brethren, Bro. Crump, the W.M. elect, coming in for a share of the honours.

The toast of "The Visitors" was replied to by each, and amply done justice to; in fact the remarks that fell from all were very favourably received by the brethren. It was decided that a jewel should be presented to the W.M. for the very satisfactory and efficient manner he had carried out the duties of the chair during his year of office.

**ASAPH LODGE (No. 1319).**—The installation meeting of this celebrated dramatic and musical lodge was held on Monday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, when brethren to the number of 123 assembled to witness the admirable working of Bro. John Maclean, Worshipful Master. The lodge has now been in existence for thirteen years, and during that time it has been celebrated for the excellence of its working, its liberal support of the Masonic Institutions, its Benevolent Fund, and the large number of its members, a very large majority of whom belong to the dramatic and musical professions, for whose convenience it was that the warrant of the lodge was granted. It has thoroughly justified the reasons which actuated its founders, and it has studiously adhered to the lines laid down at its starting, viz., meeting almost every month in the year, assembling in the early hours of the afternoon, and dining only once a year—on the day of the installation of a new Master. The lodge met at half-past one on Monday, and before two o'clock Bro. Maclean had begun the installation of Bro. Frederick Delevanti. The ceremony was splendidly performed by Bro. Maclean, and Bro. Meyer Lütz, P.M., admirably discharged the duties of Director of Ceremonies. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. John Maclean, I.P.M.; Charles Tinney, S.W.; H. Ashley, J.W.; Charles Cooke, Treas.; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M., Sec.; Kent, S.D.; H. Tinney, J.D.; Lestock Woodbridge, I.G.; W. Smith, D.C.; Hamilton, Org.; H. J. Hitchens and George Fairchild, Stewards; and John Gilbert, Tyler.

After the delivery of the address the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Messrs. Spiers and Pond's, Freemasons' Tavern, where a very choice banquet was provided in the large hall, superintended by Bro. Dawkins. The usual toasts followed.

Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, in replying to the toast of "The Grand Officers," of whom Bro. C. S. Jekyll, a member of the lodge, was one, said it was by no means one of the least of the pleasures and privileges of a Grand Officer to find that this toast was invariably unanimously received and acknowledged so heartily, and he hoped the Grand Officers would never fail to deserve that consideration and compliment. The Grand Officers were only too happy to be present at the meetings of the Craft to witness the extension of the Order; but it was an especial pleasure to be present at a meeting such as they had to-night—the meeting of the Lodge of Asaph, a lodge which had now existed about 14 years; but he was happy to say that within those few years it had achieved an unparalleled success. It had arrived now deservedly at a very high position among the London lodges. He had had the pleasure that evening of seeing the installation of the W.M. performed in a most admirable manner by Bro. John Maclean, and he understood that Bro. Maclean had during his year of office performed the other ceremonies incidental to his position in a similarly admirable manner. He was bound to say that Bro. Maclean had only followed in the footsteps of worthy predecessors, because the Lodge of Asaph had been fortunate enough during its existence to select good, able, and true men to hold the office of its W.M. To-night they had not departed from the rule. They had chosen a good man and brother in Bro. Delevanti to succeed Bro. Maclean. In the ceremonies which fell to Bro. Delevanti's lot at the concluding part of the evening he gave the brethren a very good foretaste of what his work was to be, and it now only remained for him (Col. Clerke) to congratulate him most sincerely upon having the good fortune to arrive at the position of W.M., and to wish the Lodge of Asaph every possible success in the future.

Bro. John Maclean, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said Bro. Delevanti's capacity to perform his work, and his good fellowship, were so well known that he need not there expatiate on his excellencies in either way. While asking the brethren to drink his health, he would like to draw attention to the fact—rather a melancholy one—that for some years past he had been suffering from a very great affliction—partial loss of sight. They knew how good a musician he was, and they could imagine how much better he might have done if he had had his eyesight of four or five years ago. But, while they sympathised with him in his suffering, he was happy to say they could congratulate him on being in a fair way of recovery, and on his elevation to the office he now held. They would drink to his good health in the future, and hope that he might in due time be restored to the perfect blessing of material light so necessary to the real enjoyment of this life.

The Worshipful Master in reply said it was his duty and delight to return thanks for the great honour they had conferred on him, an honour which it had taken him a large part of his life to arrive at, and it would take him a long time to forget. Indeed, he could not forget the kindness of every brother in the Lodge of Asaph, and of every brother he had met in Masonry. To the Lodge of Asaph he was specially devoted as to his mother. He had missed but one meeting since he had the honour of being introduced as a member of the lodge. He had had the honour of serving every office in the lodge, from that of Organist upwards, and it had been his especial delight to witness not only the good working, but the hard working and good feeling, which he thought was the great feature of Masonry, which money could never purchase or take away, cementing friendship which might never have arisen without it. This had imbued him with the idea that Freemasonry would one day take an enormous place on this earth. In the Lodge of Asaph it was the object to work with brotherly feeling, and there was that feeling in the theatrical profession, though it had been thought that their interests were inimical to it. This

was not a society of animals which opposed each other, and they felt that with men of intelligence there should be one thought and one idea, and an aiming at good feeling and good fellowship. He thanked the brethren both for placing him in the chair and for drinking his health in a cordial and brotherly manner. As their goodness to him was unbounded, his duty to them should be unbounded. It should be his duty to emulate those who preceded him, and they might reckon upon it that he should try as he had tried to do the best he could and he hoped at the end of his year the brethren would not regret having selected him for the office of W.M.

The Worshipful Master in proposing the toast of "Bro. Maclean, I.P.M.," described it as the most prominent toast of the evening. The brethren all knew what Bro. Maclean had done in other lodges as well as in the Lodge of Asaph. He was a pattern of courtesy and kindness; he was made of good stern honourable stuff, and was known to ordinary men as Leon; he was a pillar of the lodge, he had an extreme sense of honour, and it was to be hoped he would long be spared to be an ornament to the lodge. Although most distinguished Masters had preceded him the brethren were sure that he had not been excelled by any who had passed the chair. The lodge was a lodge of honour, peace, and harmony. Bro. Maclean had contributed towards so making it; and in calling attention to the toast he (the W.M.) asked the brethren to drink it as to a brother who had been an honour to the lodge, and as one of the best men that ever walked the stage. He presented him with a massive past Master's jewel in token of the admiration of the brethren of the conduct of Bro. Maclean from first to last, with the wish that he might long live to wear it and that it would remind him of the respect and affection of the brethren.

Bro. John Maclean, I.P.M., in reply said he highly appreciated the gift, and the more so as he believed that those who proposed it and voted for it honestly thought he fairly deserved it. That to him in the present was, and in the future would be, a very great gratification. He had not known until that day the terms in which it was proposed, but now that he knew them he should never forget them. From the first time he took office in the lodge he felt a great degree of diffidence in tackling the work. He thought it too much; but in a short time he thought a great deal about getting into the chair, and he would not give it up. He had served every office, and he wished now to express his strong sense of thankfulness to all the officers who had been working under him. He had worked under exceptional advantages, and had had the support of conscientious, hard working, and diligent officers, who had helped him in a very material manner. He also thanked the P.Ms. for their assistance, which had always been given him when asked for.

The other toasts were then given and the brethren separated.

A beautiful programme of music was performed during the evening by Madame Worrell and Madame Florence Winn, and Bros. James A. Brown, Alfred Kenningham, Charles Stevens, Henry Parkin, Henry Prenton, Tom de Brunnow, Holmes, and Charles E. Tinney. Bro. Henry J. Tinney gave solos on the pianoforte, and Bros. John Maclean and George E. Fairchild gave recitations.

**TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE (No. 1765).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst. at Trinity College, Mandeville-place, Manchester-square, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. the Rev. H. G. Bonavia Hunt, Mus. Bac. Oxon. Among the other brethren present were Bros. J. Stedman, S.W.; E. J. Hoare, J.W.; Biddlecombe, Treas.; J. A. Hammond, P.M., Sec.; B. Turner, S.D.; G. Hammond, J.D.; C. Taylor, I.G.; Lane, Org.; Humphrey J. Starke, P.M.; and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec. Visitors: Bros. J. G. Albery, 43; Frank H. Hare, 172; R. J. Ward, S.W. 1541; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; Arthur E. Gladwell, P.M. 172; J. S. Somers, 568; J. N. Thompson, I.P.M. 1695; Richard Clowes, P.M. 630, Prov. G.S.W. Essex; G. J. Smith, J.W. 1839; Edmund B. Cox, W.S. 1543; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D.; W. H. Platt, 1635; Alfred Cumner, 1426; Stanley Smith, 1839; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928 (Freemason).

After the opening of the lodge and the reading and confirmation of the minutes, and the reading and adoption of the report and balance-sheet, the installation ceremony was performed by Bro. the Rev. H. G. Bonavia Hunt, Bro. J. Stedman being presented to him for that purpose by Bro. Humphrey J. Starke, P.M. The brethren appointed and invested as officers were Bros. E. J. Hoare, S.W.; B. Turner, J.W.; the Rev. H. G. Bonavia Hunt, I.P.M., Treas.; J. A. Hammond, P.M., Sec.; G. Hammond, S.D.; C. Taylor, J.D.; Smith, P.M., Org.; A. Howard, I.G.; Gabriel, D. of C.; Plant Martin, W.S.; and Harrison, Tyler. Bro. Bonavia Hunt then delivered the addresses, the whole of his work being admirably executed. A choice supper followed the closing of the lodge, and the Worshipful Master proposed the usual toasts.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., referred in his response to the toast of "The Grand Officers" to the consecration of the Trinity College Lodge, five years ago, by himself, and stated that this was the first time since that event that he had been in the lodge. He noticed with pleasure its prosperity, and congratulated Bro. Stedman on having arrived at the distinguished position of W.M.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., also replied, and expressed the same sentiments as the Grand Secretary.

Bro. Clowes, P.G.S.W. Essex, likewise responded. In proposing "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Bonavia Hunt said Bro. Stedman was one of the seven founders of the lodge, and he trusted the brethren would concentrate all their loyalty, devotion, and affection on him.

The Worshipful Master replying said it was a pride and honour to be Master of any lodge, but to be Master of the Trinity College Lodge, consisting as it did of very eminent men, good musicians, and affectionate brethren, magnified that honour very much indeed. Of course he had a great regard for the lodge, being one of its founders, but the overwhelmingly kind reception he had six months ago when he returned among the brethren had intensified that feeling and made him have towards the Trinity College Lodge and the brethren connected with it a strong affection. So impressed had he been with the feeling that in the future he should hold that anyone who was able to give himself the title of a member of the Trinity College Lodge was his dearest friend and brother for whom he should be proud to make any sacrifice. During his year of office he wished to show the brethren that he

appreciated their kindness. He hoped with regard to the work of the lodge to do everything they possibly could wish him to do. In all their working he intended to have rehearsals with the officers to make the work as perfect as possible; and with regard to the refreshment department he trusted to be ever ready with good cheer and good music. In conclusion he trusted that the Almighty would give him strength and wisdom to carry on his duty in the lodge in such a way that he might leave the chair with the good wishes and affection that he flattered himself he possessed at the present time.

Bros. Gladwell, Tomkins, and Thompson replied to the toast of "The Visitors."

In giving the toast of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," the W.M. said he approached it with fear and trembling, as he was afraid he could not do justice to it. It was the toast of one he in the highest manner respected, a talented gentleman, an accomplished Mason, and a dear friend. The brethren were all aware of Bro. Hunt's admirable qualities as a Mason, and his kindness to the lodge during his year of office; but apart from that he wished it to go forth, to be known and remembered that to this same Henry George Bonavia Hunt they owed the roof under which they were then assembled. Bro. Hunt was the founder of Trinity College, of which Trinity College Lodge was the outcome; and he was therefore not only the founder of the College but of the lodge. In handing down these facts it was necessary to be very plain spoken, and unless it was done by each successive Master it would not be handed down properly. He should wish this fact thundered forth by each successive Master during his year, so that when a century hence an initiate came into the lodge, and he said, "how is it you pay such respect to this name?" he could not have founded the lodge himself, they might answer: "This is the man who in his day grasped the wants of his time, and worked and toiled night and day to establish a musical college for the good of England and of the world; and in ten years after he started it raised a college that gained the respect of the whole world, and did more for its own work for raising the standard of the music of England—did more for its own work and the future of other institutions following on the same lines—did more for the cultivation of music in England than anything that had been done before." He (the W.M.) had now the pleasurable task of placing on his breast the jewel Bro. Hunt had so well and nobly earned—a jewel such as those which adorned the breasts of other brethren of the lodge, of whom there were two present. But that jewel could not adorn any breast more than the one he was about to place it on, as he looked upon Bro. Hunt as the founder of the lodge. He wished Bro. Hunt to consider this jewel as given to him with all the respect and love possible of the brethren of the lodge, and he had no doubt that Bro. Hunt would in time to come, whatever honours and decorations he might have, look upon it with this spirit, and if friend or grandchild looking upon his decorations should come across this jewel and ask what it was, he would explain it, and say he valued it as much as any of the others, as it was presented by loving brethren with faithful hearts.

Bro. the Rev. H. G. Bonavia Hunt in reply said he had every right to feel overwhelmed with a sense of the favour bestowed on him after the eloquent speech of the W.M. In the cause of fair play he must beg leave to disclaim the greater part of that with which, in the fulness of his heart and of his brotherly affection as a Mason and a friend, the W.M. had been kind enough to assign to him; but the W.M. did credit to his (Bro. Hunt's) feelings when he said that he might look upon such meetings as these with pride and perhaps with a more excusable and a worthier emotion than that of mere pride. The hour was now fast advancing and he could not detain the brethren with all the expressions of his feelings that he would like to relieve his heart with; but he must say that what he had done in the past—however little it had been—had been a labour of love, and that if it should please the Great Architect to give him health and strength to continue his labours they would be performed with the same good intentions, and certainly as sincerely, as they always had been. His readiness to address the brethren was on this occasion somewhat overweighted with the sense that he felt that great dignitaries of Masonry were gathered round the board. It was a great compliment to have Grand Officers present, and he felt trepidation when he had so close to him Bro. Philbrick, and he would tell them why. Not long ago he had the honour of preaching in the Temple Church for the first time, and his text from the lesson was "Woe unto you lawyers." Instantly the eyes of some 20 or 30 of her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law were fixed upon him. Ever since then he had almost been afraid to meet any of them who were brethren, but he had comforted himself with feeling that the denunciations so deservedly pronounced in the gospel were pronounced against a far different race of lawyers altogether, and he believed his learned Bro. Philbrick would meet him in that position. The feeling of trepidation being thus dispelled by this confession he could only say that in the future he should meet any learned brethren with a feeling that he had at any rate done his duty not only in the Temple Church but in the Masonic Temple. Having installed a dear old friend in the chair he felt as time went on a still more deepening sense of the importance of the position of Past Master. When he got into the chair he thought there was nothing so grand as to be Master of a lodge, but it was only the feeling that one had in some feeble way endeavoured during his year of office to do his duty rendered the position of the Past Master one of peaceful retirement. If he had promoted the happiness of the brethren and visitors during his year he was thankful for being the means of representing the feelings of the brethren in such a manner.

Bro. E. J. Hammond and Humphrey J. Stark, P.Ms., responded to the toast of "The Past Masters," and after the toast of "The Officers" had been honoured and responded to, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

A charming selection of music by Bro. Stedman's choir boys, Mr. W. Price, Bros. Stark and Stanley Smith, Master Herbert Townsend, with Herr Pollitzer on the violin, Bro. Humphrey J. Stark on the organ, and Bro. G. F. Smith as conductor, was given during the evening, and added greatly to the pleasure of the brethren.

**ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 1827).**—The installation meeting of this prosperous and influential lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Wednesday last. There was a large attendance of members, and the visitors, as usual, were very numerous. The W.M.,

Bro. Wildey Wright, having opened the lodge the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The chair was then occupied by Sir John B. Monckton, P.M., President of the Board of General Purposes, who proceeded to install Bro. Major T. Davies Sewell, P.G.S., in the presence of a large Board of Installed Masters, numbering over 30 brethren. The ceremony, as might have been expected, was very ably performed. The new Master then appointed his officers for the year. The Auditors' report, which was highly satisfactory, was then received and adopted. The business being ended the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was presided over by the W.M., and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured. A selection of music was performed, under the direction of Bro. Frederick A. Jewson, Organist, assisted by Miss Matilda Roby, Madame Dunbar Perkins, and Mr. B. Smith.

Among those present were Bros. Sir John Monckton, P.M., President Board of General Purposes; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G. Chap.; Major J. Davies Sewell, S.W.; ex-Sheriff Burt, P.G.D.; Capt. Philips, P.G.D.; Capt. Cook, Hutton Gregory, P.G.D.; Frank Green, P.M., G.D.; Howe, P.G. Purs.; Wm. Green, Littell, P.M., P.G. Purs.; R. J. Pawley, Treas.; J. E. Turner, Sec.; Wallford, C. W. Thompson, D. W. Pearce, P.G. Reg. Middx.; George Kenning, P.G.D. Middx.; Alderman Savory, and many others, the brethren numbering over 50.

**MANCHESTER.**—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place on the 1st inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. There were present Bros. James Wilson, W.M.; W. J. Cumliffe, S.W.; J. W. Edwards, J.W.; W. Nicholl, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Lever, P.M., Sec.; J. G. Elderton, J.D.; John Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Garside, I.G.; W. B. Ackerman, Stwd.; Robt. Tomlins, G. C. Frühling, Chesworth, J. Pearson, and R. R. Lisenden, S.D. (*Freemason*); visitor, Bro. Marsland, 1588.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Peter Watson, and being unanimous in his favour, he was declared elected. By desire of the W.M., Bro. John Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., then occupied the chair of K.S., and raised Bro. Chesworth to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. Bladon also delivered the traditional history, and presented and explained the working tools to the candidate, after which the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The annual soirée afterwards took place, and will be found reported on another page.

**RIPLEY.**—Okeover Lodge (No. 1324).—The 14th installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst., in the Town Hall. The lodge was opened in due form at 2.45 p.m., by the W.M., Bro. Jno. Clark, when the installation of Bro. Thos. Goodwin as W.M. for 1884 took place. The ceremony was very impressively performed by Bro. George Day, P.M. The W.M. at once appointed and invested the following brethren for his officers: Bros. Jno. Clark, I.P.M.; H. Lomas, S.W.; D. Upton, J.W.; J. B. Slack, B.A., Chap.; J. Allen, P.M., P.G.J.D., Treas.; W. H. Fisher, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. De B. Jessop, S.D.; J. H. Day, J.D.; W. Morton, D. of C.; H. Barker, Org.; Morley, Tealby, and Oakland, Stewards; W. Cooper, I.G.; and Jno. Stour, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed in solemn form, after which the brethren reassembled at the Cock Hotel at 5 p.m., and sat down to a most sumptuous banquet, presided over by the W.M. At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. rose to propose the toast of "H.M.G.M. the Queen and the Craft," a toast, he remarked, never more loyally and heartily received than by Freemasons. The toast was heartily responded to, and "God Save [the Queen]" was sung.

The toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M.," met with a most enthusiastic reception.

The other Masonic toasts followed in due form, when the I.P.M. proposed the toast of "The W.M.," remarking that the W.M. was one of the oldest initiated members in the Okeover Lodge; that he had held six very important offices in the lodge, and that the duties of those various offices had been discharged with rare tact and ability, and did not hesitate to say at the close of his year of office that every member of the Okeover Lodge would say the W.M. had discharged those high and important duties with credit to himself and honour to the Craft in general, and to this lodge in particular.

The W.M. briefly responded, and proposed the toast of "The I.P.M.," remarking that under Bro. Clarke's rule the lodge had made great progress.

The I.P.M. responded in a few appropriate remarks, saying he had endeavoured to discharge the duties of W.M. to the best of his abilities, and to try to imitate those worthy P.Ms. who had so honourably filled that chair.

The toast of "The Installing Master" was proposed by a very worthy and veteran Mason, Bro. Robinson, 1514, who remarked that he had been a Freemason about 35 years, and had seen a great many installations in different parts of the country; but in all his Masonic experience had never seen the ceremony so impressively and solemnly carried out, it being strictly and correctly to ritual, and given with that grace and dignity so well becoming at our beautiful installation ceremony; and in some very appropriate remarks strongly encouraged all the younger brethren to try and imitate such a noble and worthy example.

The toast was most enthusiastically received by the brethren.

Bro. Day very feelingly responded, and strongly brought before the brethren the Masonic Charities, earnestly soliciting their support.

Bro. Fitzherbert Wright, P.M. 1324, P.P.G.S.W., next gave the toast of "The Officers of the Okeover Lodge," remarking the pleasure it gave him to see every one trying to do his duty to the best of his ability, and very highly complimented the I.P.M. on the close of a happy and prosperous year.

The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was given by Bro. Dr. Allen, P.M. 1324, Prov. G.J.D., and responded to by Bros. Robinson, Cook, and Cupit; the last-mentioned brother, who is a great favourite with the brethren of this lodge, receiving great applause for his response.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most successful installation meetings ever held at this lodge.

The visiting brethren included representatives from lodges

in London, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Derby, Ilkestone, Huddersfield, Eastwood, Shipley Gate, Newcastle-under-Lyne, Belper, and other places.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The ordinary monthly meeting of the members of this lodge—the first after installation—was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. There was an attendance of about 50 members and visitors. The chair was occupied by the recently-installed Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. William Savage, I.P.M.; W. W. Sandbrook, P.M., M.C.; John Atkinson, P.M., acting as J.D. in the First Degree; R. Burgess, S.W.; J. M. Boyd, J.W.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.M., Treas.; Josef Cantor, Sec.; O. W. Sanderson, S.D., acting I.G.; H. Round, S.S.; C. Buchanan, J.S.; E. A. Allen, O.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. T. W. Thompson, I. Jacobs, Eaton Batty, Lewis Hughes, T. W. O. Pughe, D. Fleming, John Hoult, J. Rawthorpe, Luigi F. Lablache, J. F. Ainscow, J. Baylis, W. E. Stone, J. S. Bramley, J. Skeaf, P.P.G.O., acting as Organist; W. Hildyard, W. C. Fane, John E. Jackson, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Ballard, Tudor Rogers, J. B. Macpherson, Frank Macpherson, D. Cumming, J. L. Goedhart, A. Hines, P.M.; and H. Bennett. There were present as visitors Bros. W. J. Nugent, S.D. 125, I.C.; E. Hartnell, 1264; J. F. Elliston, 221; J. Busfield, 216; R. J. Lloyd, 667; J. Beck, 667; G. W. Harris, 1399; J. W. Page, 292; and W. Hudson, I.G. 1013.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Bro. Josef Cantor, the Secretary, and confirmed, and the ballot proved unanimously in favour of Bros. T. W. Thompson, Captain Washington Pirrie, and John Cobham as joining members. Mr. Giovanni M. Polini, unanimously elected at a previous meeting, who had travelled specially from Huddersfield in company with Bro. Luigi Lablache, was initiated into the Craft by the W.M., assisted by his principal officers, in a manner which must have made a profound impression on the popular candidate. Equal efficiency marked the working in the Second Degree, which was taken by Bros. Eaton Batty, T. W. O. Pughe, and Lewis Hughes. Before the closing of the lodge the balance-sheet was passed, a vote of condolence was resolved upon to the surviving relatives of Bro. Harris, recently deceased, and the claims of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution were eloquently urged by the Secretary, Bro. Cantor. On the motion of Bro. Mackenzie, P.M., Treas., seconded by Bro. W. W. Sandbrook, P.M., D. of C., it was unanimously resolved to vote the sum of 10 guineas and to send a letter of sincere sympathy to the widow of a late brother who was held in high esteem by every member of the lodge, and whose sudden death has caused general regret.

At the conclusion of business the members and visitors adjourned to banquet, which was admirably provided by Bro. W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D. of C. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk during the pleasant after-dinner proceedings, and a capital programme of music was given by Bros. Eaton Batty, J. Cantor, W. E. Stone, J. Busfield, Hudson, W. Savage, and J. Skeaf. An emergency meeting of the lodge will be held on the 5th inst., at three o'clock.

**BRIGHTON.**—St. Cecilia Lodge (No. 1636).—The usual monthly meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 30th ult., with more than ordinary interest. Among those present were Bros. W. H. Gibson, W.M., Prov. G.J.W.; E. Broadbridge, I.P.M.; W. R. Wood, jun., S.W.; G. Cole, J.W.; H. S. Gates, Sec.; W. Smithers, S.D.; G. L. Fenner, J.D.; H. Payne, Treas.; W. Roe, Prov. G.O., D. of C.; J. Lelu, I.G.; W. Balchin, Stwd.; J. Jefferies, C. J. Heald, J. Lewis, J. Jeffery, W. B. Isworth, H. R. Edwards, J. Eberall, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. Kuhe, P.M., P.G.O.; A. J. Hawkes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Harrison, P.P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; with the following visitors: Bros. J. Henderson Scott, Deputy Prov. G.M.; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; G. S. Godree, P.M. 1821, P.G.S. of W.; J. Dixon, P.P.S.G.W.; J. W. Stride, P.M. 315, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Curtis, P.M. 315 and 1797, P.P.G.S.B.; J. B. Hannay, J.W. 1821; A. J. Carpenter, 1820; W. H. Dean, 1821; and J. Reynolds, 315.

The ordinary business of the meeting having been concluded Bro. J. Eberall, on behalf of the brethren, warmly welcomed the W.M., Bro. W. H. Gibson, on his return to the lodge after several months' severe illness. They were all glad to see him once more among them, but they were especially drawn together that evening for other reasons. Their W.M. during his present year of office had experienced, in his infant daughter, an addition to his family, and his (Bro. Eberall's) suggestion to mark the unusual event had been so heartily taken up that they were assembled that evening to present Bro. Gibson with a christening cup for his little daughter. He trusted their W.M. would continue to improve in health and that the brethren of the lodge might be enabled to have him amongst them for many years to come.

Having formally presented the cup to Bro. Gibson, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. Henderson Scott, wished to share in the kind wishes tendered to the W.M. But recently Bro. Gibson had been honoured by receiving high office in the Provincial Grand Lodge from the Prov. G.M., Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., and he was gratified to find him held in such high esteem by the brethren of the lodge. The circumstance leading to the presentation was not one that often occurred in a lodge, but whether the event happened frequently or seldom, for the future he trusted the example of that evening would be always followed, and if he were asked why, he would say that the act itself was one of those "small sweet courtesies of life which make smooth and pleasant the road of it," whilst the occasion which called it forth was one of those opportunities for evincing that goodwill and brotherly love which it was the peculiar province of Freemasonry to inculcate. The sole end and object of Freemasonry was not merely to relieve distress—though he was very sure that the cry of distress would never reach a Freemason's heart in vain—nor was it only to "pour the healing balm of consolation into the bosom of the afflicted"—though the sorrowing would always command their ready sympathy; but the high and noble function of Freemasonry was to spread abroad in the world, where there were so many conflicting interests and miserable jealousies to divide and separate men, those glorious principles of brotherly love and goodwill which prove how "good and joyful a thing it is" for "brethren to dwell together in unity." He hailed therefore

such opportunities as that which called them together, inasmuch as it enabled them to show their W.M., whoever he might be, that they did not regard him as a machine set to do certain work, but an individual in whose welfare they felt the deepest concern, so that when an event occurred in his family which filled his house with joy, they, too, participated in his pleasure. In the case of the birth of a child, he knew not how that could be more simply or suitably done than by the presentation of a christening cup. In years to come when Bro. Gibson looked upon that cup it would remind him that he was once W.M. of the St. Cecilia Lodge, and that during his year of office little Edith Clara was born. Concluding, Bro. Scott said, "to use the language of ancient metaphor, peculiarly appropriate to a Freemason's child, because it has reference to that magnificent structure which the Masons of old reared at the bidding of Solomon, we trust that this little daughter, born to you during the time that you have been the humble representative of King Solomon, may so grow up in wisdom, strength, and beauty that she "may be as one of the polished corners of the temple."

Bro. Gibson, who in responding was visibly affected, said: Brethren, I must claim your indulgence if I but feebly thank you for this splendid present. Most of you are aware that I have been unwell for some months past. I am still weak and feel unequal to the occasion; but under any circumstances it would be impossible for me to thank you sufficiently for this token of goodwill towards me. I thank Bro. Eberall and Bro. Scott for the very kind words they have spoken, but cannot feel myself worthy of a tithe of their laudation. My pleasure is greatly enhanced to behold this influential gathering, and to see so many of my friends here to-night. Well do I remember the evening on which I stood at the door of this room, now some eight years ago, waiting to be admitted to the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, and I rejoice to say that those privileges have been very great, for I have found amongst the brethren some of the best and truest friends that I ever possessed. Some men are born great, others achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them. The latter is my case. It is to you, brethren, that I am greatly indebted for the honour that has lately been conferred upon me by the Provincial Grand Master; but that honour is not intended for me alone, but chiefly for the St. Cecilia Lodge. You having placed me in this chair has made me its fortunate recipient. And now, brethren, you are showing your generosity, your regard, and fraternal affection towards me by presenting me with this beautiful cup for my little daughter who has been born during my year of office, and I accept it with much pride and gratification. When years roll on, and my daughter is old enough, I trust that I may be spared to hand it to her as your gift, when doubtless she will be inspired with feelings of admiration, if not affection, for the Freemasons who have come here to-night to bestow their liberality and kindness upon me. This beautifully-illuminated record of the event I shall always cherish. On looking down the long list I find the names of every member of this lodge, and it will often remind me how many good brethren I can call my friends. It is said by some give a man a present and you spoil him; he will think too much of himself, will rarely come near you, and you will get little more good work out of him; but I trust that will not be the case with me; on the contrary, I hope to come amongst you as long as I live, and will do all in my power for the good of Freemasonry, and of this lodge in particular; and again for the cup, this beautiful record, and, above all, for the kindly feeling that has prompted you to confer this gift upon me, I thank you with all my heart.

The lodge being closed an adjournment was made at the invitation of Bro. Gibson from "labour to refreshment," when the toast of "The Visitors" was given, to which Bros. J. Dixon and J. W. Stride replied. "The Health of the Worshipful Master" was also proposed and briefly acknowledged.

The cup bore an appropriate inscription, which was also, together with the names of the subscribers, written on vellum and illuminated.

**BOLTON.—St. George's Lodge (No. 1723).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at the Commercial Hotel. Present: R. Latham, W.M.; W. Court, I.P.M.; W. Blain, P.M., as S.W.; E. G. Harwood, J.W.; John Priestley, Chap.; G. Ferguson, P.M., Prov. G.S. of Works, Treas.; N. Nicholson, P.M., Sec.; A. Cosgrave, S.D.; T. B. Tong, J.D.; J. W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G. Org., D. of C.; T. E. Smith, Org.; W. E. Bardsley, I.G.; J. W. Roiley, Tyler; B. Derham and T. Naylor, Stewards; G. P. Brockbank, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., G. Steward Scotland, W.M. 37, Sec. 64, Treas. 221; Jas. Heywood, P.M.; T. Morris, P.M.; J. H. Greenhalgh, P.M.; J. Smith, W. Pendlebury, J. Fogg, T. M. Whewell, J. B. Bolton, J. Parkinson, T. Arden, and J. Hall. Visitors: Bros. W. Bowden, P.M. 1213 and 1814, P.P.G.S.B. West Lancashire; J. Andrew, P.M. 1213 and 268; John McAdam, 381; J. F. Skelton, J.W. 146; C. H. Pontefract, 337; J. F. Elliston, 221; and R. Duxbury, W.M. 146.

The lodge being opened the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Whewell was raised to the degree of Master Mason by Bro. Nathaniel Nicholson, P.M. and Secretary, who also instructed him in the working tools of the degree. Bro. Gowanlock was next passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Mr. Edwin Kershaw was balloted for, which being successful he was initiated into Masonry by the W.M., the working tools being explained by the J.W., and the customary charge delivered by Bro. G. P. Brockbank, senior P.M., G. Steward of Scotland. An old member of the lodge was proposed for rejoining and a candidate for initiation. "Hearty good wishes" were then tendered by the visiting brethren, and a portion of the ancient rules and charges read by the S.W., when the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

## INSTRUCTION.

**UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 2nd inst. There were present amongst others W. Bro. J. N. Bate, W.M.; Bros. W. S. Payne, S.W.; W. Richardson, J.W.; W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor; Bros. R. Poore, Sec.; J. Axford, S.D.; Chamberlain, J.D.; J. W. S. Tomkins, I.G.; A. J. Style, A. R. Cranch, A. C. Bradley, Eldridge Johnson, P. M. Hakim, J. Goodyear, C. H. Phillips, W. Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M., and others.

The lodge having been duly opened the First Section was worked by the brethren, and the ceremony of initiation was ably worked by the W.M., who then delivered the charge and instructed the candidate for probation. Question time was occupied by the Preceptor on sundry points of ritual. Bro. Stevens also delivered a portion of the lecture on the tracing board in the First Degree. A short interval was devoted to entry drill the lodge being called off for that purpose. On resuming labour Bro. A. Cranch was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and officers were appointed in rotation. Lodge was then closed and the meeting adjourned.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W. There were present Bros. H. Perdue, W.M.; J. C. Rhind, S.W.; A. Hardy, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Preceptor; H. Dehane, Sec.; F. Chandler, S.D.; J. Cohen, J.D.; C. J. Morse, I.G.; W. Death, Steward; W. H. Chalfont, W.M. 1425; Capt. A. Nicols, W.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; W. J. Shatton, J. J. Thomas, D. Hart, E. Cockayne, C. S. Mote, W. J. Mason, M. S. Rodet, E. F. Ferris, J. R. Phillips, W. A. Vincent, W. Williams, W. Middleweek, M. J. Green, D. Stroud, J. Chapman, G. Dickenson, T. C. Artand, J. Reid, H. Robinson, S. J. Humfress, J. French, and A. Leclair. Visitor: Bro. W. E. Perdue, S34.

Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes were read and confirmed. The First and Fourth Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Vincent being the candidate. Bros. Brown and Phillips answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree. Lodge was called off and on. Bro. W. E. Perdue was elected a joining member. The bye-laws were read, and Bro. G. Read was re-elected Treasurer and Preceptor, and Bro. H. Dehane, Secretary, for the ensuing 12 months. Bros. J. J. Thomas, C. J. Morse, and F. Chandler were elected the Audit Committee. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. C. S. Mote for his services during the past year, and which he was unanimously requested to continue. Bro. C. J. Rhind, S.D. 1543, was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

## Royal Arch.

**MANCHESTER.—Affability Chapter (No. 317).**—The bi-monthly meeting of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 18th ult., when there were present Comps. W. Nicholl, Z.; J. E. Steward, H.; J. Wilson, J.; W. J. Cunliffe, S.N.; J. W. Edwards, Treas.; Oldham, P.S.; J. G. Elderton, 2nd Asst. Soj.; J. Sly, Janitor; James Dawson, P.Z.; John Bladon, P.Z.; H. L. Rocca, R. Tomlins, A. Wild, J. Garside, H. Walmesley, W. Hardcastle, H. R. G. Bayley, and R. R. Lisenden, S.E. (Freemason.) Visitors: H. Paulden, S.E. 204; Wood, J. 1375; and Swinn, 204.

The chapter was opened in the usual manner at 6.45 and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was successfully taken for Bro. W. B. Atterman, 317. By permission of Comp. Nicholl, Z., the chair was taken by Comp. J. Dawson, P.Z., who exalted Bro. Akerman to the Holy Royal Arch Degree, assisted by the officers. The historical and mystical lectures were ably delivered by Comp. J. H. Steward, and the symbolical by the acting M.E.Z. Alter "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors the chapter was closed.

**TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).**—This chapter met at the Albany Hotel, on the 25th ult. Among those present were Comps. C. Rushworth, P.P.G.R. Middlesex, M.E.Z.; Cama, P.P.G.S.N. Middlesex, P.Z., acting H.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D. of C. Middlesex, J.; Raymond Thrupp, P.P.G.H. Middlesex, &c., I.P.Z.; S. H. Saunders, P.S.; Smiles and Hosken, Assistants; the Rev. L. D'Orsey, Chap.; and others. Comp. Tebb, of the Caveac Chapter, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed the election of officers for the year ensuing resulted as follows: Comps. W. H. Saunders, M.E.Z.; T. C. Walls, H.; R. H. Saunders, J.; J. Richnell, S.E.; S. H. Saunders, S.N.; W. Taylor, P.Z., Treas.; Smiles, P.S.; and Harrison, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was then voted to the outgoing M.E.Z. Letters of apology for absence were read from Comps. W. H. Saunders, W. Taylor, J. Stevens, Speth, and others. The chapter was then closed and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth a few toasts were given. Ex. Comp. R. Thrupp responded upon behalf of "The Grand Officers" and Ex. Comp. Cama for "The Prov. Grand Officers."

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was given by the I.P.Z., and this toast having been responded to, the toast of "The Visitor" followed, and was acknowledged by Comp. Tebb. "The Health of the Officers," replied to by Comps. Walls and S. H. Saunders, terminated the proceedings.

**NORTH SHIELDS.—Ogle Chapter (No. 431).** The annual convocation of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 25th ult., when there was a good attendance of members and visiting companions. After the minutes of last convocation relating to the election of Principals for the ensuing year were confirmed, the Principals elect, viz., M.E. Comps. William John Ward, P.Z., P.G.J., as Z.; Thomas Robson, P.Z., P.P.G.A.S., as H.; and John Graham Tulloch, P.Z., P.G.P.S., as J., were presented to the Installing Principal, M.E. Comp. Edward Dean Davis, P.Z. 431, P.P.G.H. and P.G.D.C., who performed the ceremonies in that perfect style for which our veteran Comp. Davis is so justly celebrated. The officers were afterwards invested as follows: E. Comps. Henry Gibson, E.; Thomas Mothersdale, N.; M.E. Comp. John Harcuss, P.Z., P.P.G.N., P.S.; E. Comps. Henry M. Rayner, 1st A.S.; John G. Gibson, 2nd A.S.; and M.E. Comp. William J. Ward, as Treasurer.

The chapter was afterwards closed in ancient form, and the companions adjourned to the Albion Hotel to celebrate the annual festival. At the banquet the chair was occupied by the M.E. First Principal, supported on his right and left by the Second and Third Principals, M.E. Comps. E. D. Davis, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; W. M. Bell, Z. 24, P.G. S.B.; G. S. Shotton, J. 240; and E. Comp. Thomas Burne, S.E. 907. The vice-chair was occupied by the P.S. After a sumptuous repast the evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner.



"Claudian" is the title of the new play to follow the "Silver King" at the Princess's. Mr. Wilson Barrett will play the title rôle.

Bro. Thiodon the energetic manager for Bros. Crowder and Payne of the Canterbury, has been presented with a written testimonial and a purse of 100 guineas as a token of esteem and gratitude from the company and patrons of the Canterbury. It is a place where one is sure to find plenty of innocent amusement; just now this is particularly the case.

"Ours" at Toole's Theatre has been produced by Messrs. Robertson and Bruce with great éclat. Although it cannot possibly run more than three weeks there, Bro. Toole himself returning to London, it is mounted in such a handsome way that it might be going to keep the boards for a length of time. We should think it likely that Mr. Robertson, encouraged by the great success of the two of his father's comedies he has already produced in London, will make some arrangement whereby they may all be witnessed in succession by the new generation of playgoers. In the 17 years which have elapsed since they saw the light of day at the Prince of Wales's Theatre they have not lost any of their popularity. Played now by a very different company from the original, which included Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft and poor Honey, now no more, they seem to draw as crowded an audience as ever. Mr. E. D. Ward is Andrew MacAlister; Mr. Adams, Captain Samprey; Mr. Chevalier, Sergeant Jones; and Mr. T. W. Robertson plays Hugh Chalcot, and in their hands the comedy loses none of its crispness, nor can the audience possibly lose a single point of the dialogue. Miss Amy Roselle's Blanche Haye is full of effect. In her hands the play loses none of its vitality. Miss Cora Stuart (Mrs. T. W. Robertson) is the representative of Mary Netley, and in her hands hearty merriment prevails in the house, and all anxiety must be for ever set at rest as to the wisdom of reproducing Robertson's familiar comedies. All that is pure and noble in life is depicted in them. If one can go with a mind unbiased one must enjoy them just as much as 17 years ago.

Mr. F. C. Burnand has not horrified those admirers of our great poet Shakespeare who thought it almost profanity to burlesque his writings. Possibly the outcry that was raised when it was known that Mr. Burnand intended writing a burlesque on "The Tempest" made the author a little cautious, the result of which is he has almost gone to the other extreme. "Ariel" is certainly very amusing with Miss Farren as the chief character, but no one can find a fault, try how they may, as to taking off Shakespeare's "Tempest." Mr. Burnand has shown great tact, and he has gained a success. But we have had occasion to say in these columns before that almost anything will take at the Gaiety if Miss Farren and Miss Gilchrist are in it. On Miss Farren is laid the burden of the new burlesque, and without doubt no finer effect has been seen on the stage than Miss Farren as Ariel with electric-light wings. Mr. D'Oyley Carte was the first to introduce electricity as attached to the players, but it is at Bro. Hollingshead's theatre that it has been employed with the most brilliant scenic effect. It requires a good stretch of imagination to trace the original in "Ariel." The alarm was raised, but may be said to have vanished. We suppose it would be impossible to represent the wreck scene more prettily. It is generally a hopeless task to describe a burlesque, and certainly, though Mr. Burnand has written another good piece for the Gaiety audiences, few would know what connection it has with Shakespeare. The characters are there, but little else, but that matters not; so everyone is pleased all round—we mean the lovers of the light amusement given at this theatre, and the ardent and serious admirers of our immortal poet. Bro. John Dallas, is Alonso, and sings an excellent song about his ill-luck. It is full of humorous points. Miss Phyllis Broughton is Ferdinand, and we venture to say that never has she acquitted herself better than in this her last character. The dance which is introduced specially for her is a most graceful one, its only fault is that it is too short. Those who like beautiful dancing would wish it to be repeated, and the applause it draws is thoroughly deserved. Miss Broughton besides is very pretty in herself, and her dress is the picture of good taste. Mr. Monkhouse, as Prospero, has not made a great hit; though funny and droll, one feels that Bro. Terry could get more fun out of the part. Mr. Monkhouse however sings his ditties with much effect. On the other hand Mr. Elton's rendering of Caliban is perfect; every one of his dances brings an encore, whilst his make up in the last act is ludicrous in the extreme. Bro. Squire has not the opportunity of distinguishing himself as many will recollect him with pleasure in "Aladdin"; but what he does now he does well. Mr. Henley, too, is far less suited with a part than in the burlesque which preceded "Ariel." Miss Maud Taylor and Miss Pedley sing some pretty duets, one of the songs of the latter lady obtaining an encore, which no one can grudge her. Miss Connie Gilchrist is Miranda, and of course she has the leading lady's part, and extremely well does she acquit herself. She has at a very early age almost reached the goal. Never has she sung better nor danced more gracefully. Miss Gilchrist has taken the place which would have belonged to Miss Vaughan, and we shall be surprised if she does not keep it. It would be difficult to say which of her three dresses is the most becoming, or in which she looks the most charming; we had better say in all of them. Although she seems to show herself indifferent to the applause she is the cause of, we can hardly think it is quite natural. Miss Gilchrist has of late improved very much in her speaking parts; they are now heard distinctly. A very amusing allusion is made to the recent cruise of the Prime Minister in the Pembroke Castle. Bro. Squire is very fine in his make up as the Grand Old Man with his axe; the Poet Laureate is also a good make up. Bro. Meyer Lutz is responsible for the music, which is bright throughout and original withal. It goes without saying that "Ariel" is superbly mounted and that the dresses of the chorus ladies are brilliant. Until Bro. Terry's return at Christmas "Ariel" is bound to keep on the boards.



Bro. Major T. Davies Sewell was installed as Master of the Alliance Lodge at the Guildhall Tavern on Wednesday.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson delivered a lecture on Wednesday evening in the Victoria Coffee Hall, Waterloo-road, S.E., on "Food and Feeding."

The Attorney-General has nominated Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Deputy Prov. G.M. Essex, as leading counsel for the Post Office on the South-Eastern Circuit, in place of Mr. Talford Salter, lately deceased.

At a meeting of the Liverpool Committee of the Royal College of Music a few days since it was announced that the amount necessary to form a Liverpool Scholarship, £3,000, had been subscribed.

We have been asked to announce that the Royal Commemorative Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585, hitherto meeting at the Railway Hotel, Putney, will, on and after Monday next, be held at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, every Monday evening, at eight o'clock.

It is announced that Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, M.W. Grand Master Mason of Scotland, will consecrate the new lodge of Rothsay St. John's on the 13th prox. The brethren have resolved to have festivities in keeping with the importance of the occasion and the honour conferred upon them.

At the annual installation of Principals of the Ogle Royal Arch Chapter, No. 431, North Shields, on the 25th ult., our veteran Comp. Edward Dean Davis, P.Z., P.P.G.H., and P.G.D.C., who is now in his 78th year, acted as Installing Principal with all his "wonted fire" and ability, to the intense pleasure and gratification of the companions present.

Bro. A. L. Emanuel, F.R.G.S., was, on the 1st inst., elected a member of the Portsmouth Town Council, unseating Bro. T. Good, who had occupied that position for nine years. During the day of the election Bro. Emanuel was driven through the ward in which he sought election by Bro. Moon, the Conservative candidate for Andover, in a miniature coach and four ponies. Bros. Beale, Dean, and D. Whitehall were likewise successful candidates.

Baron Huddleston, in charging the grand jury at the late Bristol assize, referred at length to the growing decrease of crime in the country, and, remarking that the calendar, which embraced the city of Bristol and the county of Somerset, contained only 12 prisoners, said the area included had a population of about 500,000, and the number of prisoners to be tried, therefore, averaged but one in 10,000 of the population. He attributed this state of things to the active measures taken for inculcating temperance habits amongst the people.

The following banquets have taken place at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Thursday, November 8th: Friday, 2nd—Linnean Club, Odd Volumes, Royal Kensington Lodge, Blondel Preceptory, Chapter of Fidelity. Saturday, 3rd—St. James's Soirée. Monday, 5th—Asaph Lodge, Lodge of Unions, Urban Chapter, Lodge of Joppa. Tuesday, 6th—Royal York Lodge, Albion Lodge. Wednesday, 7th—Grand Chapter Club, British Lodge. Thursday, 8th—Builders' Benevolent Association, Lodge of Regularity, Pilgrim Lodge, Creaton Lodge, and Polish National Lodge.

On Tuesday, the 30th ult., Bro. John Elvin, S.D. La Tolerance and Preceptor to the same lodge of Instruction, was married at St. George's Hanover-square, to Miss Gertrude Williams, daughter of Bro. Tom Williams, P.M., formerly a resident of High Wycombe, but now of Stockwell. The bride was accompanied by five bridesmaids, and was given away by her father. The solemnity and beauty of the marriage ceremony was rendered most impressive by a full choral service. The ceremony finished, the wedding party proceeded to the residence of bride's uncle (Bro. Edward Humphrey, P.M. of La Tolerance and St. Asaph Lodges), in Mortimer-st., where a most elegant breakfast had been laid, and to which 35 sat down. At four o'clock the bride and bridegroom took their departure for the Isle of Wight, amidst a shower of rice and slippers, carrying with them the hearty and sincere good wishes for future health, happiness, and prosperity from all their friends. Several of the guests had travelled a long distance to be present at the wedding, notably Mrs. Rothery of Wakefield, Mr. Bushnell of Cheltenham, Mrs. Batchelor, near High Wycombe, Bro. and Mrs. Lisenden of Manchester, and others.

The Collectorship of Customs at Kirkcaldy has this week been abolished, and Mr. Holmes, the collector, has been appointed principal officer of Customs at Guernsey, whither he will shortly proceed. During his somewhat short stay in Kirkcaldy, Mr. Holmes has done his utmost for the edification and enjoyment of the people. He delivered a racy lecture on "Public Speaking," the proceeds going in aid of the Sabbath School of the Parish Church, and more recently he took a leading part in getting up a dramatic performance in aid of the organ fund of the Parish Church. Recently he also delivered a lecture at Leven in aid of the Episcopal Parsonage fund, and afterwards gave a reading in aid of the same object. He lectured in Aberdeen, and was engaged to give another lecture in that city. Mr. Holmes has been a contributor to our own and other journals. We observe this week in the *Ardrassan and Saltcoats Herald* a long notice of his career, the article being signed "A Literary Lounger."—*Fife Free Press*.—We may add that the subject of the above notice is Bro. Emra Holmes, late of Fowey.

Another Cure of Bad Throat, Cough, &c. (*this week*), by DR. LOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS.—From Mr. Heron, 29, High-street, Belfast: "I am subject to inflammation of the throat, and suffer greatly in cold weather from a cough. DR. LOCOCK'S WAFERS relieved the cough, allayed the inflammation, and gave me ease at once." Asthma, Consumption, Bronchitis, Colds, Coughs, Shortness of Breath, Phlegm, Pains in the Chest, and Rheumatism are instantly relieved and rapidly cured by the Wafers, which taste pleasantly. Sold at 1s. 13d., 2s. 9d., 4s. 6d., and 11s. per box by all Druggists. —[ADVT.]

Bro. John Havers, P.G.D., we are pleased to learn has returned from his visit to the United States.

The Southwark Mark Lodge, No. 22, will meet at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, next Tuesday evening, for the installation of Bro. J. B. Sorrell.

An entertainment is to be given at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood Green, this evening (Friday), including a display of fireworks by Bro. James Payne.

Bro. John Derby Allcroft will preside at the 29th annual meeting and autumn election of the Royal Hospital for Incurables on the 13th inst., when 25 candidates will be elected.

Comp. A. Middlemass will be installed as the First Principal of the Caveac Chapter, No. 176, on Saturday, the 26th inst., at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, City. Comp. A. W. Thorpe will also be installed Second Principal, and Comp. Robert Palmer Tebb as Third.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of West Yorkshire was held on Wednesday at Dewsbury, the three Provincial Grand Principals being Comps. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Robt. I. Critchley, and Harrop. A report will appear next week.

A grand Masonic ball in connection with the province of West Yorkshire will be held at Leeds on the second Friday in January. Among the patrons are H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, and Sir Henry Edwards, Bart.

The author of "The Bitter Cry of Outcast London" writes to the *Daily News*, in reply to Bro. G. R. Sims's statement that many pages in his pamphlet on "Outcast London" have been compiled from Bro. Sims's paper on "How the Poor Live," that a comparison will show that of some 72 district cases in the pamphlet only eight are from Bro. Sims, who is more than once referred to.

The first Masonic ball in connection with the Windrush Lodge, No. 1703, will be held in the Corn Exchange, Witney, on Tuesday, the 27th inst., under the distinguished patronage and sanction of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., &c.; the R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey; W. Bro. Reginald Bird, M.A.; and Bro. W. Atkins, W.M. 1703, P.P.G.S. of W.

The writer who contributes to the "Gentleman's Magazine" under the nom de plume of "Sylvanus Urban" makes the suggestion that the Griffin should be replaced by a statue of Samuel Johnson. "Next year," he says, "will be the centenary of the death of Samuel Johnson. The propriety of commemorating the occasion by some form of ceremonial has already begun to be discussed. Johnson is a promising subject for a sculptor, and I cannot but think that the genius of a Woolner could be put to no better purpose than enriching London with a statue worthy of the name."

At the last communication of Merchants' Lodge, R.W. Bro. Bonnington was present, at the request of M. W. J. Edward Simmons, to receive a distinguished Mason from India, R. W. H. J. Rustomjee. R.W. Bro. Bonnington received the visitor in the urbane and finished manner for which he is noted. Afterwards they both witnessed the conferring of the Second Degree, Bro. R. P. Gibson, of Howard Lodge, No. 35, rendering the Middle Chamber work. We understand that R.W. Bro. Rustomjee proposes to remain some time in our city, and we can assure him of the warmest welcome to the hearts and firesides of the craft here and elsewhere.—*New York Dispatch*.

The form of the town of Wittenburg has been but little altered, and many of the houses are still standing as they stood when the burly form of Luther passed down under their shadow from his quiet rooms to the town church, or again onward past the market-place to the Castle Church. From the castle two main streets run the length of the town, being divided in the centre by the Rathaus in the market-place, and the town church; and these two streets with a few narrow lanes form the whole of the town. At the beginning of the principal street at the west end on the right hand side, built on to the two great round towers of the castle, is the famous Castle Church; a little further up is the old University building, now alive with troops busy with their drill; and at the extreme east end of the town is the monastery once the home of Luther.—From "Cassel's Family Magazine" for November.

The recent examination of a tumulus situated in the old churchyard of Taplow, near Maidenhead, memorable as the burial place of Sarah Milton, mother of the illustrious poet John Milton, has resulted in the discovery of a remarkable series of Anglo-Saxon objects. The articles found include an elegant jewelled and enamelled gold buckle, gold fibulae, silver armlets and wrist ornaments, a bronze shield, breastplate, and helmet, iron sword, spear, bronze bucket, two drinking horns with ornamented metal mountings, two glass vessels remarkably characteristic of the Early Anglo-Saxon glass manufacture, and other interesting items. Portions of inhumated human remains were found with the articles at a depth of about 8ft. below the natural level of the floor of the barrow, which must have been the grave of a person of considerable distinction, and who was evidently buried in his full dress, with all his ornaments, arms, and accoutrements; and above was raised a lofty mound to proclaim the celebrity of his deeds. For the rich variety of the many valuable articles discovered, this "find" is perhaps without precedent. The examination of the barrow has been conducted with the permission of the Rector of Taplow (Rev. C. Whately), by Bro. James Rutland, of Maidenhead; Bro. Major Cooper King, of Sandhurst; Mr. Walter Money, F.S.A., of Newbury; and Dr. Stevens, of Reading, who have taken great interest in the proceedings.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Counsel for the Delicate.—Those to whom the changeable temperature is a protracted period of trial should seek the earliest opportunity of removing all obstacles to good health. This cooling Ointment, perseveringly rubbed upon the skin, is the most reliable remedy for overcoming all diseases of the throat and chest. Quinsey, relaxed tonsils, sore throat, swollen glands, ordinary catarrh, and bronchitis, usually prevailing at this season, may be arrested as soon as discovered, and every symptom banished by Holloway's simple and effective treatment. This Ointment and Pills are highly commended for the facility with which they successfully contend with Influenza; they allay in an incredibly short time the distressing fever and teasing cough.—[ADVT.]

The bulletin issued on Thursday morning says that Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough is still making satisfactory progress.

Comp. Chas. Veal, S.E. Stanmore Chapter, 1549, P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, was installed M.E.Z. of the Ezra Chapter, No. 1489, by Comp. Wm. Stephens, P.Z., G.A.P., P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, on Friday, the 2nd inst., at Dalston.

The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, held its installation meeting on Thursday at Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill. Bros. Sir Charles Dilke and J. F. B. Firth, the members for the borough of Chelsea, together with a very large number of Grand Officers, accepted invitations to be present. A report will appear in our next.

A court of the Gold and Silver Wyrce Drawers Company was held on Tuesday last at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, the W.M., Bro. George Kenning, presided. Bro. Edmund Frank Brewster Fuller took the obligation as an assistant of the company; and the W.M., Wardens and Auditors were appointed for the ensuing year.

"The London *Freemason*"—says the *Masonic Token*, of Portland, U.S.A.—"is the leading Masonic newspaper of the world." We are much too modest to assume that position ourselves; but our friend the *Token* having made the statement, we have no desire to "deny the soft impeachment." We wish our spirited contemporary every success, and shall be glad to see it attain the position of second on the list. The first we mean to keep ourselves.

*Truth* says: "A foolish story has been circulated that a marriage is contemplated between the Princess Louise of Wales and the Duke of Portland. It is, of course, a pure fiction; and, considering that the young Princess is not yet sixteen, and that she will not be formally introduced into society for another eighteen months, it would have been more in accordance with good taste to have postponed all such wild speculations for some time to come.

Bro. H. A. Collington, accountant to the District Board of Works at Greenwich, had his house broken into a few days since and articles stolen therefrom, including six Masonic jewels of the value of £50. Three prisoners are in custody and they are believed to be the men who have committed a number of burglaries in the neighbourhood of Brockley, Forest-hill, and Lewisham, and evidence will be adduced connecting them with the attempted murder of a constable at the last named place, the officer having interrupted them while in the act of committing a burglary.

The British correspondent of the *Sanitary Engineer*, New York, writes: "Scotchmen are a cool-headed and a matter-of-fact race. Professor Gardner read his address as President of one of the sections from manuscript notes, which he had evidently not had time to modify. It was, however, very amusing to watch him every now and then, in the course of its delivery, pause, take a pencil from his pocket, and then dot an *i*, cross a *t*, or erase a word. The audience stood these eccentricities of genius with marked good temper, and toward the expiration of the hour taken to deliver the address, speaker and listeners became an amused and happy family."

Bro. Holness, who has for the last eight years held the position of Treasurer of the Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471, having resigned that position, the brethren at the last meeting unanimously resolved to present him with a suitable testimonial, as a mark of esteem for his faithful services during that time. The annual dinner takes place on the 13th inst., at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., and advantage will be taken of the occasion to present Bro. Holness with the testimonial. We have not been advised as to the shape the latter will take.

In a recent number of the *Protestant Churchman*, edited by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Tudor Rogers, F.R.S.L., of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, published in London and Manchester, the following admirable remarks were made with respect to the results which would follow a closer relationship between the church and the Craft: "Freemasonry has been quite overlooked as a power for good in the various factors in the world's spiritual problem, and yet if we could only enlist the sympathies of this vast organization what a marvellous result would accrue. To do this would not in any way do violence to the principles of Masonry, but would rather be a strict following out of its present precepts, now unfortunately oftentimes but theoretically existent. We believe that the abstention of the clergy as a body from joining the ranks of Masons has much to do with this. It is generally thought that a participation of its services is incompatible with the office of a clergyman, but such is not at all true. We personally enjoy the work of a lodge as much as any service held in a church, and it has always the effect, as far as we are concerned, of elevating the heart and mind to deeper and broader views of morality and truth, and a realisation of the nearness of God to the humble believer. It is in the call from labour to refreshment that the danger exists, and here we think the influence of clergymen should be especially felt. They must remember that Freemasons are, if they follow out the principles of their Order, gentlemen, and consequently most anxious not to offend any. When we first united with the brethren in their enjoyable reunions we verily met with matters (such as the words of songs, etc.) with which we could not agree. Directly, however, such cases occurred we took the first opportunity of quietly leaving the room. For a long time, however, nothing has ever been sung or said in our hearing that could offend the most fastidious, nay, the character of the entertainment throughout has been of such a nature as to be a veritable intellectual treat, worthy of having the presence of all clergy who do not hold the absurd doctrine that whatever is pleasant and mirthful is necessarily sinful. Our remarks refer more particularly to the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge."

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS, For the Week ending Saturday, November 17, 1883.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12. Lodge 5, St. George's & Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall. 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st. 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall. 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st. 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot., H. Holborn. 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. 1366, Highgate, Gate House Hot., Highgate. 1571, Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey. 1057, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st. 1070, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall. 1789, Ubique, S. Air-st., Regent-st. 1799, Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath. 1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow. Chap. 720, Pannure, Horns Tav., Kennington. 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. K.T. Precept. 140, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10. Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7. St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8. Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8. United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich. Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30. West Smithfield, Farringdon Hot., Farringdon-st., at 8. Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6. Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds., Putney, 8 till 10. St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd. John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8. Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30. Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15 Finsbury Pavement, 7.30. Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7. St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8. Hyde Park, Fountains Abbey Hot., 111, Praed-st., Paddington, at 8. Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8. Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13. Lodge 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall. 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot. 90, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st. 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall. 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st. 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st. 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st. 235, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond. 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford. 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot. 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. 1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall. 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich. 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall. 1614, Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly. 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W. 1668, Samson, 68, Regent-st., W. 1760, Clarendon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st. 1909, Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall. Chap. 255, Iris, Greyhound Hot., Richmond. Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7. South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, 7.30. Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's-gate, at 8. Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues. Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8. St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8. Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30. Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8. Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8. Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30. Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8. Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30. Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7. Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd. Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8. Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head Tav., Essex-rd., N., at 8. Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8. Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8. Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8. West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7. Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30. Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8. Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8. New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8. Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7. Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8. Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton. Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8. Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30. Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8. Duke of Albany, Park Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8. Metropolitan Chap, Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14. General Committee Benevolent Institution, at 4. Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall. 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich. 87, Vitruvian, South London M.H., Lambeth. 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford. 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., E. 1228, Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone. 1306, St. John, City of London Tav., St. Mary Axe. 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars. 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham. 1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Oakley-st., Chelsea. 1718, Centurion, S. Air-st., Regent-st. 1986, Honor Oak, Moore Park Hot., Honor Oak. Chap. 1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall. 1305, St. Marylebone, Langham Hot., Portland-pl., W. Mark "Old Kent," Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st. 284, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham. Rose Croix Chap. 67, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W. LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8. Prince Leopold, Grand Avenue M.H., 85 Gracechurch-st., 8. 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, S. 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, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel Road, at 8. Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8. Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8. Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8. Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8. Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30. Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C. Merchant Navy, Silver T., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30 (alt.) Creation, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8. Pannure, Balham Hot. Balham, 7. Wanderers, Adam and Eve T., Palmer-st., Westminster, 7.30. Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8. Camden Chapter, Boston Hot., Holloway, at 8.30 p.m. Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15. Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall. 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav. 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot., Holborn. 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall. 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford. 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall. 222, St. Andrew's, Holborn Viaduct Hot. 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood. 813, New Concord, Guildhall, Tav., Gresham-st. 1139, South Norwood, Public Ha., South Norwood. 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall. 1321, Emblematic, Horns Tav., Kennington. 1360, Royal Arthur, Lecture Ha., Wimbledon. 1365, Clapton, White Hart, Clapton. 1475, Peckham, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd. 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st. 1623, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall. 1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. 1872, St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton. 1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich. 1963, Duke of Albany, M.H., Shaftesbury Park, S.W. Chap. 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tav., Kennington. 834, Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hot., Hammersmith. 1216, Macdonald, Headquarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-rd., Camberwell. Rose Croix Chap. 79, Orpheus, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10. Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich. Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30. Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8. The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30. Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd. Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8. Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8. High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8. Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8. Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate, S.W., at 8. Great Northern, Berwick, Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st. Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8. Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30. Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-crt., Ludgate-hill, 6.30. City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30. Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30. Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8. Covent Garden, The Cranbourne, 1, Upper St. Martin's-lane, W.C., 8. Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30. Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7. Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8. Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton. Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.) St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8. Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8. Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8. Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7. North London Chap., Canonbury Tav., at 8. Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-valle, 7.30.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16. Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st. 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall. 975, Rose of Denmark, Greyhound Hot., Richmond. (Installation.) 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall. 1704, Anchor, Cannon-st. Hot. 1962, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. Chap. 92, Moria, the Criterion, Piccadilly. 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-sq. K.T. Precept. 45, Temple Crossing, Ship Hot., Greenwich. Kemeys' Tynte, 33, Golden-sq., W. LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6. Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8. All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30. Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8. Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.) 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, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30. St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8. Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8. Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8. St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30. Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30. Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N. Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8. Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8. Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's T., George-st., Baker-st., W. Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8. St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8. Ubique, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30. Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich. Old Kent Mark, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7. St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17. Lodge 715, Pannure, Cannon-st. Hot. 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd. 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney. 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. 1767, Kensington, Kensington Hot., Queens-gate, S.W. Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow. 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8. Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8. Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7. King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, 7. Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30. Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE, For the Week ending Saturday, November 17, 1883.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12. Lodge 89, Unanimity, Astley Arms, Dukinfield. 104, St. John's, Ashton Hot., Stockport. 292, Sincerity, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool. 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Ro., Preston. 613, Unity, M.H., Southport. 721, Independence, M.R., Chester. 703, Clifton, Royal Hot., Blackpool. 941, De Tabley, Royal George, Knutsford. 1021, Hartington, M.H., Barrow. 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool. 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hotel, Moss-side, Manchester. 1588, Prince Leopold, M.R., Stretford. Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington. Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13. Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool. 322, Peace, Warren Bulkeley Arms, Stockport. 897, Loyalty, Flecco Inn, St. Helen's. 979, Four Cardinal Virtues, Royal Hot., Crewe. 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston. 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Wigan. 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde. 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool. 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, near Liverpool. Chap. 537, Zion, M.H., Birkenhead. 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport. Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14. Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot. 281, Fortitude, Athenzum, Lancaster. 323, Concord, Florist Hot., Stockport. 430, Fidelity, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield. 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield. 533, Eaton, M.H., Congleton. 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk. 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool. 1140, Ashton, Victoria Hot., Withington. 1356, Toxteth, M.R., North Hill-street, Liverpool. 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness. 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool. 1715, Arthur John Brogden, M.H., Grange-over-Sands. Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan. Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15. Lodge 203, Antient Union, M.H., Liverpool. 343, Concord, Bull Hot., Preston. 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester. 605, Combermere, Queen's Hot., Liscard. 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods. 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby. 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool. 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate. Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool. Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool. St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool. Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16. Lodge 1357, Cope, Brooklands Hot., Sale. Mark 105, Egerton, Rock Hot., Rock Ferry. K.T. Precept. Jacques de Molay, M.H., Liverpool.

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