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THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge took place on Wednesday last, as will be seen by our report elsewhere, under the distinguished presidency of the PRO GRAND MASTER. Not for many years has so large a muster of the brethren assembled to transact the ordinary business of Grand Lodge. The Great Hall of Freemasons' Tavern was completely packed, as was also the gallery, and a subsidiary meeting was held in the Zetland Room, and even elsewhere. The revision of the Book of Constitutions was completed. The alteration in the Status of Past Masters was non-confirmed by an overwhelming majority, despite several able speeches; and the Blue collars are still to be worn *over* the Provincial collars. The new law of dues for joining members by lodges not making enquiries was retained by a small majority (a great mistake, by the way), as the alteration will prove to be unworkable; and, amid loud cheers, the revision of the Book of Constitutions was formally accepted and confirmed and passed. Our new Book of Constitutions will soon now, therefore, be printed. H.R.H. the Prince of WALES was renominated as Grand Master, and Bros. J. DERBY ALLCROFT and HORACE BROOKS MARSHALL as Grand Treasurer. The report of the Building Committee then came up, and Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON moved a general approval of the report. Whereon an amendment was moved by Bro. WEBSTER, P.M. A short discussion ensued, in which Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON, Bro. JOHN HAINES, Bro. WEBSTER, and a brother from East Lancashire took part, when the amendment was carried nearly unanimously. The result is, that the building scheme is given up, and the Hall will be rebuilt from the insurance money, the old Building Committee being reappointed, with three provincial brethren added. Thus ended this important Quarterly Communication of December, 1883, notable for many reasons, and remarkable for many striking results.

WE cannot affect not to rejoice at the decision of Grand Lodge. We never have ourselves approved of the suggestions of the report, and not one voice in Grand Lodge was held up in its favour. Bro. Sir J. MONCKTON did the best he could for a hopeless cause, but the result was evident from the first. Had the humble advice of the *Freemason* been taken, tendered in all friendliness, our Executive would have been saved from this very decided refusal of Grand Lodge to endorse their proposals and sanction their plans. A grave blunder has been committed, and while we rejoice in the result as creditable to the good sense and business habits of Grand Lodge, we most cordially echo in our humble measure the words of our distinguished Pro Grand Master, Lord CARNARVON, when we say that we rejoiced to see the "sea of blue collars" filling the hall, and most gladly welcomed our provincial brethren to take an active share in the deliberations.

WE were very glad to find that what might have proved a very serious difficulty, and a cause of great irritation and disturbance, at the meeting of Grand Lodge on Wednesday night, was met with good tact and promptitude by our PRO GRAND MASTER. Many of our brethren who were fortunate enough to obtain admission into the Grand Banqueting Room were probably not aware that the vestibule leading to the Great Hall and the corridors were literally crammed by brethren who could not gain admission, many of whom had travelled long distances to take part in the business of Grand Lodge. Under these circumstances, Lord CARNARVON promptly decided that every one must be allowed to vote, even although they could not take part in the debate. Bro. HAINES was deputed by his lordship to address the various assemblages, and to inform them that if they would adjourn to the ZETLAND, DALHOUSIE, and other rooms, a Grand Officer should be sent to preside, Scrutineers would be appointed in each room, and each resolution put before Grand Lodge would be sent to the several rooms, then carefully read over, a vote taken upon each, and the result forthwith communicated to Grand Lodge. This, Bro. HAINES explained, was the most that could be done under the very unusual circumstances in which they were placed. The brethren received this with satisfaction, and the greatest good humour, compatible with a great disappointment, was manifested on all sides. The votes of the brethren outside were duly taken; but the members in waiting gradually diminished as the time wore on, and when the interest in the proceedings began to flag, many brethren left the Hall, and all the remaining outsiders were enabled to obtain admission into it. Thus ended satisfactorily what might have been almost a riot, and would have been with almost any but brother Masons.

IT is sometimes amusing to note with what pertinacious anxiety, and even unscrupulous energy, as in all earthly honours and good things so in Masonic matters, the distinctions of the Craft and the decorations of the Order are assiduously sought after and eagerly claimed. We should at times be almost inclined to think that a comfortable salary was attached to this honorary office or that amongst us, from the keen competition and amusing egoism with which Masonic honours, for instance, are sought after, with which the claims of others are discounted, and our own little merits are puffed and published. To the true philosopher, to the serene sage, there is something abnormal and petty in this state of affairs, as far as Freemasonry is concerned, whether Masonic or non-Masonic. After all, the mere accumulation of honours and decorations count for very little, unless accompanied and dominated by a sense of honest work for the Craft, and the justifiable satisfaction of having obtained the approval and confidence of our brethren. All other promotion, all other rank, however elevated or however acquired, when "weighed in the balances" is found "wanting." The laudations of the many, the applause of the ignorant, are utterly valueless as compared with that honest approbation of good Masons and true, which, after all, mostly accompanies true merit here, and which, neither fearing displeasure nor courting approval, is alike free, manly, and independent. That is the truest outcome of legitimate public opinion, which entirely ignoring external circumstances, passing conditions, or present influences, encourages the living, cheers the fading hours of our Masonic life with the pleasing memory and realization of fairly gained honour, of lawfully won prestige. No English Freemason can properly affect to despise the honours of the Craft, and they are a justifiable and reasonable object of honest and resolute ambition. And yet the true Masonic "Didaskalos" of to-day, if he speaks deliberately words of Masonic truth and Masonic wisdom, must often perforce smile at the heated struggles of his contemporaries for the "much-coveted purple," must often marvel that rightly educated Masons set so much store apparently by ephemeral honours and sublunary distinctions. There is one good great level of Masonic merit, work done in loyalty and charity, and beyond that no one in truth need anxiously long, or concernedly seek. The longer we live experience will teach us that most things "perish with the using" here, and often the very honours we excitedly covet or inordinately strive for disappoint us by their very possession, when we find above all that, as always happens "things are not what they seem," and that one of the most wonderful facts connected with our human probation is the unsatisfactoriness and shallowness of all which we count the highest or which we regard the most. The true Masonic Philosophy enforces therefore the "golden mean" on us all alike, and bids us to be neither too anxiously urgent, nor too ostentatiously elate, nor too manifestly disappointed, but to accept promotion when it comes to us with befitting gratitude and pleasure, and to go without it, if need be, with Masonic patience and Masonic resignation.

THERE are now two candidates nominated for the Grand Treasurership, and we hear that the contest will be severe.

LET us all rejoice to note a very sensible warning against party interests and sectional movements in our English Freemasonry in a recent circular. The unity and peace of Freemasonry are too serious and sacred things to be affected and tampered with by partizans and wire-pullers, let us hope and trust. Any tendency to create a sort of unseen directory will, we feel sure, be promptly checked and successfully opposed.

WE regret to notice that by the *Times'* telegraphic despatch from New York on Monday the Masonic Temple in that city has been burned down, at a loss of many thousand dollars to our worthy Craft there. We heartily sympathize with them in their serious loss.

WE call attention to a paragraph from the *Times* elsewhere relative to a Masonic Cremation in Dorsetshire. We shall be glad to hear some explanation of so peculiar a proceeding. The reporter tells us that the "Ritual" used was "very ancient," and "has not been employed in England for the past century." We do not quite understand what these words are intended to convey. The funeral ritual, as we have it, is purely Prestonian, and was intended for *inhumation*, not *cremation*. As at present advised, we do not see, that without a special dispensation any such ceremonial could take place. It is clearly not a Masonic funeral. Is it to be understood that any Prov. Grand Master can have a special service of his own? Such would be a curious commentary on the somewhat hasty change in our Book of Constitutions. We shall recur to the subject next week.

IT will be seen from the report we publish elsewhere in our columns that the Hughan Testimonial is now fairly launched. The influential brethren, whose names have already appeared in the *Freemason*, have been formally constituted as a Committee for giving effect to the proposal made in the first instance by Bro. T. B. WYTHEHEAD, that a suitable testimonial should

be presented to Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D., in recognition of his literary and other services to the Craft. The EARL OF ZETLAND, Prov. G.M. N. and E. Yorks, has been chosen its President; Bro. J. D. ALLCROFT, Grand Treasurer, its Vice-President; Bro. GEORGE KENNING, as Treasurer; and Bros. T. B. WHYTEHEAD and W. LAKE as joint Honorary Secretaries. It now remains for the Craft generally to respond with that generosity which invariably characterises them whenever the question of recognising sterling merit is brought under their notice. Nor have we any doubt whatever as to the nature of the response that will be made. This is neither the first nor, we trust, will it be the last occasion in which services of more than ordinary value have been acknowledged, but we venture to say that in no previous instance has the proposed recipient of such unusual honour proved himself by a long course of severe but satisfactory labour so entirely worthy of the reward to be bestowed upon him. Bro. HUGHAN'S work has been principally, though not solely, of a literary character. He has laboured hard and we are glad to say with more than ordinary degree of success to elucidate points of grave difficulty in Masonic history. He has not been impelled to this through any desire or expectation of reward. His work has been purely a work of love, and it is but fitting that his brother Craftsmen on whom he has conferred such signal benefits should make for themselves an opportunity of recognizing his services. We now leave the matter in the hands of the Committee, who we are convinced will do their duty thoroughly and we trust it will not be long hence ere it will be in our power to congratulate them and Bro. HUGHAN on the result of their labours.

### UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of England was held on Wednesday evening, at the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern. The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., presided, and the other Grand and Past Grand Officers who were present were

Bros. Lord Limerick, as D.G.M.; Rev. H. S. Morse, G. Chap.; Rev. W. Oswell Thompson, G. Chap.; John Derby Allcroft, G. Treas.; Æneus J. McIntyre, Q.C., G. Reg.; Sir John B. Monckton, F.S.A., Pres. Board Gen. Purposes; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; E. E. Wendt, D.C.L., G. Sec. German Correspondence; T. W. Tew, G.S.D.; Ralph Gooding, G.S.D.; Frank Green, G.J.D.; T. H. Devonshire, G.J.D.; Horace Jones, G. Supt. of Works; Sir Albert A. Woods (*Garter*), G. Dir. of Cers.; T. Dolling Bolton, Dep. G.D. of C.; Raymond Henry Thrupp, G.A.D. of C.; Lieut.-Col. James Peters, G.S.B.; Lieut.-Col. Alex. C. F. Gough, LL.B., G. Std. Br.; Edgar Bowyer, Grand Sid. Br.; H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Secretary; L. F. Littell, Grand Purst.; W. Stephens, Asst. Grand Purst.; Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler; W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M. E. Lanc.; General J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey; Sir W. W. Burrell, P.G.M. Sussex; Hon. Justice Prinsep, D.G.M. Bengal; C. E. Egan, D.G.M. Eastern Province South Africa; Autey Saunders, D.G.M. Madras; Lord Henry Thynne, P.G.W.; Victor A. Williamson, P.G.W.; John Havers, P.G.W.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G.C.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Rev. E. Moore, P.G.C.; Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., P.G.C.; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, P.G.C.; Rev. T. Robinson, P.G.C.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Rev. T. Cochrane, P.G.C.; Rev. G. Townsend, Hon. G. Chap. of Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; H. Mawdsley, P.G.D.; John A. Rucker, P.G.D.; R. C. Else, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; James Glaisher, F.R.S., P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; C. A. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; W. A. F. Powell, P.G.D.; J. M. Clabon, P.G.D.; John H. Scott, P.G.D.; R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. Somerville H. Burney, P.G.D.; John Sampson Peirce, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; H. C. Tombs, P.G.D.; E. J. Barron, P.G.D.; R. W. Wheeler, P.G.D.; W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.D.; F. A. Phibick, P.G.D.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; H. C. Levanter, P.G.D.; J. E. Saunders, P.G.D.; R. H. Giraud, P.G.D.; F. P. Nurrell, P.G.D.; John Gibson, P.G. Supt. of Works; George Burt, P.G.A.D.C.; John Whichcord, P.G.A.D.C.; R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.G.A.D.C.; J. Lewis-Thomas, P.G.A.D.C.; Magnus Ohren, P.G.A.D.C.; Capt. A. B. Cook, P.G.A.D.C.; Charles Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; George Lambert, P.G.S.B.; John Messent, P.G.S.B.; W. F. Nettleship, P.G.S.B.; C. E. Willing, P.G. Org.; E. P. Albert, P.G. Purst.; James Brett, P.G. Purst.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G. Purst.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G. Purst.; and W. R. Woods, P.G. Purst.

There was an enormous gathering of brethren both from London and the provinces, and long before six o'clock they had been pouring in, although the hour for the opening of Grand Lodge was as usual seven o'clock. The cause of the large gathering was the interest taken in the Revised Book of Constitutions and the re-instatement of the old hall which was destroyed by fire in May. It was calculated that some 1200 brethren were present, and as the hall cannot contain more than about 800, even closely packed, in addition to a large number in the gallery, there were about 300 brethren outside the hall. It was with the greatest difficulty that an entrance could be obtained to the hall after six o'clock, and long before seven the hall was crowded with brethren standing. When the Pro Grand Master and the procession of Grand Officers entered at seven o'clock there was great difficulty in forming a narrow open line through which they could pass, and had it not been for the proverbial good order of all Masonic bodies the Grand Stewards would not have been able to clear a way for the procession. The brethren, however, all did their best to make the necessary space, and the procession reached the dais with but little inconvenience. The Earl of Carnarvon, as usual, met with a most cordial reception.

Grand Lodge having been opened with the customary formalities,

The Earl of CARNARVON said: Brethren, there is this evening an unusually large assemblage that has met for the purpose of discussion of our business, and I rejoice to see that brethren from all parts of the kingdom have come up to London in order to take part in those matters in which they are equally and legitimately interested. I welcome this great assemblage because I am well aware that many of the questions which will be discussed this evening are of great importance to the Craft; but I find myself, or, rather, Grand Lodge finds itself in an exceptional difficulty. The crowd of Masons is so great that there is absolutely no room, I am told, to accommodate them within the walls of this room. Exceptional circumstances need exceptional treatment, and feeling, as I do, that any brother who has come here on the duty of the Craft to record his vote, must not, under any circumstances, be sent away without the power of fulfilling his duty to the Craft, and discharging his own conscience. I have endeavoured to make on the spur of the moment such arrangements as will most effectually meet the case, though they may not be in themselves wholly perfect. Brethren, all those who are able to come within the four walls of this room will take part in the business in the ordinary fashion. Those whom we cannot accommodate here will be accommodated in the Zetland Room, and, if necessary, in two or more rooms besides the Zetland Room. I shall appoint brethren to go from this Grand

Lodge to preside over them, and to read the resolutions which in the course of business it will be my duty first to put to those in this room, and which the brethren in the chairs in the other rooms will then be required to put to those there collected. I cannot, of course, as every brother will see, give promises that those resolutions shall be discussed and debated elsewhere; but every brother in those rooms will have freest and fullest power of voting, and he will not be passed over without the power of recording his vote. I shall request to be informed of the number of brethren who will fill the different rooms, and I shall then appoint chairmen to preside over those rooms. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

GRAND SECRETARY then read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of 5th September last, which were put and confirmed.

The minutes of the two Special Grand Lodges of 29th June and 8th August were afterwards, on the motion of the Earl of LIMERICK, duly seconded, taken as read.

The balloting papers for the election of Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence were then distributed, and the Scrutineers of votes were appointed and entrusted. The candidates for the office were Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, Henry Garrod, and J. H. Matthews.

The Earl of CARNARVON then informed the brethren that it was now competent for any brother, as the minutes of the two Special Grand Lodges had been agreed to be taken as read, to move the non-confirmation of the minutes, as a whole or any part of them.

Bro. LE FEUVRE, Prov. G. Sec. Hants and the Isle of Wight, moved the confirmation of the minutes.

Bro. H. C. TOMBS, Prov. G. Sec. Wilts, said that, with regard to Article 130, he proposed an amendment, moved the non-confirmation of Article 80, which did not agree with Rule No. 9, and he proposed in its stead the following words:

A Provincial or District Grand Lodge consists of the Provincial or District Grand Master, the Present and Past Provincial or District Grand Officers; the Provincial or District Grand Stewards for the year; the Master, Past Masters and Wardens of all Lodges in the Province or District; and Past Masters of any Lodge under the English Constitution, if Members of Grand Lodge. But no Brother can be a Member of a Provincial or District Grand Lodge unless he is a subscribing Member of a Lodge within such Province or District.

If the article stood in the terms in which it now appeared a brother from a Scotch, French, American or Irish Lodge, or from any lodge in the world would be able to attend a Provincial or District Grand Lodge.

Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON, President of the Board of General Purposes, said this amendment had been thoroughly considered, and as far as the Board of General Purposes was concerned the members agreed with Bro. Budden.

The Earl of CARNARVON having taken the vote said that subject to the vote in the other rooms he declared the article not confirmed.

Bro. BUDDEN, P.M. 622, then proposed his resolution as given above.

Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

Bro. JOHN E. LE FEUVRE, P.M. 130, next moved that in article 119 of the Revision of the Book of Constitutions the following words be added in brackets after the words "Regular Lodge," viz. "this qualification is only essential in the case of a petition for a new lodge in England."

Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

Bro. the Rev. C. W. ARNOLD, P.G.C., proposed the non-confirmation of article 186.

Bro. C. F. MATIER seconded the motion.

Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON said that he and the Board for whom he was the spokesman objected to the proposition in toto.

The article was now confirmed.

Bro. the Rev. C. W. ARNOLD, P.G.C., then moved that the following words,

"Every such Member, if an installed Master, may, by a vote of the Lodge, have a position assigned to him amongst the Past Masters of the Lodge, provided that he has not ceased subscribing to a Lodge for twelve months," be substituted for the words, "Every such joining Member, if a Past Master, shall have the rank of a Past Master of the Lodge, ranking next after the then Junior Past Master and the Worshipful Master of such Lodge, provided that he has not ceased subscribing to a Lodge for twelve months," and that the paragraph do now stand as so amended.

He said that it was well known there were two opinions about the question of a joining P.M. Many thought that a Master who had been installed in the chair should have a certain position assigned to him when he joined a lodge to recognise the fact of his having been installed. There were others who thought that it would not be advisable to do so. (Hear, hear.) He quite recognised that there were two opinions on the matter. Especially in towns and in London brethren who had passed through the chair did not want those who had passed the chair in another lodge and who joined their lodge to rank among the P.Ms. of their lodge. (Hear, hear.) He could well see that they did not require it. When this matter was first proposed he was an advocate for the original resolution which had been put before them that day standing, and he had now proposed the non-confirmation of the minutes because he thought that many brethren in the provinces felt that as the rule stood they would be inflicting a grievance upon other brethren, and that this would not conduce to the harmony and love in which Freemasons ought to live together. (Hear, hear.) He had brought forward his motion to effect, if possible, a compromise, because it could hurt nobody, and it would give those who wished to honour distinguished brethren an opportunity of doing so. Though he could not go into politics he might say it was really a question of local option. When a lodge was first instituted a Past Master of some lodge was asked to act as P.M., but such a brother was not a P.M. of the lodge. In many towns and provincial districts there were two lodges both of them weak from various causes, and they wished to amalgamate. How were they to range P.Ms. in those lodges? In some country lodges there were P.Ms. who were not good-working P.Ms. (Cries of "oh, oh," and "no, no.") He was speaking of what he knew by experience—"oh, oh," and hear, hear)—and if a brother went into those neighbourhoods who was a good-working Mason and wanted to join those lodges, the brethren would be glad to put them in such a position that they could take their place in the chair of those lodges. He was not referring to the position these brethren should take at the banquet table, but the position in lodge. He asked the brethren to accede to his resolution. Many of the brethren, viewing it as a new proposition, might object to it; but he asked them to accede to it for this reason—that he believed it would help many of our lodges and place them in a good position. It would assist the country lodges, and not hurt any lodge that did not wish to avail itself of it.

Bro. the Rev. H. A. PICKARD, P.G.C., seconded the motion, and hoped the brethren would understand that all that was asked for was liberty for

lodges in the country to do what they wished. (Hear, hear.) They did not wish to impose on any body as a right that a P.M. joining should, as a right, obtain the position of P.M. in a lodge. All they asked for was that the country lodges should, if they pleased, have the power to admit to the privileges of P.M. of their lodges such eminent brethren as they chose to admit to it.

Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON asked Grand Lodge at once to reject this proposition, and he did it for the reason that the rev. brother had just provided him with. He was afraid the rev. brother confounded liberty with licence; and he (Sir J. B. Monckton) was quite sure that no good, loyal, true brother would assent to the proposition that a private lodge should have the power to do what a Provincial Grand Lodge could not do. He believed it would degenerate into licence, and would not add any dignity to the illustrious brethren joining lodges.

Bro. TOMBS, Prov. G. Sec. Wilts, seconded Sir J. B. Monckton's proposition. He was sure Bro. Arnold's amendment would be placing very dangerous power in the hands of private lodges, and be giving them the invidious task of granting honours to certain P.Ms. as they thought fit. (Cries of "vote, vote.")

Bro. the Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, P.G.C., who rose amidst loud signs of impatience, said he entirely differed from the worthy brother who had just spoken that there would be any danger in permitting Masons to use their own discretion in giving honour to whom honour was due. He was one of those who felt that when once a man had held an honour by the suffrages of his brethren whether in the north, south, east, or west, when he moved from one place to another he ought to hold that honour fast, and it should be recognised wherever he went. It was so with the Grand Officers—with himself, and the other Grand Chaplains—once a Grand Chaplain, always a Grand Chaplain—once a Grand Treasurer, always a Grand Treasurer; they were Past Officers, and took past rank; and he did not see why the P.Ms. of England, whether in the country or London should not be so recognised; for himself he did not recognise any difference in Masonry between London and the country. Under such circumstances he did not think anything in the shape of exclusiveness should be recognised; but London should be able to receive the country, and the country London, with open arms of brotherly love. He hoped Bro. Arnold's very moderate and temperate amendment would be accepted as a link to bind both London and the country, and the Masons in all parts of England should be able to give tribute to whom tribute was due, and honour to whom honour. (Renewed cries of "vote, vote.")

A BROTHER said if Bro. Arnold's amendment was carried it might result in a thoroughly good man being rejected on ballot. He thought that if brethren of a lodge really wished to do honour to a joining P.M. they would be glad of the opportunity of electing him to the chair. Still he thought a brother should carry with him wherever he went the recognition that he was a P.M. If a W.M. was not present in a lodge and there was no one else but the joining P.M. to do the work, was the work to be stopped because this P.M. was not to be recognised? (Cries of "vote" and confusion.)

The Earl of CARNARVON said it was quite impossible that the very large amount of business which Grand Lodge had to get through could be properly and satisfactorily accomplished unless there was a great deal of forbearance on the part of that grand assembly; and he would make an appeal to the two parties who wished to speak not to speak unless they had some point that they especially desired to press and urge upon Grand Lodge, and he would further request them to speak as closely and as briefly as they could on the point, and secondly he would request the great body of Masons in the hall to hear them as quietly and patiently as they could, that they might without loss of time proceed to a division if a division was necessary. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

Bro. FRANK GREEN, Past Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, said he thought if this rule was passed it would lead to many proposed joining members being blackballed. Several joining members had worked their way up to the chair. Brethren loved their mother lodge and were jealous of every position in it, and he was sure if this resolution was carried it would defeat the object Bro. Arnold had in view.

A BROTHER made some other observations, but amidst the confusion and cries of "vote, vote," with which his rising was greeted, his remarks or the purport of them could not be gathered.

The Earl of CARNARVON said there was a time for speaking, and a time for voting, and he gathered from appearances that it was the feeling of Grand Lodge that the time for voting had arrived. He should therefore proceed to put the question.

The motion of the Rev. C. W. ARNOLD was then put, and it was lost by an overwhelming majority.

The Earl of CARNARVON said that subject to the votes in the other rooms he had to declare Bro. Arnold's amendment lost, and he wished to take this opportunity of informing Grand Lodge that the previous vote agreed to by Grand Lodge had been confirmed in the other rooms.

The amendment was received with loud cheers.

Bro. H. C. TOMBS, P.G.D., then moved the non-confirmation of Article 130 of the revision of Book of Constitutions. He said that with a view to the better wording of the amendment carried on the 8th August, he entered into negotiations with the Executive of Grand Lodge, and his proposition was agreed to.

Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON seconded the motion, and Article 130 was unanimously not confirmed.

Bro. H. C. TOMBS then moved, and Sir J. B. MONCKTON seconded, the following amendment:

To omit clause added by Special Grand Lodge in June, to follow the words "antient usage," and instead thereof, to insert the following: "If in any lodge it should become impossible to hold either or both of such meetings upon the day named in the Bye-laws for that purpose, the Grand Master, and in Provinces and Districts the Provincial and District Grand Master, may grant a dispensation for the holding of such meetings, or either of them, upon a day not more than seven days before or after that fixed by the Bye-laws, which day shall, for all purposes, be deemed the regular day of meeting," and that the paragraph do now stand as so amended.

The amendment was unanimously carried.

R.W. Bro. The Hon. Mr. JUSTICE PRINSEP, D.G.M. Bengal

Then moved that in Article 190, the following words be added after the word "Fees," viz.:—"in England, nor for less than three guineas, exclusive of Registration and Certificate fees, abroad.

The hon. and learned brother said he wished to state on behalf of the colonial brethren that there was no desire on their part to claim any undue exemption from any Masonic rule. As the District Grand Master of the largest district in British India, he addressed Grand Lodge on his own behalf and also on behalf of some of his brother District Grand Masters. He desired to avoid on behalf of Masonry outside the United Kingdom the increase of initiation fees. His object was to benefit Masonry. The brethren

would understand what that object was when he told them that in different parts of the world there were rival Constitutions in force, and under those Constitutions the fees were much lower than under the English Constitution. If Grand Lodge did not grant him the exception he asked, they would unduly favour Masonry under the other Constitutions. There were facilities under other Constitutions to which he would not refer; but he could tell the brethren, from long experience as a ruler of the Craft, that unless his amendment was granted there would be a practical expulsion from English Freemasonry outside the United Kingdom.

Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON seconded the amendment, which was put and carried.

Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON moved—

That in any case where an amendment to any rule provided for in the Revise of the Book of Constitutions shall have been carried at the special meetings of Grand Lodge in June and August last, but shall not be confirmed at a subsequent meeting of Grand Lodge, the law shall stand as proposed in the Revised Book of Constitutions, and without such amendment.

Sir J. B. Monckton said his resolution did not apply to any one of the Constitutions, but was meant to fill up a gap which existed, and was seen with reference to Bro. Arnold's motion. It would have the immediate effect on the question now at issue, and the status of P.Ms. would remain as it was of old. That being so, he felt that Grand Lodge thoroughly appreciated the meaning of the resolution.

Bro. JAMES LEWIS THOMAS, P.A.G.D.C., seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

Bro. EDWIN T. BUDDEN, P.M. 622, moved "That the regulations as to Masonic funerals contained in page 136 of the present edition Book of Constitutions (1873) stand part of the Revised Edition."

Bro. CHARLES BURTON seconded the motion.

Bro. Sir J. MONCKTON thought it undesirable the motion should be passed. Bro. Sheriff LANE thought the time had come when they should do away with Masonic funerals.

The motion was put, and lost.

Bro. THOMAS WM. TEW, G.S.D., moved "that in article 129 of the Revise of the Book of Constitutions, the following words be added at the end of the paragraph: 'Except that of Treasurer.'"

The motion having been seconded, Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., P.G.D., said he trusted Grand Lodge would not assent to this. Of all officers who held an office, the man who held the brethren's money was the man who ought never to be joined with another, the Treasurer and Secretary ought not to be joined. The Treasurer and anyone else ought not to be joined. Let the Treasurer see to his business and keep his funds, and let other brethren of the lodge be able to call him to account, and let him not be able to plead he had duties of other offices to discharge which might either muddle up his accounts or prevent him giving sole attention to the duties of his office.

Bro. TEW's motion was lost.

The EARL OF CARNARVON here explained that article 186 having been non-confirmed was therefore not now in existence, the Rev. John Studholme Brownrigg's motion to omit from it the words "ranking next" to end, and to insert "but junior to all who at that time shall have or at any future time may be installed in the chair of that lodge" could not come on.

Bro. the Rev. HERBERT GEORGE MORSE, G.C., moved to insert in article 146, Revise of the Book of Constitutions, before the word "present" the words "past or." Article 146 permitted the Provincial or District Grand Master to send any one of his Grand Officers to visit officially a private lodge in his province or district. He thought this should be so amended as to permit the Grand Master to send any of the Past Grand Officers as well as the Present Grand Officers. The Prov. Grand Master for Devonshire felt that the wording of the article 146 might be held to exclude the Past Grand Officers and to confine the Prov. Grand Master to sending only the Present Grand Officers. He hoped he had made it clear to Grand Lodge that the only thing required to be altered here, although there was a little clerical error, was that the Grand Master might send any of his Grand Officers Past or Present.

Bro. G. J. MCKAY seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

Bro. THOMAS FENN, P.G.D., moved to non-confirm Article 209, as amended by an addition made August 8th. The addition was that any lodge failing to make due inquiry (whether a joining brother had paid his dues in his former lodge), should be liable to pay the arrears, if any, owing by such brother to the lodge from which he had been excluded. He thought the brother who proposed this could hardly have had in his mind the liability of lodges for inadvertence or inability to comply with the law when electing a member from some other part of the world. He knew some brethren who were £60 in arrear before they were excluded. Perhaps the brother had in his mind small arrears due to provincial lodges. He would call attention to rules 210, 204, and 205 in the revised Book of Constitutions. By Article 210 a lodge was required to have some clearance certificate produced before it could elect a member. If they did not, it was a breach of law. By Article 210 any breach of the law could be visited by fine or suspension by a Provincial Grand Master; if by fine, the fine might be as much as £5 for a first offence, and £10 for a second. He thought Grand Lodge would agree that that was a penalty sufficient, without inflicting an unknown penalty.

Bro. Æ. J. MCINTYRE, Q.C., G. Reg., seconded the motion.

A BROTHER said the only objection was that where a joining member came from abroad an answer could not be got in reasonable time. With regard to English lodges, it was perfectly possible to get an answer by return of post. If a brother owed as much as Bro. Fenn stated it was quite clear he was not a worthy member to be received into a lodge.

Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE, Prov. G. Sec. Hants and Isle of Wight, said the penalty would only be inflicted where a lodge failed to make due enquiry. Grand Lodge would be doing quite right to impose upon a lodge as great an obligation as possible that it should make due enquiry.

The motion of Bro. Fenn was then put and lost.

Bro. H. H. RIACH, S.W. 1118, moved the non-confirmation of Article 297. He said that Lord Holmesdale, Prov. G.M. for Kent, moved and carried that for the future the light blue collars, which were the brethren's badges of office in Grand Lodge should be worn under the Provincial Grand collars. He (Bro. Riach) did not think this was polite or fair to the lodges that their collars should be subservient to the badges worn elsewhere in England or in a foreign land. He held that they ought to wear in Grand Lodge the badges of the position which entitled them to a seat there. If they adopted the rule as it stood they would have a mongrel assembly of red, blue, and purple, instead of that beautiful sight they had at present of cerulean blue.



Bro. E. L. HAWKINS, P.M. 257, seconded the motion.

Bro. Sir ALBERT W. WOODS, G.D.C., supported the motion, and referred to the position of affairs in the House of Lords, where their lordships took their seats as barons, and not in any other character. If Lord Holmesdale's amendment was confirmed, precedence would be given to the provincial purple instead of to the office by which a brother of right entered Grand Lodge.

Article 207 was then non-confirmed.

Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON: I beg now to move that the Revised Book of Constitutions as now altered by this Grand Lodge stand confirmed.

Bro. JOHN HAINES, P.G.W.: I beg to second it.

The Revised Book of Constitutions was then unanimously confirmed amidst loud and continued cheering.

The Earl of CARNARVON: I have the satisfaction of stating to Grand Lodge that that vote has been carried without contradiction by any one. (Loud cheers.)

Major HARDING, P.M. 231, then rose and said: M.W. Pro Grand Master and brethren. I rise to give notice that at the next Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge I shall do myself the honour and pleasure to propose that "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, be elected Most Worshipful Grand Master for the year." (Cheers.) I need not occupy the time of this Grand Lodge in giving weight by words to this notice of motion, for in my opinion it will be carried without any dissentient. (Cheers.)

A brother rose to second the nomination, but

The Earl of CARNARVON said the popularity of the Grand Master was so great that he had no doubt many brethren would be only too glad to second the nomination; but it was only a nomination and needed no seconder.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH said as the Revised Constitutions had been confirmed and that by those Constitutions a Grand Treasurer was to be nominated in December he rose to nominate Bro. John Derby Allcroft, Grand Treasurer, for the office of Grand Treasurer.

The Earl of CARNARVON said there seemed some doubt in the minds of many members of Grand Lodge whether the worthy brother who had just nominated the Grand Treasurer for the next year was in order. No such notice of motion was on the agenda paper; but inasmuch as the Book of Constitutions as revised had been passed he was of opinion that the worthy brother should not be debarred from making that nomination.

Bro. KEEBLE, 1426, nominated Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall.

The Scrutineers of votes for the election of a Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence here delivered their report, which was as follows: Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, 322; J. H. Matthews, 237; and Henry Garrod, 207. Forty-one papers not filled up.

The Earl of CARNARVON: I have to announce that Bro. Cottebrune is elected as Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

The following grants recommended by the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter were adopted:

A brother of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings	...	...	£50	0	0
A brother of the Castle Lodge of Harmony, No. 26, London	...	...	20	0	0
NOTE—This brother died on the 10th October, consequently this recommendation has lapsed with the exception of £20 paid to him on account of such recommended grant.					
A brother of the Acacia Lodge, No. 1314, Bromley, Kent	...	...	50	0	0
A brother of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, London	...	...	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 309, Fareham	...	...	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Temple Lodge, No. 101, London	...	...	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, London	...	...	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Confidence, No. 193, London	...	...	50	0	0
A brother of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, London	...	...	150	0	0
A brother of the Lodge Star in the East, No. 650, Harwich	...	...	75	0	0

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

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

The Board of General Purposes beg to report as follows:

The Isca Lodge, No. 683, Newport, Monmouthshire, having balloted for, and admitted a joining Member at a Lodge of Emergency, contrary to Art. I., page 83, of the Book of Constitutions, the Board have censured the Lodge for the irregularity, and have fined it the sum of One Guinea.

The Members of the Crusaders Lodge, No. 1677, London, having reported that their W. Master had, on the 17th October last, wilfully burned the Warrant of the Lodge, the Board investigated the matter, and the brother having admitted the offence, but having pleaded extenuating circumstances, the Board severely reprimanded him, and ordered that he pay the cost of a Warrant of Confirmation—viz., Two Guineas—and further, that he be suspended from all his Masonic functions for a period of six months.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

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

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of November instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England of £3643 2s. 11d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75; and for servants' wages £100; and balance of annual allowance for library £18 12s.

Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON, President of the Board of General Purposes, then moved—

That so much of the Report of the Building Committee as refers to the enlargement of the Temple, and the arrangements consequent thereon, be adopted, and that on such adoption and the confirmation thereof at the next succeeding Quarterly Communication, it be referred to a Committee of twelve to carry the same into execution, and that such Committee consist of the eight members of the recently appointed Building Committee, and four additional members, to be appointed by Grand Lodge.

He said the Committee had performed its duties and had not gone beyond the matter referred to them. They were not asked to form an opinion or force on Grand Lodge. Any opinion they might arrive at they took infinite pains and trouble to bring all the facts and figures before Grand Lodge. The Committee did not start any hares. Grand Lodge had to consider whether there should be reinstatement or enlargement, but whichever Grand Lodge decided it would be carried out thoroughly, faithfully, and well.

Bro. RAYMOND W. STEWART, P.G.D., seconded the motion.

Bro. GEORGE EDWARD WEBSTER, P.M. 139, moved as an amendment "that the Antient Temple be reinstated out of the funds received from the Insurance Companies, and that no extensive building operations be undertaken until the expiration of the lease of Bacon's Hotel, and that no part of the premises of Grand Lodge be leased for a longer period than seven years." Bro. Webster said he came as the representative of West Yorkshire, the brethren of that province having considered this report in their private lodges. They were distinctly and emphatically in favour of the reinstatement of the Temple; and unanimous in condemning, as foolish extravagance, a more expensive scheme. They considered that it did not consist with the dignity of Freemasonry that they should build a fine place for refreshment contractors. Another ground for objection was the price proposed to be

given for Bacon's Hotel. They also objected to 50 years' lease to Spiers and Pond.

A BROTHER, from East Lancashire, seconded the motion.

Bro. JOHN HAINES objected to the scheme as extravagant. They would get comparatively nothing for the £30,000, for the only return they would get for it would be 1½ per cent. Would any business man so invest his money? The scheme would not hold water for a moment. However large the building was it would not be large enough on some occasions like the present. He was prepared to move an amendment that the matter be referred back to the Committee, and that three names be added to it.

After some discussion Bro. WEBSTER, with the leave of Grand Lodge, left out of his motion the last sentence—"And that no part of the premises of Grand Lodge be leased for a longer period than seven years."

The motion of Bro. Webster was carried as amended, and subsequently put and carried as a substantive motion in that form.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS, P.M. No. 1216, moved—

(a) That, when the general scheme for the reconstruction of the present damaged Temple, or for the erection of a new Temple, shall have been decided upon by the Grand Lodge, Architects, who are Freemasons, shall be invited, under the direction and authority of the Grand Superintendent of Works, to submit plans and designs for the reconstruction or new erection, as the case may be, to the Committee already constituted, or to be constituted, for the purpose of carrying out the intended work.

(b) That, the foregoing be agreed, prizes of money value, to be subsequently determined, be offered for the three most approved designs.

Bro. HAINES moved the reappointment of the Building Committee, with the addition of Bros. Thomas Tew, Clement Royds, and Sir Gabriel Goldney, M.P.

Bro. A. E. GLADWELL, P.M. 172, seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

Bros. WHICHORD and Sir C. HUTTON GREGORY objected to Bro. Stevens's motion as casting a slur on the Grand Superintendent of Works, a perfectly competent architect, who had been elected President of the Society of British Architects.

Bro. HAINES concurred in these observations. It was not an idea which would be entertained by any sensible man that a number of other men should be called in to tell Grand Lodge's own what to do.

Bro. Stevens's motion was negatived.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

## GRAND MARK LODGE.

The Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern. The Right Hon. Lord Henniker, M.W.G.M.M.M., presided, and there were also present:

R.W. Bros. Rev. Thomas Robinson, Prov. G.M. of Kent, as D.G.M.M.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. of Bucks; J. W. Woodall, Prov. G.M. of N. and E. Yorkshire; Col. Foster Gough, LL.D., Prov. G.M. of Staffordshire, as G.S.W.; Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett, P.G.W., Deputy P.G.M. of N. and E. Yorkshire, as G.J.W.; J.C. F. Matier, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and Capt. N. G. Phillips, Past G. Wardens; V.W. Bros. W. Roebuck, P.G.M.O., as G.M.O.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.S.O., as G.S.O.; S. G. Kirchoffer, G.J.O.; Magnus Ohren, P.G.M.O.; O. H. Pearson, P.G.S.O.; R. J. Mure, P.G.S.O.; J. F. Tweedale, P.G.S.O.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O.; Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny, G. Chap.; Ambrose W. Hall and Wm. Randall, P.G. Chaplains; Frederic Davidson, G. Treas.; H. C. Levander, G. Reg.; Frederick Binckes, P.G.W., G. Sec.; D. M. Dewar, P.G.M.O., Asst. G. Sec.; W. Bros. George Cooper, G.S.D.; P. J. Ralling, G.J.D.; A. Williams, C. S. Lane, and C. J. McKay, P.G. Deacons; C. H. Driver, P.G. I. of Wks.; V.W. Bros. Robert Berridge, P.G.M.O., G.D. of C.; H. Hacker, P.G. A.D.C.; W. Bros. Controller S. G. Bake, G. Svd. Br.; J. Lewis-Thomas, P.G.D., as G. Std. Br.; E. M. Lott, P.G. Org., as G. Org.; W. Ganz, P.G. Org.; J. H. Banks, G.I.G.; C. Pullman, P.G.I.G.; Wm. March, Percy Wallis, H. Fajja, and John Tomkins, G. Svd.; Edwin Gilbert, J. Barker, T. J. Armstrong, W. Stephens, H. Massey, Major P. Dunbar, R. P. Spice, M. Mildred, and G. Yaxley, P.G. Svd.; C. T. Speight, G. Tyler; A. F. Godson, Dep. P.G.M. Warwick; C. Belton, P.G.S.W. Middx. and Surrey; W. Morris, P.P.G.J.W. Berks and Oxon; C. F. Hogard, P.G.M.O. Middx. and Surrey; H. H. Raich, P.P.G.M.O. Middx. and Surrey; H. H. Hodges, P.P.G.M.O. Berks and Oxon; G. Mickley, P.P.G.J.O. Middx. and Surrey; F. Laurence, P.P.G. J.O. Middx. and Surrey; H. Stephens, P.G.J.O. Middx. and Surrey; E. C. Patchitt, P.G. Reg. Notts.; H. Brett, P.P.G.S.D. Kent, P.P.G.I.G. Berks and Oxon; G. Hollington, P.G.S.D. Middx. and Surrey; F. W. Driver, P.G.S. of W. Middx. and Surrey; H. Baldwin, P.P.G.D. of C. Middx. and Surrey; T. Mount Humphries, P.G. Std. Br. Staff.; G. J. Dunkley, P.G. Org. Middx. and Surrey; H. W. Homann, P.P.G.I.G. Berks and Oxon; T. Ovenden, P.G. Std. Kent; E. J. Hoare, P.G.D. Middx. and Surrey; Frederic Wood, W.M. 309; Edgar Bowyer, W.M. 315; Col. H. S. Somerville-Burney, W.M. 197; James Moon, P.M. Old Kent, T.I.; W. H. Burt, P.M. 178; Bros. Wm. Vincent, S.W. 139; Rev. J. R. Palmer, J.W. 320; J. Smith, J.O. 176; R. Clowes, J.O. 145; C. Talyer, S.D. 139; G. T. Holdom, S.D. 109; Thos. Clark, I.G. 173; A. F. Meaden, I.G. No. 1; J. Smith, Bon Accord; Edward F. Storr, Old Kent; W. E. Stewart, 7; D. P. Cama, 13; N. D. Francis, 13; and J. Grist, 139.

After Grand Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes of the Half-yearly Communication of 5th June, and of the Special Grand Lodge of 30th October, were read and confirmed.

Lord HENNIKER then rose and said: Brethren, I do not think it will be necessary for me to say more than a few words to you in bringing the motion before you that stands in my name on the agenda paper, because that motion requires no recommendation to the favour of Grand Lodge. I think it will be clear to you that not only myself as Grand Master, but Mark Masonry in general, are to be congratulated on the fact that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has joined the Order. I feel that Grand Lodge will be unanimously inclined to do the highest honour it possibly can to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, not only because of his high position in this country as heir to the throne of England, not only because of his high position in Masonry, but because we know this, that in everything he takes up he does not assume any position as a post of ornament, but really and truly; and especially is this seen of him in Freemasonry, for every Order of Freemasonry he joins he sticks to and does everything he can to promote and advance it. I think these few words are quite enough to recommend to you the two motions I have placed on the paper, and without detaining you by reading them I will move them in Grand Lodge. The motions are:

That the rank of Most Worshipful Grand Master be conferred upon his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; and

That the name of his Royal Highness be placed at the head of the list of Past Grand Masters of Grand Lodge.

The Rev. THOMAS ROBINSON, P.G.C., seconded the motion.

The motions were then put and carried unanimously.

Lord HENNIKER added that he ought to have stated that his Royal Highness was sorry his engagements would not permit him to be present that evening. The multitude of his engagements rendered it impossible to

fit them all in. But as his Royal Highness was not able to be present that evening, he had arranged to come at three o'clock on Saturday afternoon, when a special Grand Lodge would be held for conferring on him the rank of Past Grand Master, and he hoped the brethren would give him a warm reception.

The report of the General Board was then taken as read. That report was as follows:

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

The number of certificates issued in the half-year to 30th September last was 694. The total of registered advancements being now 18,165. During the same period warrants for new lodges were granted to—

- No. 320 Jordan, Torquay, Devon.
- No. 321 Elffin, Carnarvon, N. Wales.
- No. 322 Temple, Dartford, Kent.
- No. 323 Peveril, Douglas, Isle of Man

In the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner the number of certificates issued was 43, bringing the total registered elevations to 1393.

The fifteenth anniversary festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund was celebrated at the Crystal Palace, on Wednesday, 28th July last, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., Provincial Grand Master of South Wales, whose efforts, supported by 36 Stewards and a numerous gathering of friends, resulted in a subscription of £727, the largest amount yet realised.

The services of brethren actively supporting the anniversary festivals in aid of this fund demand and receive the fullest recognition. The educational branch of this fund is not only continuing, but increasing its benefits, its sphere of usefulness being enlarged from time to time. It has under its care nine boys and three girls. Applications have been received for the admission of two boys and two girls, two of whom will be elected at a meeting shortly to be held. The voting papers are in course of preparation, and will, in due course, be in the hands of the governors and subscribers.

The Board recommends to the Grand Lodge the confirmation of the following grants: £20 to a brother of the Adams Lodge, No. 6; £50 to a brother of the Roberts Lodge, No. 24.

In the course of the remarks addressed to the brethren in Grand Lodge assembled on Tuesday, 5th June, 1883, the M.W. Grand M. Master made, as will be remembered, allusion to the proximate adhesion to the Order of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, feeling confident that the announcement was one which would be cordially welcomed by every brother.

On Tuesday, 30th October last, his Royal Highness, by his own appointment, was regularly advanced as a Mark Master Mason, and subsequently installed as W.M. of a lodge of Mark Master Masons, in an emergency meeting of Grand Lodge, by special dispensation, the former ceremony having been most ably and impressively performed by H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., M.W. Past Grand Mark Master, the latter by the M.W. Grand Mark Master, Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker, in the presence of 40 members of the Order, comprising Past Grand Masters, the Grand Officers of the year, and Provincial and Deputy Provincial Grand Masters. The event is one from which every member of the Order must derive the most unqualified gratification.

In pursuance of notice given at the Half-yearly Communication, his Royal Highness having signified his assent, the M.W. Grand Master will move in Grand Lodge on the 4th prox., "That the rank of Most Worshipful Grand Master be conferred upon his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and that the name of his Royal Highness be placed at the head of the list of Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge.

(Signed) G. R. PORTAL, Past G.M.M., President.

London, 19th November, 1883.

The Grand Treasurer's Accounts for the six months ending 31st March, 1883, show the following results:—

GENERAL FUND.

Balance from 31st March, 1883	£403 12 1	Half-year's Disbursements:	
Half-year's receipts	690 13 7	Ordinary Expenditure	£490 10 5
Interest on Investments	47 5 0	Extraordinary Expenditure:	
New Zealand Bond paid off	100 0 0	Subscription to Masonic Sufferers by Fire at Jamaica	25 0 0
		Subscription to Preparatory School of R.M.I.B.	52 10 0
		Purchase of £500 New Zealand Bonds	529 15 0
	£1241 10 8		£1097 15 5
Balance at Bankers	...		£228 4 4
Less Cheques not paid	...		79 4 1
Amount paid in above Receipts	...		5 5 0
			84 9 1
			£143 15 3

BENEVOLENT FUND.

Balance from 31st March, 1883	£229 7 0	Half-yearly Disbursements:	
Half-year's receipts	501 7 6	Grants in Relief	£100 0 0
Interest on Investments	41 8 4	Expenses	5 12 0
		Transferred to Educational Fund	305 0 3
		Purchase of £100 Queensland Bonds	101 5 0
	£772 2 10		£511 17 3
Balance at Bankers	...		£277 8 7
Less Cheques not paid	...		5 12 0
Amount paid in above Receipts	...		11 11 0
			17 3 0
			£260 5 7

EDUCATION FUND.

Balance from 31st March, 1883	£82 10 11	Half-year's Disbursements:	
Transferred from Benevolent Fund	305 0 3	Educational Fees	£57 0 4
Interest on Investments	19 7 10	Purchase of £100 Queensland Bonds	101 2 6
	£406 19 0		£158 2 10
Balance at Bankers	...		£253 0 2
Less Cheque not paid	...		4 4 0
			£248 16 2

INVESTED FUNDS.

General Fund	£2600 0 0
Benevolent Fund	1800 0 0
Educational Fund	900 0 0
And the Board have ordered the following additional investments:	
On account of Benevolent Fund	200 0 0
„ „ Educational „	200 0 0
Audited and found correct,	

H. A. DUBOIS, F.C.A., Auditor.

10th November, 1883.

Bro. F. DAVISON, G.T., proposed, and Bro. ROBERT BERRIDGE, G.D.C., seconded, that the report be received and entered on the minutes. The motion having been carried,

Bro. DAVISON, G.T., moved, and Bro. LEVANDER, G. Reg., seconded the grant of £20 to a brother of the Adams Lodge, No. 6.

The motion was carried.

Bro. DAVISON, G.T., proposed, and Bro. BINCKES, G.S., seconded the grant of £50 to a brother of the Roberts Lodge, No. 24.

The motion was carried.

Bro. LEVANDER, G. Reg., moved, and Bro. MAGNUS OHREN, P.G., M.O., seconded, that the report be adopted.

The motion was carried.

Col. H. S. SOMERVILLE BURNEY then rose and said: Brethren, I have the great honour to propose to you the name of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Kintore, as the Grand Master of this Degree for the ensuing year. I have had the privilege of knowing his lordship for many years, and know he is a good and zealous Mason. I know the Mark Degree will feel that it will be a difficult task to supply the place of our present Grand Master, who has ever taken such great interest in the Order, but I do not think he can have a better successor in his office than the Earl of Kintore, and I beg to nominate him for the office of Grand Master.

Lord HENNIKER said he had an application from the Province of North and East Yorkshire, through its Grand Master, Bro. Woodall, of Scarborough, that the next moveable Grand Mark Lodge should be held at York. That invitation he had accepted, and he had fixed to hold that Grand Lodge at York on some convenient day in the month of May.

Lord Henniker next distributed charity jewels to the following brethren who were Stewards for the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival last July:

- Bros. Crawshaw Bailey, J. H. Banks, W. Barkley, H. G. Barwell, Edgar Bowyer, Henri Brett, Charles Coupland, George Dalrymple, J. M. N. Davies, Charles H. Driver, Henry Fajja, E. B. Florence, Edwin Gilbert, John Harrison, H. R. Hatherly, Geo. Rollington, A. H. Jefferies, S. G. Kirchhoffer, George Lambert, G. F. Lancaster, Charles S. Lane, John Lane, F. Lawrence, William Marsh, Rev. J. Marsden, Rev. C. J. Martyn, H. C. Miller, James Moon, William Morris, George Powell, John Smith, W. E. Stewart, John Tomkins, Alfred Williams, J. W. Woodall, and G. L. Woodley.

Bro. BINCKES next read the following list of brethren from whom apologies had been received for their inability to attend:

- M.W. Bros. Right Hon. Lord Leigh, P.G.M.M.; Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, P.G.M.M.; Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, P.G.M.M.; Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, P.G.M.M.; Right Hon. Earl Percy, P.G.M.M.; R.W. Bros. Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, Deputy G.M.M.; T. Trollope, M.D., Prov. G.M. Sussex; Rev. C. R. Davy, Prov. G.M. Gloucestershire; Rev. Canon Tristram, D.C.L., Prov. G.M. Northumberland and Durham; Jack Sutcliffe, Prov. G.M. Lincolnshire; W. Kelly, F.S.A., Prov. G.M. Leicestershire; Right Hon. Lord Egerton, Prov. G.M. Cheshire; Col. J. Tanner Davy, Prov. G.M. Devonshire; W. J. Hughan, P.G.W.; V.W. Bros. H. R. Hatherly, G.M.O.; R. H. Thrupp, P.G.M.O.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.M.O.; Col. C. E. Bignold, P.G.M.O.; Rev. E. H. Crate, G. Chap.; Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G. Chap.; Rev. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., P.G. Chap.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.G. Chap.; R. Harwood, G.D.; Dr. G. B. Brodie, G.D.; F. W. Ramsay, M.D., P.G.D.; P. de E. Collins, P.G.D.; S. Mattison, P.G.D.; W. Bros. G. Dalrymple, G.A.D. of C.; E. Friend, G.A.D. of C.; G. Lambert, P.G.S.B.; J. D. Murray, G. Std. Br.; W. Watkins, G. Std. Br.; W. Belcher, P.G. Org.; Col. F. R. Sewell, Deputy Prov. G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland; F. W. Ansell, P.G. Stwd.; W. Noit, P.G. Stwd.; C. W. Hudson, P.G. Stwd.; H. George, P.G. Stwd.; W. T. Clarke, P.G. Stwd.; J. E. Anderson, P.G. Stwd.; and A. Cracknell, G. Stwd.

Grand Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet, but as Lord Henniker was not able to stay, the chair was taken by Bro. Binckes, and the usual toasts were proposed.

Bro. BINCKES referred to the admirable position which Lord Henniker had asserted for himself during the two-and-half years that he had been Grand Master. What his lordship had done had won the highest meed of approval of the brethren. No doubt the Earl of Kintore would do honour to the high position to which he had been nominated, although he succeeded so excellent a Grand Master as Lord Henniker. The Mark Degree had, by the rule it established when it was first constituted, a long list of Past Masters. The Grand Master only held his office for three years, and though he did not wish to draw invidious distinctions between the management of this Order and that of any other Order, he thought the Mark Degree had a right to be proud of the possession of a long line of Past Grand Masters. There were now eight or nine in succession. Happily, all the distinguished brethren who had occupied the chair of Grand Master of the Mark Degree were now alive, and rarely had any of them been absent from any of the meetings. Whether or not, this was an argument in favour of the vitality of the degree he did not know; but he believed it was, and it was a coincidence they had a right to make the most of. The degree stood alone among the Masonic organisations of the British Isles in having such a body of Past Grand Masters, and whether absent or present they evinced their interest in promoting the prosperity of the Order.

In giving the toast of "The Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Kintore," Bro. BINCKES gave a description of the contest which in the early days of the Grand Mark Lodge of England was waged with the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and he hailed with the heartiest satisfaction the cordiality which now existed between the two bodies, and it was with very great pleasure they now had a Scottish nobleman nominated as the Grand Master of the Order. He looked upon this fact as the placing of the Keystone to the Arch and putting the last cement to the Union between Scotland and England. He informed the brethren that there was no lack of applicants for the rank of Grand Officer in the Mark Degree, for the Grand Master had lists which were crowded with names.

The other toasts were afterwards given, including the Benevolent and Education Funds, and the visitors and the brethren then separated.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present:

- Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D. (in the chair); John L. Mather, Alfred Williams, C. F. Matier, Don. M. Dewar, Joyce Murray, Richard Tyrrell, Wm. Mann, Arthur E. Gladwell, C. H. Webb, Leopold Ruf, Charles Belton, Edgar Bowyer, W. Maple, Fredk. Adlard, George P. Gillard, Charles H. Driver, W. H. Saunders, George Motion, W. Paas, H. S. Goodall, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes a petition was read from the friends of one boy whose time expires in January next, asking that he might be allowed to remain till January, 1885, under the following circumstances: when home for the holidays a year or more ago, in the country, he was struck in the eye by a stone from a catapult used by a boy with whom he was not playing, and with whom he was in no way connected. By this accident he was incapacitated from returning to school, and was under medical treatment for more than a year, during which time he lost all the benefit of education in the School.

The Committee, on this being reported to them, resolved that as the Institution had been spared the expense of his board, &c., for a year, he should be allowed to remain in the School till Midsummer, 1884.

The brethren then considered the petitions. Three of these were accepted, and one was deferred.

The usual outfit of £5 was granted to three late pupils of the Institution, who are now in situations, and have conducted themselves well.

With reference to the case of Herring, mentioned by Bro. C. H. Webb at the last meeting, Bro. BINCKES said he had received a letter from Bro.

H. S. Alpass, G. Std. Br., stating that the boy was one of three children, each of whom was entitled, on attaining the age of twenty-one, to a third share of £1598.

Bro. C. H. WEBB then said he regretted that at the previous meeting he had overstated the amount to which the boy Herring would be entitled at twenty-one; but still the result of the enquiries had justified his bringing the case before the brethren. Let them consider what the money would bring in by the time the boy was twenty-one. He, therefore, now gave notice of motion, "1st. That the resolution of the Quarterly Court of April last be rescinded so far as relates to the candidature of F. A. Herring. 2nd. That F. A. Herring be ineligible for the benefits of this Institution (except by purchase), and that his election in October last be declared void. 3rd. Subject to the above being carried, that the highest unsuccessful candidate at the election in October last be declared duly elected." Bro. Webb said Herring's case was peculiarly a case for purchase. He also gave notice of the following motion, which he considered would be in the interest of candidates: "That the General Committee have power to place to the credit of every accepted fatherless candidate at each election any number of votes not exceeding the number the father was entitled to at the time of his death, multiplied by the number of years he had been so qualified."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

### ANNUAL MEETING AT PRESTON.

By command of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England, Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of that division was held at Preston, on Thursday afternoon, the 29th ult. The yearly assembly of the Craft usually takes place on the first Wednesday in October, but owing to the absence of Bro. Lord Lathom in America the meeting was postponed until his return, as his lordship did not wish to be absent from a single meeting of his province, as he had not been since his appointment to the chief place in the province exactly 11 years ago. No more popular Masonic ruler has ever held sway over any division, and therefore the presence of our esteemed chief at this gathering, even after nearly two months' postponement, was in itself sufficient to attract a gathering which was at once numerous and most influential. The total attendance reached between 600 and 700 brethren, largely composed of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers Past and Present, W.Ms., P.Ms., Wardens, and junior officers, and the fact that the whole of the 82 lodges comprised in the extensive province were represented (several of them very numerous) gave further conclusive indication of the vitality of the Order in this division of the county.

The meeting place was the Corn Exchange, Preston, and no better centre could have been secured than this for the transaction of the important business of the day. No doubt those entrusted with the arrangements had a very difficult duty to perform; and while they merit much commendation for the manner in which the preliminaries were arranged and provision made for the large influx of the Fraternity, it would have conducted greatly to the completeness of the meeting if Tyler's sheets had been provided for the purpose of being signed by the members of the Craft lodges. As these were not provided, the brethren had no opportunity of signing their names, and therefore nothing like a list of attendance could be secured.

The Craft lodge was opened by Bro. S. Gibson Sinclair, W.M. 32, Bro. J. de Pennington, W.M. 113 (Unanimity Lodge, under whose banner the Prov. G. Lodge was held), being the Senior Warden, and Bro. J. M. Ashurst, P.M. 1335, the Junior Warden. Bro. W. Gick, W.M. 203, acted as I.P.M., Bro. W. Oliver, W.M. 220, was the J.D., and Bro. J. Pendleton, W.M. 241, officiated as I.G. The Craft lodge having been duly opened, the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge entered in procession, the Right Worshipful Master and Colonel F. A. Stanley, Grand Warden of England, and D.P.G.M., being received with the usual Masonic honours. Bro. J. F. Newell, P.M. 1035, P.P.G.S.W., at the opening of the Prov. Grand Lodge, occupied the Senior Warden's chair, and J. P. McArthur, P.M. 1473, P.P.G.J.W., that of the Junior Warden. The members of the Provincial Grand Lodge present, in addition to the R.W.P.G.M. and the D.P.G.M., were

Bros. Beswick-Royds, P.G.W.; J. Newell, P.P.G.S.W.; Lieut.-Col. G. Turner, P.P.G. Treas.; Dr. J. Kellert Smith, P.P.G. Reg.; T. Buxton, P.P.G.R.; W. J. Lunt, P.G.T.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G.C.; A. H. Whitehead, P.P.G. J.D.; W. Longman, P.P.G.D.C.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C.; T. Wilson, P.P.G. J.W.; W. Whiteside, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Bowden, P.P.G.S.B.; F. J. Bailey, P.G.S.D.; Henry A. Tobias, P.G.S. of W.; J. Skeaf, P.P.G.O.; C. Banister, P.G.S.B. of Eng.; H. S. Alpass, P.G.S.B. of Eng., P.G. Sec.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Brown, P.P.G. Treas.; R. Wylie, P.P. G.S.D.; H. W. Johnston, P.P.G.J.D.; T. Salter, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Prescott, P.P. G.J.W.; R. Washington, P.P.G.S.D.; T. Evans, P.G.S.D.; T. Tunstall, P.G.S.; J. W. Maycock, P.G.A.D.C.; J. Hayes, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Williams, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Wells, P.P.G.D.C.; D. W. Finney, P.P.G.D.C.; J. P. McArthur, P.P.G.J.W.; J. P. Bryan, P.G.O.; J. Greaves, P.G.O. E. Lanc.; R. Pearson, P.P.G.R.; R. Butterworth, P.P.G.P.; H. Gardner, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Brackenbury, P.G.A.D.C.; J. Houlding, P.P.G.R.; T. Forrester, P.P.G.J.D.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; R. Brown, P.P.G. Treas.; S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B.; and C. Drew, P.P.G.S.W.

There was a large attendance of the brethren of the various Liverpool lodges, who travelled to Preston by special train. Among the lodges most numerous represented was the Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, the members present from that lodge being Bros. J. L. Shrapnell, W.M.; J. M. Boyd, J.W.; J. Atkinson, P.M.; J. B. MacKenzie, P.M. and Treas.; C. Buchanan and Dr. E. H. Allen, Stewards; E. Graham, T. Burnside, B. Hughes, and D. Cumming. Amongst others we noticed

Bros. R. A. Davies, S.W. 1380; H. H. Smith, I.P.M. 1505; R. Foote, P.M. 1505; Councillor Poole, P.M. 32; H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823; W. Newsome, P.M. 1384; R. Martin, P.M. 1182 (Hon. Sec. of the W.L.M.E.I.); T. Whitehead, I.P.M. 241; E. J. Callow, S.W. 1094; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 149; and others.

The minutes of the last annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge having been approved of, the accounts of the Grand Treasurer were taken as read. From these it appeared that the provincial fees received from provincial officers amounted to £25 5s., and from lodges £518 18s. 6d. To the West Lancashire Educational Institution £105 had been voted out of the Charity Fund; £105 was voted out of the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; £130 was voted to the widows and orphans of brethren, and after paying all expenses, there remained a balance of £2,566 9s. 6d., against £2,519 18s. 10d. last year, this balance being invested in a dock bond of £1000, in the North-Western Bank £1,236 9s. 5d., and in the Savings Bank £330 0s. 1d.

On the motion of Bro. Col. TURNER, P.G. Treas., the accounts were approved of.

Bro. WYLIE, P.P.G.S.D., then moved that Bro. W. J. Lunt, P.M. 823, be re-elected P.G. Treas., which was seconded by Bro. Dr. J. KELLETT SMITH, P.P.G.R., and carried by acclamation.

Bro. LUNT, in acknowledging the compliment which had been paid to him, said he felt deeply sensible for this renewed mark of confidence on the part of his brethren in this great province. He hoped the accounts which had been delivered to them that day were perfectly satisfactory, and that at the end of the present year he would be able to produce as good a balance-sheet as had been presented to them that day. (Applause.)

The Provincial Grand Master next invested his officers for the year as follows:

Bro. Col. F. A. Stanley, G.W.	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
„ James Poole, P.M. 32	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
„ P. Murray Hunter, P.M. 1313	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
„ Rev. T. W. Richardson, 1384	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
„ William Goodacre, 1588	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
„ W. J. Lunt, 823	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ H. S. Alpass, 155, P.G. Std. Br.	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
„ Henry Vollmer, 1140	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
„ J. B. MacKenzie, 1609	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
„ Thomas Schofield, 1387	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
„ H. Firth, 667	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
„ Thomas Tunstall, 148	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
„ James Andrew, 1345	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
„ Maurice Hart, 1502	...	...	Prov. G.D.D.C.
„ J. Walley, 249	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
„ W. Newsome, 86	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
„ J. B. Bryan, 1035	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
„ Thomas Davies, 1182	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
„ James M. Kerr, 730	...	...	
„ James Elton, 343	...	...	
„ R. Foote, 1045	...	...	
„ G. B. Nalder, 1225	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
„ W. Longbottom, 1013	...	...	
„ E. Paul, 1356	...	...	
„ P. Ball	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
„ W. H. Ball	...	...	Prov. G.A. Tyler.

Bro. H. S. ALPASS, Prov. G. Sec., read his annual report, in the course of which he said it was this duty during the year to bring under the notice of the Provincial Grand Lodge the question of the admission of visitors to lodges. The Book of Constitutions on this point said that "a brother who is not a subscribing member of a lodge shall not be permitted to visit any lodge in the town or place where he resides more than once during his secession from the Craft." This law, Bro. Alpass said, was not carried out, and, in consequence, many brethren visited lodges who should be refused admission and the privileges of attending the ceremonies without contributing to the funds of the Craft. During the past year candidates from the province of West Lancashire for admission into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and Girls had been successful, but in the case of a son of a late brother, elected in October last, notice had been given for the next Quarterly Court that further inquiry be made, and the matter investigated as to whether the boy was a proper subject for admission into the Institution. If a majority of the governors were of opinion that the boy's election should be annulled, and the 2400 votes polled for the boy lost, it would be scarcely worth while to continue their support to the School. It would be better that the brethren of the northern provinces should associate themselves, and found an institution which would be under their own management and control; and, from the success which has attended the West Lancashire, Cheshire, and other provincial institutions, there could be no doubt that the result would be in every respect satisfactory. Bro. Alpass continued to state that at the Grand Lodge to be held on the 5th inst., very important matters would arise on the motion to confirm the minutes of the two previous Grand Lodges, at which the revision of the Book of Constitutions was decided on. He thought that the attempt to increase the quarterage of the Prov. Grand Lodge, to make it equal to the metropolitan lodges, should be strongly opposed on the ground that the result of such a proposed amendment would be that, instead of being on an equality with London brethren, they in West Lancashire would be taxed one-half more. The rebuilding of the Temple would also be considered at the Grand Lodge, and the report of the Special Committee submitted with reference to the subject.

The RIGHT WORSHIPFUL PROV. GRAND MASTER said Bro. Alpass had given a most useful and most practical hint as to what course they ought to pursue in the future in regard to the Masonic Schools in London. In the northern provinces they had West Lancashire, East Lancashire, and East Yorkshire, and the number of brethren in these provinces nearly equalled the whole of the rest of England altogether. He thought it would be a very grand thing if they could establish these schools, and he would make it his duty to put himself in communication with the Grand Master of these provinces, with the view of talking the matter over.

The report was then agreed to. The following brethren were appointed members of the Charities Committee: Bros. J. T. Callow, J. B. Mackenzie, R. Martin, G. Morgan, J. K. Smith, Henry A. Tobias, and R. Wylie, of Liverpool; and Bros. Finney, Gardner, W. Goodacre, H. W. Johnston, Pilkington, Platt, and Orr.

Bro. Dr. KELLETT SMITH, P.P.G.R., in accordance with notice, moved that £50 be voted from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund to make a suitable presentation to Bro. Skeaf, P.P.G.O. In submitting the motion, he said they would all appreciate the service Bro. Skeaf had rendered to the Craft. He had been Grand Organist for fifteen years, and for many years after his appointment his services were frequently called into request, there being at that time not so many musical brethren belonging to the Craft as at present.

Bro. J. B. MACKENZIE, P.M., and Treas. 1609, P.G.S.D., seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

Bro. R. WYLIE, P.P.G.S.D., moved that the sum of 100 guineas be voted from the Charity Fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Bro. R. MARTIN, P.M. 1182, seconded the motion, and referring to the suggestion in Bro. Alpass's report respecting the establishment of schools of their own, said that the province had in existence an institution which would meet all the claims of every child belonging to it if the money they sent up to London was retained for its benefit.

The motion was then carried.



Bro. R. WYLIE next moved that 100 guineas be voted from the Provincial Grand Lodge fund to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

Colonel TURNER, P.P.G.T., in seconding the motion, took the opportunity of stating that the officers of the West Lancashire Educational Institution would only be too glad to have the support of the brethren to a greater extent than they had at present.

Bro. R. MARTIN next moved that a committee be appointed, consisting of a member from each lodge, for drawing up bye-laws for merging the management of the Fund of Benevolence in the Charities Committee.

This was seconded by Bro. H. S. Alpass, and was agreed to, the following brethren being appointed by the committee: Bros. H. S. Alpass, R. Wylie, J. B. Mackenzie, R. Martin, Henry A. Tobias, Cottam, Pilkington, Bagot, C. R. Holmes, D. J. Finney, and R. Brown.

The following brethren were elected on the Committee of the Hamer Benevolent Fund: Bros. J. F. Carefull, Coxon, R. Wylie, and John Beesley, George Morgan was re-elected Treas.; H. H. Smith, Sec.; and A. D. Hesketh, Auditor. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. R. Wylie for his unwearied efforts in connection with the charity.

A special court of governors of the West Lancashire Educational Institution was then held, at which the alterations of the bye-laws recommended by the Committee were approved of.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, the brethren members of Provincial Grand Chapter, attending the meeting of the same, which was opened on the conclusion of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

A banquet took place in the evening, to which upwards of 300 sat down, and which was catered by Mrs. Dickenson, Bro. Kenyon, of the Shelley Arms, supplying the wines.

After the usual loyal toasts, "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England," was proposed by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of LATHOM, and responded to by Bro. ALPASS, P.G.S.B.

The toast of "The R.W. Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, Bro. Earl of Lathom," was proposed by Bro. Col. T. WILSON, P.P.G.S.W. West Lancashire. The gallant colonel pointed out to the brethren present that the Earl of Lathom not only set the brethren an example as a good and loyal Mason, but as a husband and father, his geniality and good nature being worthy the appreciation of all. He pointed out the rapid strides made by the Craft since the present Grand Master had held office, and stated that the warmest thanks of all the brethren were due to the right hon. brother.

The toast was received with great enthusiasm, and on the R.W. Prov. Grand Master rising to respond he met with an overwhelming ovation.

His LORDSHIP thanked the brethren for having attended the Prov. Grand Lodge so numerously that day. He congratulated the brethren on the highly satisfactory balance-sheet which had been presented in connection with the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and the balance of £1700 showed that many active and zealous brethren had been working for the interests of the noble Charity. He never lost an opportunity of bringing the special feature of the Institution before brethren in other provinces when he had the opportunity, because, whilst greatly admiring the London Charities, he considered the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution most fully met the circumstances of all the children who partook of its advantages. His lordship, after making an appeal on behalf of the Hamer Benevolent Fund, concluded by stating that he intended to hold the next annual Provincial Grand Lodge at Ulverston.

"The D.G.M. of West Lancashire and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," proposed by Bro. GIBSON SINCLAIR, W.M., was responded to by Bro. Councillor POOLE, P.G.S.W.

"The Masonic Charities," was acknowledged by Bro. R. MARTIN, P.M. 1182, one of the Hon. Secretaries of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

Other toasts followed, and a choice and most enjoyable musical programme, given by Bros. D. J. Davies, W. Quayle, W. Lewis, D. Williams, H. J. Nicholls, D. Keith, J. A. Muir, R. N. Hobart, O. J. Rowlands, and J. P. Bryan, P.G.O., greatly enhanced the pleasures of the festivities.

## THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

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This resolution, however, did not find favour with the M.W. Grand Master. The minutes of the meeting of the General Committee held on the 11th September contained the following letter from Bro. W. H. White, Grand Secretary, together with a statement by the Duke of Sussex in reply to the memorial:

Freemasons' Hall, London, 30th August, 1839.

W. Brother,—I am commanded by the M.W. Grand Master to state to you, in reply to your letter of the 3rd July, requesting an audience with his Royal Highness with certain brethren on the subject of the Annuity Institution for Infirm Masons, that he wishes you and the Committee therein nominated to meet me, that I may read his Royal Highness's answer to the application.

The M.W. Grand Master has been induced to adopt this course to avoid all further misstatements and misapprehensions, which hitherto have always attended such communications, although it has been the constant desire of his Royal Highness to be most explicit on every point.—I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. H. WHITE, G.S.

To the W. Bro. R. T. Crucefix, Treas., &c.

The Grand Master's reply is as follows:

Southwick Park, Fareham, 26th August, 1839.

Gentlemen and Brothers,—Having received from Bro. Crucefix a note communicating to me various resolutions which had been passed at different meetings by several brethren who have at heart the establishment of some Institution calculated to relieve Decayed and Aged Masons, I feel it incumbent upon me to repeat the statement which I first made upon that subject at the Grand Festival in the present year. On that occasion I stated that as to an Asylum or a Building I could not and never would lend either the sanction of my name or my pecuniary assistance, inasmuch as I was convinced that it would be a useless expenditure, a waste of money, without the slightest chance of any profitable or beneficial result therefrom, but that if such project were given up and then the brethren were disposed to form a plan for granting Annuities which were to be taken solely from the interest of moneys collected, and not break in upon the capital, that to such a proposition I would listen.

Since that time a proposition was made to me to receive a deputation on the subject, which I left unanswered in consequence of seeing a circular which the Committee had in the interim circulated, and which had misrepresented the statement I have here made, without any communication to me.

In the paper now communicated to me it is stated "that the sum of £2000 shall be the nucleus of a Fund for the erection of the Asylum." This I have no hesitation in saying is completely at variance with my statement.

From the whole tenor of the paper it is clear the same disposition and inclination on the part of some individuals as to the erection of an Asylum still remains. Now without imputing motives to any one, there can be no doubt the Craft will be misled in supposing that I have given a silent consent to such a plan, which I am equally determined as before to resist; therefore, unless it is clearly understood that the intention of erection an Asylum is totally abandoned, I feel myself under the necessity of declining any communication upon the subject.

I hope this will be deemed a fair answer to the application made to me, and as such I wish it to be communicated to those brethren who passed the resolutions upon which the request of an interview with me has been grounded and which I consequently decline; but to show that this determination has been taken in conformity with those opinions which have actuated the whole of my conduct in this transaction, I will further add, that until next April, if it please God to spare my life, I will take no further step; but should the brethren at that time have made no advance in the matter, I shall think myself at liberty to state my own plan, when I have no doubt the brethren will see which is the most feasible, and when I shall call upon the Fraternity for that assistance which I have never found them unwilling to afford when useful objects are proposed for their consideration.

(Signed) Augustus F., G.M.,

To Bros. R. T. Crucefix, J. C. McMullen,  
J. C. Bell, and Z. Watkins.

It was agreed that the Grand Master's communication should be laid before the Quarterly General Meeting on the 9th October, there and then to be dealt with in such manner as might seem best to the brethren present; and it was so dealt with, a long and elaborate exposition being prepared, in which were set forth the reasons why the subscribers to the Asylum felt themselves unable to adopt the course proposed by his Royal Highness. In this document it was, in the first place, explained for what reasons it was considered desirable that such an Institution should be established. It was pointed out that, in the Grand Master's letter addressed to, and read in, Grand Lodge on the 6th December, 1837, "on that occasion the Grand Master declared, as to the matter proposed, that he was not unfriendly; but in his situation as Grand Master he could not at present give to it the sanction of his name, and thus recommend it to the Grand Lodge and the Craft at large; that such assent could not be obtained from him until he was satisfied that such a sum had been collected as would meet the expenses for the erection and furnishing the buildings which were proposed, as likewise give reasonable hope that some provision would be funded which, with a little addition, might enable the inhabitants of those dwellings to maintain themselves without a severe call upon the existing funds of the Grand Lodge." It was shown that his Royal Highness had further remarked that the brethren were annually called upon to furnish a certain number of Stewards to manage dinners for those two establishments (the Girls' and Boys' Schools), which became very irksome and expensive, and that "it would be both imprudent and improvident to impose an additional burthen upon the lodges by a call for a third Board of Stewards on the formation of a new Institution," the brethren having been previously cautioned "not to allow their good feelings to carry them away, and by a hasty vote peril the Charitable Institutions already existing." Yet, these protestations notwithstanding, it was argued that the Grand Lodge had unanimously agreed to "recommend the contemplated Asylum for the worthy Aged and Decayed Freemason to the favourable consideration of the Craft." Under these circumstances, the Committee had gone on soliciting contributions until a sum of over £2000 had been raised; and in the meantime, until a sufficient amount had been raised for the erection of a building, as well as to demonstrate the utility of the scheme, the Committee had resolved on setting aside annually a sum equal to the interest on their investments, in order to provide annuities for deserving destitute brethren. Rules and regulations had also been framed, to which no serious objections had been raised, and which might be "fairly presumed to be sufficient to preserve the benefits of the Institution to worthy and deserving objects." It was further set forth that, though the Committee were unable to discover in what way they had, in any circular issued by them, misrepresented his Royal Highness's views, they had ever been most anxious to conform to his wishes, as was evidenced by the resolutions they had framed for the purpose of giving effect to his Royal Highness's suggestions as to granting annuities and for deferring for a time the erection of the Asylum. Nevertheless the subscribers conscientiously held fast to their opinion that "the building of an Asylum, as soon as their funds will permit of its erection and endowment, will be highly advantageous to Freemasonry." But not content with this they further argued that "the sum at present vested in the names of their Provisional Trustees having been subscribed upon the faith that the Asylum should be eventually erected," they did not consider there could exist any "right to appropriate the money so subscribed to any other purpose and that to attempt to do so would be to act in breach of faith towards those who made the members of this Institution Guardians of their bounty for that especial purpose;" and they even ventured to express their belief that his Royal Highness would respect them the more highly on account of the motives which actuated them "in declaring their inability to divert the application of such money from the object of the donors." They concluded by suggesting that, as this Institution had partially adopted the principle of granting annuities, "to establish another Charity for granting annuities or pensions only . . . would be to divide the interests and resources of Freemasons, and weaken and embarrass the efforts of both, independently of its injurious tendency on the other two Masonic Charities, the Girls' and Boys' Schools; and although the fears entertained by his Royal Highness in his letter of the 6th December, 1837, that a third Charity and Board of Stewards would probably interfere with the prosperity of the two (then) existing Charities, have not been fulfilled in the progress of the Asylum for worthy Aged and Decayed Freemasons by reason of the latter Charity differing so greatly in its objects from those previously in existence; yet that a fourth Charity, for granting annuities, being a part of the object of this Institution as now in operation, would not only embarrass, but in all probability peril the Charitable Institutions already existing."

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**BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.**

"Broad Arrow," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Freemasons'  
Chronicle," "Citizen," "Hull Packet," "La Chaîne d'Union de  
Paris," "Masonic Home Journal," "Freimaurer Zeitung,"  
"American Shorthand Writer," "Fishing Gazette," "Bulletin  
du Grand Orient de France," "El Taller," "Tricycling News."





SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 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 ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The extraordinary circular published in your last issue upon the subject of the election of a Grand Treasurer appeared at first blush to be a hoax; but enquiries lead to the painful conclusion that it is seriously meant.

Beginning with "We, the undersigned"—though there are no undersigned—it proceeds by regular gradations to set forth what "We think," "We further urge," "We desire to express," "We deprecate," "We by no means desire," "We believe," "We disclaim," "We have learned," and so on, until one wonders whether the three tailors of Tooley-street are yet alive.

Without being hypercritical, however, and without caring to know who are the undersigned, the circular may be denounced at once as unworthy of brother Masons. Jesuitical and specious to a degree, the purport of it is to promote strife amongst, and to proclaim war against, law-abiding members of the Order.

The authors of it deprecate the splitting up of the Craft into parties, yet they earnestly appeal to the brethren to combine with them for unlawful purposes, viz.:

1. To override the Constitutions of the Order, which provide that a Grand Treasurer shall be elected annually.
2. To nullify the decision of Grand Lodge in March last, affirming the principle that the brother elected shall occupy the position for one year only.
3. To prevent the Craft exercising their right of making free choice year by year of a successor to the office.

After the admission that "personally he is unknown to many of us," their kind patronage of the present Grand Treasurer, by recommending him for re-election, is, to say the least, in questionable taste, though quite in keeping with the rest of the circular.

He was chosen the willing champion of the principle of an annual transference of the honour, and he cannot now turn his back upon it. He was entrusted with the office for 12 months and no longer, and will, one would think, be loyal to his supporters, and firmly decline to allow himself to be again nominated.

The unwary and the unreflective may possibly be induced to append their names to the circular, but the great body of the Order will be sure to be found true to the healthy principle they so warmly espoused at the last election.—Yours fraternally,

N. B. HEADON, P.M. and Treas. 1426.

December 3rd.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I shall be obliged if you will find space in your columns for the following remarks concerning the circular you published last week on the subject of the election of Grand Treasurer. No doubt there are many brethren to whom, as to myself, it would be a matter of indifference whether Bro. Allcroft or any other member of the Craft, provided he is in all respects worthy of the honour, is elected to the office in March next, were it not that there is a grave principle at stake, a principle which Grand Lodge, when, in March of the current year, it preferred Bro. Allcroft over Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton by a "large majority," unquestionably accepted. The too obvious design of the framers of the circular you have made public is to destroy that principle, while the ulterior effect of it, if successful, will be to make Grand Lodge ridiculous in the eyes of all men of sense. For these reasons I crave your indulgence, even if in formulating views, which I have good reason to know are shared by very many of my fellow Masons, it should happen that I trespass too considerably on your kindness.

At the outset, I find myself somewhat in a difficulty. The circular begins impressively with the words "We, the undersigned," but there are no undersignatures, and all I am able to gather as to the responsible authorship of the said document is that Bro. Frank Richardson, a Past Grand Senior Deacon, is desirous of receiving the names of brethren who are prepared to support the candidature of Bro. Allcroft for the office of Grand Treasurer, when it becomes vacant in March next; and include them among those of "the following members of Grand Lodge," whose signatures are conspicuous by their absence. But this does not justify me in setting down Bro. Richardson as being either the sole author of the circular, or a chief instigator of the movement the success of which it is intended to promote.

But passing this by, it is at least a source of satisfaction to me, and doubtless to all who are of my way of thinking, that the framing of the circular should have been placed in such utterly incompetent hands. Had the writer possessed only an ordinary amount of sense and tact, he would so have veiled his true purpose as to have mystified the general body of Craftsmen into the belief that he was seriously concerned for the future welfare of English Freemasonry, and that he really and truly believed that danger would follow if a line of policy were continued in 1884 and following years which had been successfully inaugurated in this current year of grace. However, through his want of skill in handling difficult and delicate subjects, he has succeeded in making it apparent in every line he has written that the main purpose of his present mission is to deprive the general body of English Freemasons of the one right and privilege—beyond that of electing their own Grand Master—they have always possessed, but never, for sufficient reasons, asserted until the present year. To put the matter in the most favourable light, it was but a sorry contrivance to commence an appeal to the brethren to re-elect Bro. Allcroft as Grand Treasurer by setting forth that "we, the undersigned, have heard with concern that there is an intention on the part of some of our London brethren to

propose a new candidate for election to the office of Grand Treasurer in March next, and to follow the same course in succeeding years." When in March last Bro. Allcroft was proposed as a fit and proper candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer in opposition to Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Bro. G. P. Britten, the latter's seconder, is reported to have said "he was very sorry to hear that there was a talk of some opposition to his (Lieut.-Col. Creaton's) re-election." Yet Bro. Britten's sorrow was unavailing to divert Grand Lodge from its purpose of electing a new Grand Treasurer in place of the old one. Again, another brother, whose name was not furnished, remarked that "it was well known that every Master of a Freemason's lodge was anxious to wear the purple, and the collar of Grand Treasurer was the only collar the Craft had it in its power to bestow. There were men equally worthy with Col. Creaton to wear that collar in Grand Lodge that night, and he, therefore, said it should be handed down from one to the other." And this view was reiterated by Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., who felt that "provided this office was a sinecure, provided that neither the solvency nor anything else in connection with the brother was brought into question in the slightest degree, and that it was purely an honorary office, then he thought that the only collar that was at the disposal of Grand Lodge should be so placed at their disposal and fresh blood should be constantly imported into it." The result of the discussion was that Grand Lodge elected Bro. Allcroft as Grand Treasurer "by a large majority," a majority so decisive that the Earl of Lathom, M.W.G.M. in the chair, declared that "a poll"—which was demanded by Bro. Britten—"was quite unnecessary." By thus resolving Grand Lodge accepted the principle that, as the office of Grand Treasurer was a purely honorary one, it was desirable that "new blood should constantly be imported into it." Therefore, I repeat, the unknown author, who was probably present on the occasion referred to and his co-signatories to the circular, whose signatures are wanting, can have no real reason for being surprised that a body of brethren who successfully enunciated an important principle in 1883 should be so far forgetful of their consistency and self-respect as not to reassert its application in 1884 and succeeding years.

The second and third paragraphs relate to Bro. Allcroft's qualifications for the office, and enumerate the reasons why it must be undesirable to remove him. We are told that Bro. Allcroft "is a brother who commands the good opinion of all; he is a man of good means and position, has been a most liberal contributor to our Charities, and has not only the leisure, but the inclination also to assist in this work." There is only one fault to find with this statement, and it is that, in my opinion, it fails to describe adequately the merits of Bro. Allcroft. It is true he does not stand alone in the category of those whom the Craft must esteem it a privilege to honour; but, while I rejoice to say there are others equally with him worthy of having distinction conferred upon them, it is beyond all question there are none more worthy. But this being so, may I venture to ask the anonymous author and his friends what grievous injury Bro. Allcroft has done them that they should have singled him out to be, as it were, the peg on which they may hang out in public their pitiful and groundless disappointments? With justice may our respected brother exclaim "Save me from my friends," and for reasons which the signatories to this circular, in their eagerness to wipe out the remembrance of their defeat last March, appear to have lost sight of altogether. It is proposed, though Bro. Allcroft "does not come forward of his own accord," to put him in nomination for re-election as Grand Treasurer, in which case one of two things must happen. Either he is elected, and so violates the understanding, implied or actual, between him and his supporters in March; or, he is defeated, in which case, as the ex-champion of a principle to which he will have since proved faithless, he brings a certain amount of discredit upon his hitherto unsullied fame. The supporters of this circular must be wilfully blind if they cannot see this, and Bro. Allcroft will be untrue to himself if he consents to be made the tool of a disappointed party in Grand Lodge. As to the duties devolving upon the Grand Treasurer, every one knows that the changes which have taken place since 1878 have converted the office from one of grave responsibility and trust into a purely honorary one, which any worthy and qualified brother may justly aspire to fill. This simple truth was fully recognised by Grand Lodge when it elected Bro. Allcroft as successor to Bro. Creaton; but our circular writer and his friends refuse to see this, and decline to accept gracefully as men and brothers the inevitable consequences of their late defeat.

To the paragraph that follows there are equally grave, if not graver, objections. It represents it as being "very undesirable that a yearly canvass should be made, that the Craft should be divided into parties, and (new) elements of discord introduced by the efforts of different sections to secure the election of their particular candidate." As regards a yearly canvass, I would point out in the first place that it is not an inherent necessity of a yearly election; and, in the next, that even if it were, that is no reason why English Masons should differ so widely from the rest of their countrymen as to be unable to carry on a disputed election without introducing among themselves the elements of discord. Again, I would ask my unknown friend if, when he speaks of the possibility of the Craft being divided into parties, he wishes it to be understood that differences of opinion among Masons as to the eligibility of a candidate for office or on any other subject are forbidden. Are they all bound to follow in the direction indicated by any brother who, like him (the said unknown) elects to set himself up as a leader in their midst? In other words, are Masons when they become entitled to sit in Grand Lodge and take part in its deliberations bound to sink their individuality and become the followers, tools, or slaves of any one who has assurance enough to step forward and dictate a policy? Why, may I be permitted in all innocence to ask, may the circular-writer with all the (self-assumed) authority of an absolute ruler, proclaim the policy of his choice without detriment to the peaceful progress of the Craft, while another, who enjoys no such literal distinctions, must not even dream of proposing a rival policy? Again, let me inquire of my worthy brother what are the "old" elements of discord already existing among the members of Grand Lodge, if a yearly canvass is likely to introduce "new" elements of the same unsatisfactory character? I have always laboured under the impression, and I believe my impression has not been without reasonable justification, that there is a good deal of fraternal feeling among Freemasons, so that, whether they disagreed as to the merits of a particular policy, or,

accepting the policy, joined issue as to the best means for giving effect to it, they readily agreed to differ, and as readily accepted the result, no matter in whose favour it declared itself.

Paragraph five begins by stating that "in no other instance in Masonry is it usual or would it be considered advantageous to change the Treasurer every year." It then goes on to "express a very decided opinion that it is improper as well as impolitic for any section of Grand Lodge to call upon any brother to pledge himself that, if elected, he will only serve for one year;" and it concludes by deprecating "the splitting up of the Craft, which must inevitably arise if such a course of action is pursued. As regards the first of these allegations, I would point out that "in no other instance in Masonry" are the duties of a Treasurer merely nominal, the office a purely honorary one. In Provincial Grand Lodges and in private lodges, the position of Treasurer is one of great trust and responsibility. He is mostly a brother who has already won high distinction in the lodge or lodges of which he is a member, and, though his election to the Treasurership may confer additional honour, it likewise places upon him a serious and responsible charge. The office of Grand Treasurer is one of great dignity; but it involves no expenditure of time and entails no responsibility whatever. There is then no parallelism between the "other instances in Masonry," in which it is the rule to elect a Treasurer, and Grand Lodge. Then, though it may be highly improper for any section of Grand Lodge to bind a brother to observe any particular line of conduct, no amount of argument will persuade me that, when a brother has allowed himself to be put forward as the nominee or champion of a particular policy, his quondam opponents, because in the meantime they have learned to appreciate his high qualities, are justified in thrusting him unasked into a position of antagonism to his quondam supporters. It is only a man's enemies who would willingly force him into such a dilemma. As to the splitting up of the Craft, I have already suggested that Masons are not the men I take them for if they cannot engage in a disputed election even once a year without introducing among themselves the elements of discord.

As regards the stress laid on the fact that the Grand Treasurer is an *ex officio* Trustee of the Charities and the services he is able to render in the latter capacity, I venture to say that Bro. Allcroft, like Bro. Creaton before him, will be equally capable of helping forward our Institutions, whether he takes rank in Grand Lodge from March next as Grand Treasurer or Past Grand Treasurer. It is but the other day he regretted his duties were so light, but, in spite of this, the circular would have us believe they must be very important, if not very onerous. Which is the more trustworthy of these rival views, I must leave it to your readers to judge.

I fear I have written, even on a subject of such importance as this is, at an inordinate length, but the tenour of this anonymous circular must be my apology. Its one care is that the brother who may be elected Grand Treasurer in March next shall be acceptable in the eyes of the writer and those with whom he is acting and of whom, for aught I know to the contrary, he may be the mouthpiece. I am battling for the principle which was advocated by the supporters of Bro. Allcroft, when they proposed him as a candidate for the Treasurership, and was accepted by Grand Lodge when it elected their nominee in preference to a brother of equal merit and greater experience. Its author places the issue at stake on the narrow ground of personal qualifications, though he knows full well the personal qualifications of Bro. Allcroft, as was the case in March last with those of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, are entirely beside the question. I claim to place it on the broad and generous ground of principle, and if this letter even in the slightest degree helps to make this and the nature and importance of the principle involved somewhat clearer than heretofore to the readers of the *Freemason*, my letter will not have been written in vain.—Faithfully and fraternally yours, TENAX PROPOSITI.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bro. Horder, of Cardiff, calls attention to what has always appeared to me a defect in Craft Masonry, viz., the absence of a rule to allow a member to pay a lump sum to secure him life membership of a certain lodge.

The payment of a composition for life is allowed in all the other Degrees of Freemasonry, and I can see no objection to any brother paying a sum in order to keep his name on the books of his lodge as a non-active or country member. Through sudden misfortune a worthy Mason may not be able to pay the £3 3s. or £5 5s., the annual subscription, and is in consequence lost to the Craft for ever.—Yours fraternally, OBSERVER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to letter in to-day's *Freemason* there are several lodges in Aberdeen "where the members are allowed on payment of a lump sum (ten years' annual contributions) to become life members."—Yours fraternally, ALEX. INKSON Mc CONNOCHIE, P.M., P.G. Treasurer, Aberdeen City, Prov. Grand Lodge.

THE ALLOCATION OF THE GREAT PRIOR OF CANADA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I trust you will permit me some little space in the columns of the *Freemason* to reply to the very cutting criticism on my last "Allocation" delivered before the Great Priory of Canada, which appeared in your issue of the 25th August, 1883, but only very lately seen by me.

The history of Freemasonry is necessarily hard to find, the snows of time having obliterated the footprints of our ancient brethren, and the only chance we have of recovering the "back track" is by careful enquiry and fraternal co-operation in suggestive thoughts.

The theory of Bro. Carson, of Ohio, U.S. of America, appears to me to commend itself very closely indeed to my mind, and for the following reasons, viz.: The earliest published records of Freemasonry, Stone Masons, &c., are in A.D. 1400; those in Germany, 1459 (see Steinbrennar's History, p. 84, published in New York by Macoy and Sickles in 1864); and in Scotland, 1437 (see Greenleaf's

Lectures on Masonry, p. 14, published in New York in 1820). At this time it was strictly "Christian and Trinitarian"—declared to be so and continued between that date and 1721. It then comes from the hands of Anderson and Desaguliers another thing altogether, its Trinitarian character abolished, and in its place the Religion of Nature substituted.

As early as the year 600 Masonry was known as purely Christian throughout, although it is an established fact that the ritual in the course of time had been forgotten and that in 1717 there was but one degree and that the Apprentice. Yet in 1723, six years afterwards, it is presented to us as having two degrees and the Master's part, or that which appertains to the chair, and it comes from the hands of Anderson and Desaguliers, with its Christian character destroyed, and in its place the natural religion of the world or "Deism."

The "degree" of Master was manufactured and added to it in 1725. Now, it would be very strange, if there were any brethren among those who professed the old doctrines of the Templar Order, that such should submit to this fatal innovation, but would have a strong desire to perpetuate all the ancient rituals among themselves. That there were brethren professing these Christian doctrines among them at that period, I think will not admit of a doubt, inasmuch as the vestiges of the Christian Order of the Templars are found frequently in the cemeteries, the graves, the symbols on the monuments, the sanctuaries, &c.; the fact of the discovery of the "small white stone" in old Templar graves, besides the skeleton, is enough of itself to establish this assertion.

The quotation by me concerning the "cross-legged Masons" at Stirling in 1590 is made, as far as I can recollect, from "Addison's Early History of Knights Templars" and from "Lawrie's History of Freemasonry" (last edition); but from the loss last year by the fire which destroyed my residence and nearly all my valuable Masonic books of reference and copious MS. notes, I am frequently now at a loss and cannot quote positively.

"Mesouraneo" was the word intended; the clerical error in the final letters arose (with several others) from the printer not sending in time the "Allocution" for correction before the meeting of Great Priory. From this word hence the term "Masonry." The very name of our institution appears to have been a source of error as extensive as the English language. Why, it has been asked, are we styled "Masons" or "builders," if architecture was not at least our principal employment? We answer that the words "Mason" and "Masonry" are but corruptions of other words having no relation to edifice. ("Dalcha's Ahimon Rezon," page 143). "Mason" is by some derived from the Greek words "Mai" and "Soan" (query, "Saloum"—"I desire life or salvation"), and is supposed to allude to the situation of the candidate during some part of the ancient ceremonies; the term "Masonry" seems but a slight variation of the Greek "Mesouraneo" ("Esse in medio celi"—"To be in the midst of peace"). There are others, however, who derive the modern term "Mason" from the ancient "Mayson," or "devotee of the goddess of justice or of the creative power." With the Greeks "Maio" was the deity of perfect rectitude and eternal wisdom, of that wisdom who presided in the creation of the universe.

It is highly probable that it was in France that the term "Mayson" was first applied to the worshippers of "Maio," the "first cause." In view of either of these derivations a "Mason" may be regarded as an aspirant after immortality, and a devoted worshipper of the god of wisdom and of truth, whose throne is in the centre of heaven. See "Greenleaf's Lectures on Masonry," 1820; "Hutchinson's Spirit of Masonry," page 15; "Rees' Cyclopædia, Art. Mayo," and the German work "Usber die Freimaurer Ord.," 1780, or thereabouts.

Greenleaf observes, at page 17, "That there is nothing to be found in 'Ancient Masonry,' that has any relation to Monkish legends, nor to chivalry, nor to crusades, it breathes another spirit; its traditions have no exclusive and necessary references to war, nor to the second building of Solomon's Temple. They are more easily and naturally referred to the religious ceremonies of earlier ages."

Greenleaf was of Danish connections, and was a most cultured man. He held the office District Deputy Grand Master of the State of Massachusetts, U.S. of America, 1815 to 1820, when he published his lectures to the Craft, which were at that time esteemed the best that had been delivered in the United States of America.

"Masonic Student" has taken a great liberty with the character of a highly-cultivated scholar, the late Bishop Mûnter of Copenhagen, who was the spiritual director of a large and numerous religious sect, and was esteemed to be amongst the most learned men of that kingdom. He was intimately associated with the reigning King, and with Professor "Phenger," Prince Karl of Phillipstah, and many others of like character and attainments, and most highly honoured by all who were acquainted with him. His work upon the "Templar Order" was pronounced to be a very able one. He is long since dead, as well as many others who were associated with him in the early period of the present century.

Who the learned German editor "Masonic Student" speaks of is I do not know, but presume him to be of a like rationalistic nature with himself, who believe in "just what they can see with their eyes and handle with their hands." His strictures on the valuable work of Bishop Mûnter as a literary "fabrication" are not critically sound or historically correct.—I am, dear sir and brother, fraternally yours,  
WM. J. B. MAC LEOD MOORE,  
Great Prior Dom. of Canada.

St. John's East, Prov. Quebec, Canada,  
11th October.

A grand Masonic bazaar, under distinguished patronage is to be held at the Town Hall, Salford, on the 13th inst., and two following days, to meet the expenses incurred in the re-construction and the furnishing of the Freemasons' Hall, Adelphi-street, Salford. It will be opened at 12 o'clock by Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire.

The Champagne Vintage.—The report of this year's vintage is, we hear, satisfactory both as regards quantity and quality, Messrs. Mûct and Chandon have made of their own growth 6000 hogsheads (2200 of which are the produce of their celebrated Ay Vineyards), which with their purchases from other growers of fine wines, form a total of close upon half-a-million sterling."

## REVIEWS

THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND POCKET BOOK. W. Spencer, 23A, Great Queen-street, W.C.

An old familiar friend puts in its appearance for 1883, warmly welcomed by all members of the English Craft. It has of late years received much of careful attention and editing, and is alike creditable to the Calendar Committee and the publisher. As the authoritative publication of Grand Lodge, it gives us all the information concerning Craft Masonry, which it is either needful or useful for English or cosmopolitan Freemasons to master and to realize. We might desiderate for it, perhaps, a gayer binding; we might wish that it had a portrait of some distinguished brother as an effective frontispiece, but as it is it gives us a great deal of valuable and interesting information, and forcibly appeals to the support and patronage of our English brotherhood and Craft Masons everywhere.

POLAND: HER GLORY, HER SUFFERINGS, HER OVERTHROW. By HERBERT WOLKSHI. Kerby and Endean.

Just as we could not do justice in any sense or shape to Mr. Collette's "Luther Vindicated," owing to religious questions, so we cannot, from political considerations, properly review this well printed and interesting work. Freemasonry is a "Neutral Zone," "via media," as between the two debateable lands of sectarian controversy and sectional discussion. No doubt the history of Poland itself is very important for the student of the past, who realizes what Poland once did for Europe as regards the Turkish invasion of that continent. To day that once historic country is blotted out from the map of Europe, though we think it right in these honest pages once for all to express our humble opinion, that in the ever clearly avenging Nemesis of retributive justice, all departures from national and international laws of equity, comity, the "jus patriæ," or the "jus gentium," those who remove their neighbours' landmarks, those who create unjust wars or countenance unrighteous aggressions, will sooner or later suffer themselves. We cannot say more, we cannot pronounce less, and we therefore leave Messrs. Kerby and Endean's brightly covered and agreeably printed volume, with its historical contents, to the appreciation of that class of readers amongst us who are always enquiring for something "new," "moving," and "fit to read."

### CHRISTMAS NUMBER OF TRUTH.

Truth, stern, unbending Truth, compels us to say that we find this Christmas number forced and inane in marked measures. We should despair of the taste and intellect of the age in which we live if we were to accept such to be the normal outcome of its real literary or artistic proclivities. It seems to us a sad waste of time, thought, and effort.

### THE CHRISTMAS GRAPHIC

Is, as usual, most striking, and will, no doubt, attract a very large number of readers of all classes and ages. Mr. Caldicott's drawings are, as usual, most effective, and we commend our Christmas friend to the notice of all who admire artistic excellence or can realize literary effectiveness.

### THE MAGAZINES.

The magazines are here, and one or two Christmas numbers, and we think it well to allude to them briefly.

"The Christmas Number of the Monthly Packet," edited by Miss Yonge and published by Walter Smith, 34, King-street, London, is a remarkable two shillings' worth of 256 pages. We can recommend it to all our young folks, to all careful and maternal providers of youthful literature in this reading age, as within these salutary pages none of the enervating and vitiating teaching of our most materialistic days can find an enhancer or will meet with approbation.

"Longman's Magazine" claims the approval of a large circle of readers. We still confess to a feeling of disappointment "anent" it. Mr. Hawsel contributes an interesting paper on "Liszt," and "At the Docks" is very amusing.

"Temple Bar" gives us the sad ending of "Ione Stewart," a sensationalistic continuation of "Belinda," and several amusing articles. "Inter alia" we note "Wraxall's Memoirs," "Marshal Berwick," "A Highland Healing," and "The Lament of the Æsthetic Young Lady."

"The Century" appeals to us with the "Fairest County in England," "Echoes of the City of the Angels," "The Silverado Squatters," "George Fuller," "The Pretenders to the Throne of France," and "Original Documents of the New Testament."

"The English Illustrated Magazine" is still improving, and contains a very well-written account of Luther. "The Armourer's Prentices" is continued. We can commend "Some Forgotten Etchers" and "The Story of a Courtship."

"All the Year Round" is still a little below its usual form. We like "Jenifer," "A Drawn Game," "A Kaffer Toad," and "A Boarding House Romance."

"The Antiquary and the Bibliographer"—"Arcades ambo" claim the attention of all Masonic and other students with archaeological proclivities and dryasdustian inclinations.

MADAME TUSSAUD AND SON'S EXHIBITION.—Portrait Models of H.R.H. the Duke of EDINBURGH, M. Ferdinand de Lesseps, President Grevy, Martin Luther, The Orleans Princes, Captain Webb (taken from life). Costly Court Dresses. Also Marwood (taken from sittings).—Admission 1s. Extra rooms, 6d. Open from 10 till 10.—[ADVT.]

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Sudden changes, frequent fogs, and pervading dampness sorely impede the vital functions, and conduce to ill health. The remedy for such disorders lies in some purifying medicine, like these Pills, which is competent to grapple successfully with the mischief at its source, and stem it out, without fretting the nerves or weakening the system. Holloway's Pills extract from the blood all noxious matter, regulate the action of every disordered organ, stimulate the liver and kidneys, and relax the bowels. In curing chest complaints these Pills are remarkably effective, especially when aided by a free local application of the Ointment. This double treatment will ensure a certain, steady, and beneficent progress, and sound health will soon be re-established.—[ADVT.]

## Masonic Notes and Queries

269] DR. PLOT'S EVIDENCE.

I wish to put on record here that Dr. Plot's evidence of 1686 places the antiquity of Freemasonry in the seventeenth century higher than some of us seem to realise. On looking over a fine copy of his work the other day, these three points in it are salient and unmistakable: 1. That this curious body of Freemasons, which evidently attracts the old doctor's admiration, despite his denunciation of its "fables," is of very great antiquity, though not so old as it professes it to be. 2. Speculative Masons of the "most eminent quality did not decline to be of this fellowship." 3. That the "custom was spread more or less all over the nation." If this be so, there is for us an evident importance attaching to the study and searching out of all old Masonic records, as we shall perhaps arrive at the true history of seventeenth century English Freemasonry. Dr. Plot does not like the Freemasons, and wishes them to be punished and suppressed, no uncommon outcome of ignorance, which is always either servilely superstitious or fanatically persecuting. DRYASDUST.

270] THE ROYAL LODGE (EXTINCT), CHESTER.

Bro. J. C. Robinson, P.M., has kindly placed in my hands the old volume of minutes of the above lodge from 1743 to 1767, which has been so graphically described by Bro. T. B. Whytehead. I have carefully examined the valuable book of Records, hoping that some stray fact may have been omitted by Bro. Whytehead in his sketch of the old lodge, but my trouble has been in vain. There is however one point of consequence which appears to have escaped the attention of Bro. Whytehead; at least, it appears to me to be worthy of note, and must be so, if I am correct in my surmise. According to the Book of Constitutions of A.D. 1756, the first Prov. G.M. for Cheshire was not appointed until the Grand Mastership of the "Marquis of Carnarvon," when "John Page, of Hawthorn, Esq., for the county Palatine of Chester, and the city and county of Chester," 1754-5, received his patent. I find a similar record in the Book of Constitutions, 1717, &c., so it is evident that so far as Grand Lodge registers are concerned, John Page was the first Prov. Grand Master. In the *Freemason* of Oct. 27th, 1883, it will be seen that Bro. Whytehead mentions the election by the lodge of "Robert Newton, Gent.," as Prov. G.M. so early as St. John's Day, 1743. Now, although things were done rather differently some century and a half ago than now, it is quite clear for such elections to have been legal in this country a Prov. G.M. must have been originally appointed by the Grand Master. I have introduced the question of the annual elections by the lodge just now; but as the first legal appointment according to the Book of Constitutions was in 1754-5, it is likely that Bro. Newton's Prov. G.M. was "ultra litem." I shall be glad to hear what Bro. Whytehead thinks on this point, and so our genial Bro. Robinson, to whom we are both indebted for the perusal of this old and valuable minute book. Bro. Robinson must continue his researches, for the mine is not yet exhausted. W. J. HUGHAN.

271] LEWIS.

Mr. Britton observes that Lewis "is an instrument said to have been used in England by the builders of the middle ages," &c. It is now in common use, having been revived by a French artisan during the reign of Louis XIV. See "Archæologia," x., 12 c. Felibien alludes to it as in common use about 1680, but calls it "Louve," and the side wedges "Louveteaux." It seems to be quite clear that its use was known to the Romans and to Vitruvius, though so far its classical name has not been verified, as far as I know. The word "Forceps" or "Forcipes" cannot apply to it. MASONIC STUDENT.

272] SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.

In reference to the inquiry of "Antiquity" I may say that in the collection of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, there is an engraved portrait of Sir Christopher Wren by Godby, after a painting by Cipriani. The great architect is represented as holding a pair of compasses in his right hand and a design of St. Paul's under his left arm. His left hand rests on a pedestal on which is unfolded a ground plan of the cathedral. The York Lodge, No. 236, has, I think, a similar engraving. T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

### PRESENTATION OF AN ADDRESS TO BRO. THE LORD MAYOR.

The following address, exquisitely illuminated on vellum, has been presented to Bro. the Lord Mayor.

"Lansdowne Lodge of Unity, No. 626,  
"Town Hall, Chippenham,  
"November, 1883.  
"To the Right Hon. Robert Nicholas Fowler, M.P., the Lord Mayor.  
"My Lord,—The elevation of your lordship to your present high office was not allowed to be passed by without special notice on the part of the brethren of the Lansdowne Lodge of Unity, No. 626, over whom you have so ably presided and with whom you have for so many years been on terms of such fraternal accord.

"I have the honour to inform you that the following resolution was unanimously adopted at the last lodge meeting:—

"Resolved that the sincere and fraternal congratulations  
"of the brethren be offered to Worshipful Bro.  
"Robert Nicholas Fowler, M.P., Senior Grand  
"Warden of Wilts and a Past Master of this lodge  
"upon his elevation to the dignity of Lord Mayor of  
"London, together with their hearty good wishes for  
"his health and prosperity during his year of office."  
"With all respect I subscribe myself on behalf of the brethren of the Lansdowne Lodge of Unity, No. 626,  
"Your lordship's faithful servant and brother,

"EDWIN EYRES,  
"Secretary.

"G. L. Lopes, W.M."



THE HUGHAN TESTIMONIAL.

On Wednesday last a meeting was held at Freemasons' Tavern for the purpose of appointing a committee and other business in connection with the proposed testimonial to Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. Both London and the provinces were influentially represented, and the utmost unanimity prevailed as to the object for which the meeting was convened. W. Bro. Rev. Thos. Robinson, P.G. Chap., occupied the chair, and, in introducing the subject to the meeting, spoke in the highest terms of the merits and claims of Bro. Hughan, and of the esteem and affection in which he was universally held. He called on Bro. Whythead to explain what had been already done to further the objects they had in view, and the subsequent steps the promoters proposed to take.

Bro. WHYTHEAD stated that the idea of a testimonial on an extensive scale had been suggested to him by the one that had been so successfully carried out in Cornwall. He felt that the merits of their worthy brother were as highly appreciated by Masons in different parts of the country, and in fact wherever English Masonry existed, as they were in the province which had so largely benefited by his services, and the letter he forwarded to the *Freemason* suggesting that such a fund should be raised was a spontaneous act on his part, without consultation with any one, and with no idea of prominently putting himself forward as the leader of the movement. But in consequence of that letter he received personally a number of communications sympathising with the movement and volunteering help. He, therefore, willingly undertook the duties of Secretary until a meeting could be called to formally appoint a Committee, &c. He had much pleasure in proposing that a fund be opened for the purposes of presenting a suitable testimonial to Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., in recognition of his literary and other services to the Craft.

This was seconded by Bro. J. MCKAY, Prov. G. Secretary for Cumberland and Westmorland, and carried unanimously.

The following resolutions were then proposed and carried.

Proposed by Bro. E. D. ANDERTON, Prov. G. Sec. Cornwall, and seconded by Bro. J. S. EASTES, D.P.G.M. Kent "That the brethren mentioned on the printed list which appeared in last week's *Freemason* be a Committee for carrying out the above suggestions."

Proposed by Bro. GEORGE KENNING and seconded by Bro. WHYTHEAD "That the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G. Master of North and East Yorkshire be President, and Bro. J. D. Allcroft, Grand Treasurer, be Vice-President."

Proposed by Bro. E. D. ANDERTON and seconded by Bro. MCKAY "That Bro. George Kenning be Treasurer, and Bro. T. B. Whythead and W. Lake, joint Honorary Secretaries."

Proposed by Bro. GEORGE KENNING and seconded by Bro. EASTES "That in addition to those already published, the names of the following brethren be added to the Committee: Bros. Edgar Bowyer, G. Std. Br.; N. B. Headon I.P.M. 1426; R. Muckle, Past Grand Treas. Penn.; Capt. Colville, P.G.S.W. Cornwall; J. S. Cumberland, P.G.S.W. N. and E. Yorkshire; J. Todd, P.P.G. Reg. N. and E. Yorks; Hon. F. J. Townshend, LL.D., K. of the Grand Chap. Ireland; Canon Tristram, D.C.L., Prov. G.M.M.M. Northumberland and Durham; R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. Somersetshire; Colonel Adair, P.G.D., G. Supt. Somersetshire; E. D. Anderton, P.G. Sec. Cornwall.

It was further resolved after some discussion that the subscription be not limited to one guinea as had been first announced.

CONSECRATION OF THE CLAUSENTUM MASONIC HALL AT WOOLSTON.

The Masonic Temple which has just been erected at Woolston for the accommodation of the brethren of the Clausentum Lodge was consecrated on the 10th ult., by the R.W. Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Hants and Isle of Wight, assisted by his Deputy, W. Bro. Hickman, and the Prov. Grand Officers, in the presence of a large attendance of brethren representing the Clausentum and sister lodges.

The warrant for the Clausentum Lodge is dated 25th September, 1873, and the lodge was consecrated by the present Prov. G.M. on the 10th November following, its name being taken, at the suggestion of the late Bro. Dr. J. R. Stebbing, P.G.D. (who assisted in its consecration), from the neighbouring Roman settlement. The lodge started with 18 members, since increased to 57, and this accession of numbers long ago rendered it imperative that steps should be taken to obtain more commodious premises, the Woolston Inn, where the best accommodation that could be afforded had been given, being found totally inadequate to the requirements of the constantly increasing needs of the lodge, and the principal members of the lodge practically recognised the fact that the only satisfactory solution of the difficulty would be the erection of a Masonic Hall. A site was granted by the late Mr. Thomas Chamberlayne, whose behest after his death was loyally acted up to by his successor, Mr. Tankerville Chamberlayne, but unexpected legal difficulties in the way of a transfer of the land cropped up, which not only delayed the work of erection for years, but the cost has proved a serious encroachment on the Building Fund. However, the Clausentum brethren laudably persevered in their endeavours, and to Bro. Methven, the present W.M., has been reserved the honour and pleasure of being the first ruler over the lodge in a home which, in every detail, does high credit to the architect, Bro. W. H. Mitchell; the builder, Bro. W. H. Chapman, P.M.; and all concerned. We have been furnished with a detailed description of the new building, but regret we cannot give it owing to the pressure on our space.

The attendance on the present occasion included Bros. W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M.; W. Hickman, D.P.G.M.; M. E. Frost, P.M., P.G.S.W.; H. M. Green, P.M., P.G.J.W.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.M., P.G. Sec.; R. L. Rastrick, P.M., P.G. Treas.; Rev. P. G. Pickering, S.W. 35, P.G. Chap.; Rev. A. L'Argent Bell, S.D. 594, P.G. Chap.; Major Douglas, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; M. Emanuel, P.M., P.G. Reg.; H. B. Here, P.M. 404, P.P. G. Chap. Herts; T. H. M. Martin, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; J. S. Hickley, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; C. W. A. Jellicoe, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; W. B. Edgeler, 928, P.G.S. Wks.; A. J. Miller, 130, P.P.G.J.W.; C. J. Phillips, P.M. 130, P.P. G.S.D.; W. H. Jacob, W.M. 76, P.G.S.; J. Robertson, W.M. 130, P.G. Stwd.; J. Patstone, W.M. 359, P.G. Stwd.; H. Lashmore, W.M. 394; W. F. Mayoss, W.M. 1112; J. Methven, W.M. 1461; W. Brunwin,

W.M. 983; J. H. Saunders, W.M. 1869, P.G.S.; G. J. Tilling, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Works; W. Horton, P.M.; W. Chapman, P.M.; Rev. S. Scott, P.P.G. Chap.; H. P. Aslatt, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; F. W. Nixon, P.M.; F. Powell, P.M., P.G.P.; A. Edginton, P.M., P.D.G.W. Bombay; H. Grier, W.M. 1971; J. Woodhouse, W.M., P.G.S.B.; W. J. Hickman, P.M.; J. Harle, P.M., P.P.G.P.; H. Webb, J.W. 359; J. Stevens, Treas. 1780; W. Grinyer, P.M.; A. Algar, Sec. 1780; J. Beer, J. Cateley, R. Williams, J. C. Burbage, S.W. 319; J. I. Bray, W. H. Swayne, J. B. Marguison Clarke, J. D. 130; R. Davis, J. Kamsden, E. A. Edwards, T. G. Dacombe, H. P. Arthur, P.M.; W. Berry, P.M.; J. T. Wells, Org. 1461; T. Dartnell, J.W. 130; G. Greenslade, Sec. 1112; J. Simpson, I.G. 1112; J. Lister, 949; R. W. Lees, A. J. Blackman, 359; W. J. Miller, F. W. Summerbee, S. Stevens, E. J. Petty, A. Baker, W. Jenvey, J. Stead, S. 130; S. Dacombe, W. P. Hogggett, W. Pearse, C. Callagan, E. Silverthorne, T. O. Spencer, M. F. Curtis, J.D. 1461; and D. Biggs, Exell, W. Vane, and C. Harrington and C. Henley, Tylers.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, prayers were offered by the SEN. PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN. The PROV. GRAND MASTER then addressed the brethren, congratulating the Clausentum Lodge on the success which had attended their efforts. They had raised up a building that was exceedingly beautiful in its character, and not doubting that it would be devoted to the purposes for which it was designed, he should have great pleasure in consecrating it to Masonry.

The Rev. P. G. PICKERING, S.W., one of the Prov. Grand Chaplains, next delivered an address, in which he referred to some of the aspersions cast upon Masonry by the outer world, and whilst saying there was no need to defend it before an assemblage of the brethren, he maintained that Freemasonry was a bulwark against many of the dangers which are said to threaten the State. He justified, as a clergyman, his connection with the art, and said that if the world acted more thoroughly up to the principles laid down in Freemasonry, the minister's work would be a very different character indeed.

Bro. W. H. MITCHELL, the architect, then delivered up to the Prov. Grand Master the instrument entrusted to his care at the laying of the foundation-stone, and reported that the hall had been well and truly built. P.M. Rosoman had put the whole of his knowledge of the requirements of the brethren at his disposal, and had rendered him great assistance in the earlier arrangements for the erection of the building, and the greatest unanimity had pervaded the Building Committee, of whom Bro. Methven, the present W.M., had been Chairman, and Bro. Bowyer, P.M. (Sec. of the Clausentum Lodge), Secretary. It was their one wish that the building should be entrusted to Bro. Chapman, knowing the interest he had taken in the lodge, but the Committee felt they were bound to a certain extent to throw the work of erection open to competition, but the difficulty they were in this respect was obviated by the fact that his tender was the lowest, and he had carried out his commission in a most satisfactory manner.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER made a suitable reply, and the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. LE FEUVRE, formally informing the Prov. Grand Master of the object of the assembly, said the corner-stone was laid about seven months ago, and he believed the unanimous verdict would be that from the foundation then laid there had been raised a superstructure perfect in all its parts, and honourable to the architect and builder, and all those who had aided in the work.

The solemn ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the anthem "Behold how joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" being sung by a double quartette, followed by an ode in honour of Masonry, Bro. J. I. Wells (by whom the musical arrangements of the day were admirably carried out), presiding at the American organ.

Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, after which the "Clausentum" was opened, and W. Bro. METHVEN expressed the pleasure it gave him to see so large an attendance, and his sense of the honour of being Master of the lodge on the day of the dedication of their new building. He proposed that the thanks of the lodge be given to the Prov. Grand Master, the D. Prov. Grand Master, and the officers of the province for having performed the ceremony of consecration.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER in reply said he had a lively recollection of the time that he came there to constitute the lodge 10 years ago, and he was glad to find that his anticipations of the importance the lodge would assume had been realised, and culminated in the erection of the beautiful hall they had that day dedicated.

The Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Secretary were elected hon. members of the lodge, and each returned thanks acknowledging the compliment.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, about seventy brethren sat down to a *recherché* banquet, provided by Bro. Dartnell, of Southampton, but a cloud was very early thrown over this part of the proceedings by the receipt of a telegram by the Prov. G.M., announcing that his daughter had met with an accident in the hunting field, and that concussion of the brain had resulted. He left for home by the earliest possible train, and the heartiest sympathy was expressed towards him during the evening, the sympathy of the lodge being afterwards forwarded officially by Bro. Bowyer, the Secretary. The W.M. presided, and the usual Masonic toasts were given and acknowledged.

In the course of the proceedings, Bro. Bowyer announced that a petition had already been sent in for a warrant for forming a chapter, and the D.P.G.M., alluding to a recent proposition to divide the province, said the suggestion had been withdrawn, and the brethren who made it were, he believed, convinced they had made a mistake.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE UNITED MILITARY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

No. 1536.

This festival took place on the 26th ult., at the Earl of Chatham Arms, Thomas-street, and was well attended by the members and friends of it and the neighbouring lodges. Bro. G. Kenneday, W.M. of the mother lodge, presided, and was supported by the following brethren: Bros. T. Holleyman, I.P.M. 1536; W. B. Lloyd, P.M. 913; G. Spinks, P.M. 1536; G. Davis, P.M. 13; W. Moulds, J.W. 1536; T. Cooper, G. Whiteheart, A. J. Fisher, Sec.;

H. Swinherd, A. J. Rowley, W. A. McInnery, A. Murdock, H. Froud, J. Butler, J. Bilton, A. Green, J. R. Hunter, R. Gooding, W. Maule, J. Purnell, D.C.; J. Morton, T. Wylie, all of 1536; E. W. Carter, 858; S. West, 700; J. Hooton, 913; J. Laughlin, 1536; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The menu which was all that could be desired, having been discussed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. HOLLEYMAN then gave the toast of "Bro. Kenneday, our W.M. and Preceptor of the lodge." He said Bro. Kenneday was not only an excellent Master, but a good and painstaking Preceptor, and he asked them to drink the toast cordially.

Bro. KENNEDAY said he was much gratified to see such a muster that evening; it augured well for the prosperity of the lodge. The instruction received in it had been of immense service to the lodge, and although it had many vicissitudes in its course, yet it was now firmly founded and prospering. Some of the founders of it were absent, and he regretted that Bro. Anderson, one of its greatest supporters, was unable to be present. He was pleased to see the manner in which his name had been received, and would promise them faithfully to do all in his power to make the lodge one of the best in the district.

The next toast was that of "The Past Preceptors," coupled with the name of Bros. Spinks, Holleyman, and Gooding.

Bro. HOLLEYMAN in response, congratulated the W.M. upon being so well supported, and also upon the success the lodge had attained and which he attributed to a resolution adopted some three years ago, viz., "That the W.M. of the mother lodge for the time being be the Preceptor of the lodge of instruction." They had worked well, for where the W.M. was the brethren would be also. During the last three years that system had been in vogue, and the attendance had increased materially, and the result was that their lodge was second to none, if not superior to most of the lodges about them in its working, especially that of the minor offices, and at some lodges where there was no lodge of instruction the working was painful to witness. He could not do better than read them a little bit of good advice that he had cut out of the *Freemason*, it was as follows: "We are not among those who ever undervalue the need and value of our 'Lodges of Instruction.' On the contrary, this peculiar English institution, is in our humble opinion, the secret of much true Masonic work amongst us, a source of Masonic sympathy, and constitutes one of the main reasons why our English working is so sound and so uniform on the whole. That there are varieties of working, customs, and usage, Bro. James Stevens will tell us; but it is a very remarkable fact, explain it as you will, that there is, in truth, little essential difference of working in our lodges. We are glad therefore to note the activity of these lodges, and feel we owe a debt of gratitude to them and to many able Preceptors for seeking so carefully to maintain in vital accuracy and full efficiency our Masonic lore and our cherished ritual." That was the true meaning of lodges of instruction, and he felt sure its teachings would sink deep into the heart of every aspiring Mason.

Bros. SPINKS and GOODING also responded, and Bros. DAVIS, LLOYD, HOOTON, and JOLLY returned thanks for "The Visitors." Bros. GOODING and MURDOCK responded for "The Secretaries;" and Bros. FROUD and MURDOCK for "The Stewards," and a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. CAPON for his excellent catering concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by the excellent singing and reciting of Bros. Maule, Bilton, Fisher, Cooper, Morton, Hooton, Murdock, Kenneday, and Jolly.

BRO. H. JEFFS AND THE CORPORATION OF GLOUCESTER.

It will be remembered that in March last, Bro. H. Jeffs, P. Prov. G.J.W. Gloucestershire, the then High Sheriff of Gloucester, was presented with a gold chain of office, which by the following it will be seen has been handed over to the Corporation of that city, and duly acknowledged:

"Sherborne Villa, Spa, Gloucester, Nov. 9th, 1883.  
"To the Right Worshipful the Mayor, the Worshipful the Aldermen, and the Town Council of the city of Gloucester.

"Gentlemen,—It is in your remembrance that after my appointment as Sheriff of this city some of my Brother Freemasons, as an expression of their esteem and regard, presented me with a gold chain and badge of office. On the expiration of my year of office it is a pleasure to me to offer to you, for the acceptance of the city, the said gold chain and badge.

"The badge has the following inscription: 'This gold chain and badge were presented to Brother Henry Jeffs, Past Master, Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden Gloucestershire, by members of the Masonic Craft on his appointment as Sheriff of Gloucester, his native city, Anno Domini 1883.' The shield above the badge is now supplemented by the following inscription: 'Presented by Henry Jeffs, City Sheriff, to the Corporation of Gloucester, in trust for future Sheriffs to wear. November 9th, 1883.'

"Your official recognition of the gift under the seal of the Corporation will be a keepsake for my family.

"Thanking most sincerely the members of the Corporation for the courtesy and kindness extended to me during my year of office, and, wishing every prosperity to the city,—I beg to remain, gentlemen, your faithful servant,  
"HENRY JEFFS.

"P.S.—The blank shields on the chain are designed for the monograms or crests of future Sheriffs."

The following reply has been received by Bro. Jeffs:

"At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the city of Gloucester, held at the Town Hall, in the said city, on Friday, the 9th day of November, 1883. Kedgwin Hoskins Fryer, Esquire (Alderman), Mayor, in the chair. It was moved by Alderman Jones, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, and resolved unanimously: 'That the gold chain recently presented to Mr. Henry Jeffs, as High Sheriff of this city, and now offered by him to this Council, be accepted and held by the Corporation as a chain of office, to be worn by the High Sheriff for the time being of this city; and that the best thanks of the Council be given to Mr. Jeffs for presenting the chain to the Corporation, and also to the Freemasons who originally subscribed for the chain and presented it to Mr. Jeffs. That a copy of the foregoing resolution be sealed with the Common Seal and forwarded to Mr. Jeffs.' (Signed) "K. H. FRYER, Mayor."





### Craft Masonry.

**EBURY LODGE (No. 1348).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, W., on the 27th ult., Bro. J. Hurdell, the W.M., being supported by his officers as follows: Bros. S. Jacobs, S.W.; J. Warren, J.W. and W.M. elect; E. Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; W. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; Wigley, S.D.; Read, J.D.; Taylor, I.G.; and Potter, Tyler. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. R. B. Rolph, J. Seymour, and H. Deane were passed to the F.C. Degree, and Mr. S. East (Deputy of Portoken Ward), and Mr. Z. Mordecai, were initiated into the Order. Bro. J. Warren, J.W., was then presented by Bro. Richardson, I.P.M., to the W.M. to receive the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed by Bro. Hurdell in a very appropriate and impressive manner. Bro. Warren subsequently appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Wigley, S.W.; Read, J.W.; E. Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; W. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; J. Hurdell, I.P.M.; Taylor, S.D.; Ruysenaeres, J.D.; J. Healey, I.G.; Schwarz, D.C.; S. Jacobs, P.M. 1614, W.S.; Fowles, A.W.S.; and Potter, Tyler. The antient charges having been given Bro. Warren presented the retiring W.M. with a jewel and collar which had been unanimously voted to him at the previous meeting. Ten guineas were voted by the lodge to be placed on the list of the W.M., he representing the lodge at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The lodge was then closed in due form and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, the enjoyment of the evening being enhanced by the kindness of Bro. Howard Reynolds in giving selections on the cornet, and Bro. Robins in his recitations. The visitors included Bros. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec.; Higgins, P.M. 1381, 1732; N. Robinson, 35; Hammerton, P.M. 35; E. Storr, S.W. 167; G. Coleman, S.W. 1614; J. S. Ripley, 1614; J. Jacobs, J.W. 1614; B. Solomons, 1614; R. P. Stevens, 901; J. S. Woodd, 177; A. Henson, 1853; T. Durrans, 1305; A. Player, D.C. 1302; T. Jolley, 1267; J. Johnson, S.W. 320; and Howard Reynolds, 1772.

**CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1382).**—This good working lodge met on Wednesday, the 21st ult., at Bro. W. Clark's, George Hotel, Millwall Dock. Bro. G. B. Smith, W.M., opened the lodge and had a fair muster of the brethren; among these we noticed Bros. W. Stapleton, S.W.; H. Doring, J.W.; J. Carnaby, P.M., Treas.; Dr. C. Wyatt Smith, P.M., Sec.; J. Morrison, S.D.; S. Hills, I.G.; C. McLeod and G. Turton, Stewards; G. T. Linn, P.M.; W. Delves, P.M.; W. Millington, P.M.; C. Searell, P.M. and D.C.; R. Pitts, C. Smith, S. G. Bonner, T. L. Klein, W. Perry, W. M. Guire, G. A. Saunders, E. Penniston, Hurdle, Martin, and G. H. Stephens (*Freemason*). Among the visitors who honoured the lodge were, as usual, some brethren from far across the sea, as well as brethren from neighbouring lodges, viz.: Bros. J. Jevs, I.G. 898; T. Gaisford, S.D. 781; and C. Mansfield, W. J. Satterley, all of Burns Lodge, No. 10, Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; and others.

After all due preliminaries a candidate for initiation being present, Mr. M. Cearney was duly initiated into the Order by the W.M. Bro. Smith is to be congratulated upon the growing confidence which, though but a young Master in the chair, he is already acquiring. His working gave general satisfaction, and we were especially pleased to observe the admirable manner in which the lodge was closed down in due form, observances too often omitted in many otherwise well worked lodges. There was no other ceremonial business, and lodge was closed at an unprecedentedly early hour, thereby affording ample time to dilate upon the usual toast list at length, and indulge in the pleasures of vocal harmony.

The toasts first honoured were "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master," and "The Masonic Rulers."

Bro. Linn, I.P.M., next gave "The W.M.," in eulogistic terms, and Bro. Smith modestly acknowledged the warmth with which the toast had been received.

"Bro. Cearney, the Initiate," was next honoured, and that brother expressed a hope of in time becoming a worthy member of the lodge of which he had just had the honour of becoming a member, and pledged himself to never act in an unworthy manner.

"The Past Masters" next was greeted with the Corinthian fire, and Bro. Linn, on behalf of those respected brethren, returned thanks.

"The Visitors" followed, and was heartily received, in fact the welcome offered to visiting brethren is a high characteristic of the Corinthian Lodge, who so frequently has the pleasure of entertaining brethren hailing from all the quarters of the globe where Freemasonry has spread her branches.

Bro. Gaisford, S.D. 781, made a long and very able response. After commenting in appropriate terms upon the working of the W.M., Bro. Gaisford dwelt upon the fact that London—the city of cities in the whole world—is without a Masonic Temple. He had had great experience of Masonry in foreign lands, having taken his First Degree in the Spanish tongue, taken the next in Hong Kong, and his third in Singapore. He had also visited lodges in America, and in almost every place was to be found a handsome temple, dedicated to and worthy of being used for Masonic observances. Once he had actually mistaken one handsome temple as a church, and his remembrance of the Masonic Temple at Hong Kong was indeed a pleasure for the memory to dwell upon.

Bros. Mansfield and Satterley also bore out Bro. Gaisford's remarks, and returned thanks for the very hospitable reception which had been extended to them; and Bro. Jevs, I.G. 898, said he scarcely realised he was a visitor there, feeling as much at home as in his own lodge.

"The Masonic Press" was given next, Bro. Linn, I.P.M., expressing the great services the *Freemason* had rendered to the best interests of the Craft in general, and to the Corinthian Lodge in particular. For this latter they were specially indebted to the kind services of Bro.

Stephens, and he asked a hearty fire to the toast, coupled with the name of that brother.

This was very warmly responded to, and Bro. Stephens suitably replied on behalf of the *Freemason*.

"The Officers" toast was greeted with enthusiasm, and the brethren concerned severally responded.

The W.M. having to leave somewhat early, Bro. C. Searell, P.M. kindly presided, and a selection of very choice songs was heartily enjoyed, Bro. Searell kindly furnishing a long promised song in the Welsh tongue. Among the other executants were Bros. Bonner, Linn, Pitts, McLeod, Doring, Gaisford, Mansfield, and others; and Bro. Stephens gave a favourite recitation. The entire proceeding proved a great success.

**IVY LODGE (No. 1441).**—The November regular meeting of this excellent lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Charles Wm. Bowley, assisted by the following brethren, viz.: Bros. Reynolds, S.W.; Williams, J.W.; Skegg, I.P.M. and Sec.; Cooper, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; Knight-Smith, P.M., Org.; Gill, I.G.; also Bros. Mattock, P.M. and Treas.; D. H. Ashford, W. R. Shaw and others.

The minutes of last lodge meeting were read and confirmed and a unanimous ballot was taken for Mr. Arthur Cadbury Jones, and that gentleman was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. in a very able manner.

All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room where they did ample justice to the good things provided for them. The evening was greatly enlivened by some capital singing by Bros. James, Eadle, Gill, and Knight Smith, who also presided at the pianoforte, Bros. Cooper and Cadbury Jones giving recitations. The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable and pleasant evening to a close.

**CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1572).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, when there were present Bros. Geo. A. Brock, W.M.; Albert T. Pearce, S.W.; Robert E. H. Goffin, J.W.; J. Clarricoats, Treas.; W. S. Whitaker, P.M., Sec.; J. Russell, J.D.; Edward A. Baseley, Org.; Percy Crampton, I.G.; a large number of lay members, and visitors: Bros. George Hatch, J.W. 1588; J. W. Hodder, P.M. 217; H. Legge, 1522; John Plenderleath, 1598; C. W. Fox, P.M. 1326; John Fike, 1506; J. Russell, 198; E. Harlow, J.D. 1613; J. J. Avery, P.M. 70; J. Fitch, S.W. 1797; Wm. Hyde, 1613; John Peacock, 1671; Joseph Renals, D.C. 1657; Wm. Lucas, J.W. 1669; Robert Booth, J.W. 1624; W. G. Jennings, 1580; Robert Fendick, J.W. 1426; Charles J. North, W.M. 473; Jonathan Mann, 507; H. H. Webb, W.M. 1671; Mont. Meyer, 1673; W. W. Thompson, 1657; Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M. 73, &c.; Sidney Walford, 509; R. A. Morgan, I.P.M. 1671; G. H. Bramley, W.M. 957; W. H. Norris, I.G. 404; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928 (*Freemason*). The Past Masters of the lodge who attended were Bros. F. Morgan, J. Cowan, Nelson Reed, Geo. Briggs, Thomas Brown, and T. S. Hellier.

Bro. Morgan raised Bros. Girton and Wright, and the W.M. initiated Messrs. Charles Francis Mallett and Geo. Sweeting Needham. The W.M. afterwards installed Bro. A. T. Pearce, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. R. E. H. Goffin, S.W.; J. Russell, J.W.; G. A. Brock, I.P.M.; J. Clarricoats, Treas.; W. S. Whitaker, P.M., Sec.; P. Crampton, S.D.; J. S. Stacey, J.D.; J. P. Swayne, I.G.; E. A. Packer, D.C.; F. H. Willcocks, W.S.; Dr. Baseley, Org.; and C. Thomas, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by the W.M., Bro. George Briggs, P.M., and others.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to banquet, which was admirably provided by Bro. Jennings, the manager of the Albion. After banquet the usual toasts were proposed and honoured, those of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M." receiving the customary amount of applause. To the toast of "The Pro G.M., &c.," Bro. H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Secretary, and an honorary member of the lodge, the only Grand Officer present, responded, and referring to the flattering terms in which the Grand Officers had been spoken of by the W.M., said it was exceedingly pleasing to find that the appointments made by the Grand Master met with the high approval of the Craft. With regard to himself he had been so often received by this lodge in the same cordial manner as he had been received that evening that he could only repeat the grateful feelings he had before expressed. It was a great pleasure to come to the Carnarvon Lodge year after year and to find that it was progressing so favourably. Such a lodge could not but make its mark in Masonry, and he trusted it would go on increasing in the future as it had in the past.

Bro. G. A. Brock, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," and said he could feel that he was sorry at having relinquished the duties that devolved on the Master, for he felt relieved from the responsibilities of that position. He was exceedingly obliged to the members of the lodge for having enabled him to go through the various duties of Master, and also the Past Masters, on whom he had depended, for their kind and efficient help. But for them he did not think he should have gone through his year of office with so much éclat, or with so much gratification to the members. If he had discharged the obligations he took at the beginning of his year it had been from the help he had received from the Past Masters. The W.M. whom the brethren had now called to fill the chair was so able in his working, and so highly esteemed by the whole lodge, that it could not be that their confidence was misplaced, and he (Bro. Brock) felt that whatever deficiencies had occurred during his year would be fully compensated by the management of the present W.M.

The Worshipful Master said he responded to this toast with fear and trembling after the earnest manner in which it had been proposed and the cordial manner in which it had been accepted. He thought he might take it as a grand evidence that he had the brethren's hearty good wishes in the position he now held. He had been afraid he should fall short of their expectations, and it was a natural feeling; but he would do his work with all heartiness and sincerity, and those who knew him were aware that he would do his utmost for the interests of the lodge. He was not personally known to all the brethren; but he was to a great number, and he felt he might without egotism say that it had been his great desire ever since he came to London

from the country to do what he had to do with all the will and power he was capable of. He was happy to say that up to now he had been successful. He was now entering on the most important office to which he could be called, and he could only tell the brethren that he would do as well as it was possible for him to do; he would not say more, and when he rose to the clysium attained by the brother who so ably proposed the toast he hoped he should find that he had left the chair with the same hearty good feelings with which he had been received into it that night.

Bros. Mallet and Needham responded to the toast of "The Initiates."

In proposing the toast of "The I.P.M.," the W.M. said Bro. Brock had been among the brethren a good many years, and all the time he had been held in high esteem by the brethren. He had to congratulate Bro. Brock on having attained his present position. Perhaps he felt rather nervous in it, but nevertheless it was due to him that the brethren should drink his health, and thank him for the efficient way in which he had worked the ceremonies while he was W.M., and particularly for the way in which he had that day rendered the various ceremonies. He (the W.M.) of course could not enter into the secrets of the Board of Masters, but he could say he should never forget the ceremony. He wished the I.P.M., with all heartiness and sincerity, a merry Christmas and a happy new year, with long life and happiness to enjoy the retirement which he so ably earned and so fully deserved. Not the least pleasing part of his duty was to present Bro. Brock with a Past Master's jewel, voted unanimously by the lodge as a special mark of favour from the brethren.

Bro. Brock, I.P.M., in acknowledging the toast and the presentation, said no doubt the brethren had noticed a change in the installation, and he had to thank the P.Ms. for it. Most willingly did they accede to his request and take part in it. He felt that however beautiful to the brethren his voice might be, still more beautiful would be a variety, and he knew those brethren who took part in it would be satisfactory to the brethren, and that it would be a pleasure to listen to them. Therefore it was that he took the liberty of asking the P.Ms. to take part in delivering the beautiful ritual. He must admit that however tremblingly initiates might go into a lodge he felt much the same when he was about to perform the installation; but he was cheered by the thought that he had around him brethren not in name only, but in thought, word, and deed; that he was not being quizzed and criticised, a painful feeling engendered by people looking on; but he felt they were overlooking every defect they recognised. Another year had passed, another year of will and earnest desire to help along the interests, of the lodge and the Craft in general. And now he felt an amount of relief, a kind of freedom from those responsibilities that were peculiar to the Master's chair. He was still as willing as ever and as desirous as ever to discharge his duties to the Lodge Carnarvon. He thanked the brethren for putting him in the position, and he felt the great kindness they had manifested in voting him the beautiful jewel. He should value it not more for its intrinsic worth than for that which it represented, the kindness and fraternal love of the brethren he much esteemed, and he trusted it would be looked upon by him in that way. He hoped that those connected with the lodge would endeavour to hold the same high and exalted position that their esteemed W.M. occupied that night. He (Bro. Brock) was very gratified at the honour he had of investing the officers of the past year; but he felt that the W.M. had a set of officers that would compare with any lodge in the Craft; they were second to none. He hoped the lodge would be more eminently successful even than it had been.

Bro. Nelson Reed, P.M., replied to the toast of "The Past Masters" and said it was very pleasing to be called upon to return thanks for this toast when the Past Masters were complimented on the way they performed their duties. When in 1877 he was invested with the J.W. collar by the late Bro. John Hervey, that brother said it was the collar with which he was first invested and he afterwards became Master of his lodge. That was a great inducement to him (Bro. N. Reed) to strive to win the W.M.'s chair. He had done it, and he would strive to do it again, because it was a great thing to have the rule and control of a lodge. Some of the founders of the Carnarvon Lodge took office that night for the first time, and he felt sorry they had not taken office before. They would make very good Masters and he hoped they would go up to that office. The brethren would assist them, and every Master that came into the chair would assist them.

Bro. W. S. Whitaker, P.M. and Secretary, also replied, and referred to the I.P.M. varying the installation ceremony by calling on other Past Masters to assist. He had been himself asked to do so once, and he did it with pleasure; but this was the first time in the Carnarvon Lodge. Every brother that took the position of Master of this lodge was fully able to perform the duties of the position, and consequently there was no possible chance of a senior Past Master being called upon to do it. This was as it should be, and the Past Masters might retire into obscurity.

Bros. E. H. Bramley, W.M. 957, and F. Walters, P.M. 73, responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. James Terry, P.M., Secretary to the Benevolent Institution, responding to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," appealed to the brethren to support those Institutions and to the lodge to send a Steward for the Aged. For the next election there were already 140 candidates, and only 15 vacancies, and what were they to do with the other 125?

The other toasts were then given and the brethren separated.

The evening was enlivened with some excellent singing by Bros. Willcocks, Brown, Harlow, Cotton, Reed, Buss, and Avery, and pianoforte accompaniments and solo by Bro. Baseley.

**CLAPHAM LODGE (No. 1818).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at Eberle's Army and Navy Hotel, Victoria-street, Westminster. There were present on the occasion Bros. Dr. Lewis Evans, W.M.; Louis Hirsch, P.M., Treas.; George Thorp Gooding, P.M., S.W.; Howard Smith, J.W.; Arthur Turner, Sec.; Henry J. Thorn, S.D.; Joseph Clever, D.C.; J. C. Elderton, Stwd.; S. Bruell, Cecil Betts, W. Sperring, J. Brooks, J. G. Dart, H. Phillips, W. Wilson, T. Jackson. The visitors were Bros. Charles Andrews, P.M. 77, 290, 615, 1464; L. Pinder, 162; Arthur Betts, 1351; J. Ferguson, W.M. 169; J. Lewis-Thomas, F.S.A., P.G.A.D.C.; B. L. Blashy, P.M. 786; J. E. Shand,

P.M. 1563; J. Liscombe, 1426; J. Lowther-Kemp, S.W. 63, 1924; John Ditch, 1619; Gerald Sharpe, 162; Harry Roberts, 162; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; W. Herbage, W.M. 177; E. Miroy, P.M. 1599, S.W. 1996; Chas. E. Botley, S.D. 780; Matthew Jarvis, W.M. elect 14; Frederick Botley, S.D. 1996; J. B. Campbell, 180 S.C.; Dr. Dixon, P.M. 73; F. C. Manchester, 569; and H. Massey, P.M. 619, 1928 (*Freemason*).

After the opening ceremonies, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Louis Hirsch, P.M., at the request of the W.M. assumed the chair, and on presentation duly made by Bro. Joseph Cleaver, P.M. 171, formally installed Bro. George Thorp Gooding, P.M., S.W., and W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge for the year ensuing, and after usual greetings the following brethren were appointed to office: Bros. Howard Smith, S.W.; Thorne, J.W.; Louis Hirsch, P.M., Treas.; Turner, Sec.; Edmeston, S.D.; Sperring, J.D.; J. Clever, D.C.; Dart, W. Stwd.; Jackson, Asst. W. Stwd.; Gillett, Org.; Harris, I.G.; and Thomas Bowler, Tyler. Bro. Louis Hirsch then delivered the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren.

Afterwards a Past Master's jewel was presented by the W.M. to Bro. Louis Hirsch, for two years the Master of this lodge, and since the Treasurer. Bro. J. E. Shand, P.M. 1563, was introduced by Bro. Hirsch to the W.M. as desiring to present a petition for a warrant for a new lodge to be called the Abbey Lodge, to meet at the Town Hall, Westminster. The lodge is to be composed of parochial bodies meeting at the Westminster Town Hall, and Bro. W. Bartlett Burdett-Coutts is proposed as the first Master, Bro. W. H. Baker as the first S.W., and Bro. Seager Hunt, as the first J.W. Bro. J. E. Shand, P.M. 1562, is proposed as Secretary. The vote of the brethren having been taken, the Master, Wardens, and brethren signed the petition as recommending the new lodge.

The lodge was thereafter closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet which was served in splendid style. The usual toasts followed. After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M." had been disposed of the W.M. gave "The Prov. G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S., replied, and said that the toast just given was a most important one seeing that there were so many good and worthy brethren who had done good suit and service during the present generation to Masonry. It was a very great pleasure and gratification to the Grand Officers to find themselves present on these festive occasions, because it was a recognition of those services which they had endeavoured to perform. These services they would continue to perform, and it was a gratification to them to be received as they had been that evening. Speaking for himself it was a great gratification to him to be present. He had visited the lodge a few years ago in another place. He trusted they would go on in a state of prosperity as it was now and that the brethren would be pleased with the accommodation at the Army and Navy Hotel. It was rather a dignified place, and he thought they ought to be very comfortable at it. He had been very pleased with the magnificent working of Bro. Louis Hirsch that evening, though he was quite prepared to see good work. So long as the lodge had such workers and such officers there was no fear that it would prosper. He hoped the lodge would go on and prosper.

Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., also replied. Bro. Lewis Evans, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." and congratulated the lodge on having a working W.M. in the chair. The lodge commenced under very happy auspices and received a large amount of credit for its excellent working. That was attained during the mastership of Bro. Hirsch for two years in succession. Of the third year the less said the better. Of his own (Dr. Evans's) the fourth, he was afraid he might say he was rather a lay figure, or an automaton figure, but he was happy to remark that when he was unable to be present at the working of the lodge his place was efficiently filled by Bro. Hirsch. The whole of the credit for carrying out the work of the lodge was really due to Bro. Hirsch. He (Dr. Evans) had been unfortunately situated. The time at his disposal was very little, and he was really pushed into the chair before he ought to have been. Under other circumstances he should have been very pleased to work up, but he had not had the time for it. His advice to the other officers coming on was not to follow his example; and from all he heard he could state they were attending lodges of instruction. This being so he thought the lodge would be carried on as successfully as hitherto. With reference to the W.M., he knew him by past experience, and the lodge would be well conducted under him, and be a success and gratification. He concluded by proposing "The Health of the W.M."

The Worshipful Master in response assured the brethren that nothing should be wanting on his part to render the working of the lodge perfect. He was supported by a body of officers who were devoted to their duty and to learn the various ceremonies they had to perform. With that, and the support of the P.M. and Treasurer and the I.P.M., there was a fair year of working before the lodge.

Bro. Andrews replying to the toast of "The Visitors," said the cordial reception of this toast at every Masonic gathering was characteristic of the Order. Whether in provinces or in town, whether at home or abroad, the right hand of fellowship was held out to those who had the good fortune to be visitors at a lodge. There were none who would not review with pleasure a visit to the Clapham Lodge. They had had an intellectual treat in lodge, and they had received hospitality which they would ever remember with feelings of pleasure. In return they could only wish prosperity to the lodge. Under the able government of so well skilled a Master and such an efficient staff of officers it could not do otherwise than go on and prosper; and he hoped that it might be the good fortune of the visitors in years to come to enjoy the same hospitality.

Bro. W. Herbage, W.M. 177, also replied. Everything had been done to the satisfaction and pleasure of the visitors. The way in which the ceremonies were performed was a treat to all the visitors, and from what he knew of the W.M. he could say there was in store for the lodge most excellent working. The ceremonies would be well rendered, and the prestige of the lodge would be upheld at the hands of the present Master. It had been a treat to be present that evening. As the last speaker said Masons were well received in all Masonic gatherings. That morning's sun saw on the old sites in Egypt, in China, at Yokohama, Masonic lodges; and they travelled into India, or to the west, and then to the south, they still found Masonic lodges carrying on their work, especially in Malta,

where they were very strong indeed. In Germany they found the same state of things, and from one end of America to the other it was the same. The Masonic bond of brotherhood encircled the world, and wherever they went Masonry was ready to extend the right hand of fellowship to the brethren.

Bro. J. E. Shand, P.M. 1563, also replied, and referred with gratitude to the recommendation the lodge had given to the petition for a warrant for the Abbey Lodge.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The I.P.M.," and presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel. Dr. Evans, I.P.M., responded and said he never anticipated such great kindness. He knew it was the custom to present a Past Master's jewel at the end of a Master's year of office, but he felt he did not deserve it. The brethren's kindness exceeded anything he had ever felt before, but he thanked the brethren very much for it.

Bro. Hirsch, P.M. and Treas., responded to a toast drunk in his honour and said he was afraid the brethren had overrated his services. He had been only too pleased to perform any duty to the lodge. He again thanked them for the very handsome P.M.'s jewel.

The toast of "The Charities" was responded to by Bro. Joseph Clever, P.M. 171, who said no one ever had the Charities of Masonry more at heart than he. It had been his proud privilege to represent different lodges and chapters at the Charity Festivals; but he never felt more proud of representing a lodge than he did last year when he was Steward for the Clapham Lodge at the Girls' Festival, and obtained such large support. For that kindness he sincerely thanked the brethren. There were many large lists then carried up, and he was enabled to take up between £60 and £70. The Charities deserved the support of every lodge, and he often thought that if every lodge sent a Steward each year what a different aspect the Charities would present. He often wished that lodges would combine to do away with one banquet a year and give what would have been the cost of it to the Charities; it would not be depriving the lodges of much, and would assist the Charities double or even treble the amount with which they were supported at the present time. He also represented the Lodge of Amity—a lodge very dear to him—at the last Boys' Festival, when between £24,000 and £25,000 was collected. He hoped the time was not far distant when there would be no festival for the three Masonic Institutions when a less sum would be collected. He should be ever ready to represent a lodge or chapter.

The other toasts were given, and the brethren separated after spending a delightful evening.

**LODGE OF PROGRESS (No. 1768).**—There was a good attendance of members and visitors at the installation meeting, on the 28th ult., of this comparatively young lodge, which was formed in 1878 by a few zealous members of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement; therefore we were not taken by surprise when we entered the lodge room to hear the admirable working of the Lodge of Progress. Bro. Albert Marvin, the outgoing W.M., on this occasion showed to advantage his distinguishing characteristic of a thoroughly accurate exponent of the Emulation wording of our ancient ritual. He did a passing, and afterwards the installation with marked ability. The addresses were given in an easy, fluent, and impressive style. Bro. T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.G.D. Middlesex, the newly-installed Master, in presenting Bro. Marvin with a P.M.'s jewel voted unanimously by the members of the lodge at a previous meeting, remarked that he felt proud in his present position, inasmuch that he was the medium to convey a well earned distinguishing mark of merit from the members of his lodge to a brother who had endeared himself to all around him by his invariably courteous, easy, and steady conduct.

After an appropriate reply of appreciation from Bro. Marvin, Bro. T. W. Ockenden went on with the business of the evening. He invested his officers with true Masonic ability in the following order: Bros. A. Marvin, I.P.M.; J. R. Jones, S.W.; J. E. Hunt, J.W.; E. Legg, P.M.; Treas.; W. A. Dawson, P.M., Sec.; H. S. Lee, S.D.; C. W. Whitaker, J.D.; A. Fyson, I.G.; F. R. Spaul, P.M., M.C.; G. Gospy Harpour, Org.; F. W. Smith and E. T. Smith, Stwds.; Sadler, Tyler. The honorary members present were Bros. Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; A. A. Richards, P.G.S. The visitors were Bros. Raymond H. Thrupp, A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M. Middx.; Wilson, P.M.; Sudlow, P.M.; C. F. Lilly, Gluentein, John Hammond, P.M. and P.P.G.D. Middx.; and others.

At the banquet table—by-the-by, this is called a non-dining lodge, and only indulges once a year—the usual Masonic toasts were given and received with a true Masonic fire. In proposing the various toasts Bro. Ockenden's style was most effective. His speeches were clear, short, and telling, and we take this opportunity to congratulate Bro. Ockenden on his good taste displayed, for, as a rule, Masons do not approve of long speeches; but brief, pithy, and sensible ones are always appreciated.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., responded for "The Grand Officers" in his accustomed felicitous, practical, and eloquent manner.

Bro. R. Thrupp, Deputy Prov. G.M. Middx., in responding for "The Visitors," passed a high encomium on the excellent and accurate working of the Lodge of Progress. He congratulated the lodge in having such an able, painstaking, and warm-hearted Mason to preside over them as Master for the ensuing year as he knew, from personal experience, Bro. Ockenden to be.

The proceedings during the evening were enlivened by some capital solos and part songs, well-rendered by Bros. Harpon, Kentish, Bullen, Fyson, and Gluentein.

**BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).**—The election meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, on Saturday, the 1st inst. In consequence of the indisposition of the W.M., Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., the lodge was opened by Bro. T. Poore, P.M. There were present Bros. W. E. Farrington, S.W.; H. Baldwin, J.W.; W. Day, Treas.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., Sec.; C. Kipling, J.D.; J. Colyer, I.G.; R. Poore, D.C.; Axford and Newling, Stwds.; W. Farrington, Org.; J. Daly, Tyler; Martin, Albert, Durham, Dr. Wylie, and Dore. Visitors Bros. C. Francis, C. Lee, C. P. Mackay, P.M. 720; J. Farnfield, P.M., Cheshire; and others.

Bro. Martin having been passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. Bourdon initiated. Bro. Farrington, S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. W. Day and

J. Daly were re-elected as Treasurer and Tyler respectively, Bros. Albert, Durham and Evans being elected to serve on the Audit Committee. On the motion of Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.M., it was unanimously resolved to present Bro. Marshall, W.M., with a Past Master's breast jewel, and a Past Master's collar and jewel.

At the conclusion of the business, the brethren partook of a simple repast, under the presidency of Bro. H. Lovegrove.

**BOLTON.**—St. John's Lodge (No. 221).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday the 21st ult., at the Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton, at six o'clock in the evening. Present: Bros. John Isherwood, W.M.; Jabez Boothroyd, I.P.M.; E. Melrose, S.W.; P. Bradburn, J.W.; G. P. Brockbank, Treas.; Chas. Crompton, S.D.; Jas. Walker, J.D.; Wm. Siddorn, as I.G.; H. J. Briscoe, Org.; T. Higson, Tyler; Forrest, Swarbrick, Makin, J. P. Fletcher, H. Bradley, and Thos. Morris, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Cooper, P.M. 146; and J. F. Skelton, J.W. 146.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bros. Fletcher and Bradley having passed a satisfactory examination as to their proficiency as Fellow Craft Masons, were severally entrusted and retired. Lodge proceeded to the Second and Third Degrees, when the candidates were reintroduced and raised to the Degree of Master Mason by the W.M. and Bro. Boothroyd, I.P.M., and the working tools of the Degree were explained to them. Lodge was then closed to the Second Degree, when Bro. Swarbrick, who had been previously entrusted with a test of merit, was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft by Bro. Isherwood, W.M., and the working tools of the Degree explained by the S.W. Lodge was closed to the First Degree, and Bro. William Crompton, who had been proposed at the last regular meeting, was balloted for and elected, and subsequently initiated into Masonry by the W.M. A letter was read from the Prov. G. Secretary, desiring the duly qualified brethren to attend the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, when the proceedings of the last meeting will be submitted for confirmation or otherwise. A gentleman was proposed for initiation, and a portion of the ancient rules and charges read by the Senior Warden, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

**NELSON LODGE (No. 706).**—The season of 1883-84 of the above lodge was commenced on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Woolwich, there being some 60 members and visitors present to welcome the new W.M., Bro. J. H. Roberts, on his taking the chair of the lodge for the first time. Among the brethren present besides the W.M. were Bros. W. J. Graham, P.M.; F. Dawson, P.M.; G. Beaver, I.P.M.; T. Ovenden, S.W.; W. Ross, J.W.; T. Butt, P.M., Treas.; C. S. Norman, P.M., Sec.; C. Sweeting, S.D.; J. Sanderson, I.G., acting J.D.; R. J. Naylor, D. of C., acting I.G.; R. Edmunds, W.M. 913; R. A. Smith, W.M. 13; G. Kennedy, W.M. 1536; G. Spinks, P.M. 1536; A. Saunders, S.W. 1536; W. Rees, S.W. 913; J. Purnell, J.D. 1536; W. B. Ledger, Org. 913; J. Sanders, 913; S. Appleby, 13; B. H. Ilton, 829; E. F. Hillman, 1926; S. H. Hartham, 1767; J. W. Wood, 381; A. McQueen, 13; T. Cooper, W.S. 1536; J. Butler, 1536; F. Southgate, 548; H. Froude, 1536; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The lodge having been opened and the minutes passed, Messrs. H. Knowles and Jas. Trodd were after approval initiated, and Bros. Marchant, Taylor, and Lane were raised. The claims of charity on behalf of the widow of a deceased brother were then attended to, and the lodge was closed. As a rule, we do not expect on the first night of a Master's reign to hear the ritual of the above important degrees rendered without some slight hitch or other; but Bro. Roberts's rendering was simply perfect, and on all sides we heard the highest encomiums passed both on him and his officers by critical and good workers, the traditional history in the Third Degree being most impressive.

After partaking of a handsomely served dinner in the hall, the Chairman, who was most felicitous in his brief but pointed remarks, proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and in his response to that of his own health, genially proposed by Bro. Beaver, I.P.M., thanked them for the hearty support accorded to him by an array of Past Masters and brethren such as any lodge might be proud of.

"The Initiates" having been toasted and returned thanks, the Worshipful Master acknowledged the kindness of the visitors, and assured them at all times of a hearty welcome to the Nelson Lodge.

Bros. Spinks and Smith responded. In reply to the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. Norman thanked the brethren for placing him in the proud position of a life governor for the "Boys" for services which he thought very humble ones, rendered as Secretary. Bros. Warren and Hobson also responded, the former paying the acting Deacons, Bros. Sanderson and Naylor, a high compliment for their excellent work, and the latter congratulating the W.M. upon the grand meeting and the continued prestige of the lodge.

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toasts concluded the proceedings, which were both pleasant and interesting.

**DERBY.**—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, on Wednesday, the 14th ult., when the following were present: Bros. J. Bland, W.M.; C. Webster, S.W.; J. Copestick, J.W.; W. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; W. Cooper, P.M., Sec.; Edgar Horne, S.D.; A. Woodiwiss, jun., J.D.; J. Chadwick, D. of C.; J. W. Brigg, Org.; S. Taylor, as I.G.; J. Walker, Steward; E. Holden, Tyler; H. Burn, P.M.; J. Brown, P.M.; A. Frazer, P.M.; Dr. Carter Wigg, P.M.; J. Taylor, P.M.; T. Day, W. Knight, W. W. Heywood, T. E. Yeomans, F. Ball, James Melrose, and W. Forman. Visitors: Bros. A. G. Taylor, P.M.; E. R. Ward, P.M.; J. S. Hockey, W.M.; W. S. Hall, P.M., Sec.; and J. H. Clark, I.G., of 253; E. Bellfield, W.M.; E. Smith, J. Monck, Geo. Smith, and R. Slater, of 802; N. Gore, 1085; and G. V. Jones, 162 and 1325.

The minutes of the last regular lodge and of the emergency meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Melrose was raised by the W.M. to the Sublime Degree of M.M.; the W.M. also presented the working tools and gave the charge. Lodge was shortly afterwards closed in perfect harmony and brotherly love.

Supper was afterwards provided in the Lower Hall, to which ample justice having been done and thanks returned the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.



To the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers" Bros. W. Whittaker, P.M., P.G.R., and A. G. Taylor, P.M. 253, P.P.G.D. of C., responded.

Bros. W. S. Hall, P.M., Treas. 253, and E. R. Ward, P.M. 253, ably responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. J. Brown, P.M., in a most excellent speech, proposed "The Health of the Newly-Raised Bro. J. Melrose," earnestly exhorting him to look below the mere outside of Masonry, and make himself acquainted with the many beautiful symbols of the Order.

The Tyler's toast brought another most pleasant meeting to a close at the usual hour.

**WHITEHAVEN.**—Lewis Lodge (No. 872).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 19th ult. Bro. Thos. Glessal, P.G. Stwd., W.M., presided, being supported by Bros. H. Burns, S.W.; G. W. Smith, J.W.; J. S. Wilson, S.D.; J. McGill, J.D.; R. Twentymann, Sec.; F. Hodgson, P.M., as I.G.; W. Selkirk, Tyler; Thos. Mayson and R. D. Metcalf, Stwds.; W. B. Cowman, P.M., P.G.S.B.; C. Morton, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Thos. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; J. Sewell, A. Hardie, J. Moffatt, Thos. Richardson, J. McGowan, J. Nixon, J. T. Ray, W. Jacques, J. Dixon, Thos. Brackenridge, Thos. Rawlings, W. P. Field, W. Milligan, and others.

The minutes were read and confirmed, when the chief business before the lodge was to elect the W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year and pass Bros. Milligan and Field. On the ballot being taken, Bro. Thos. Glessal was re-elected Master, and Bro. John Spittall, Treasurer. This is the first time in the history of the Lewis Lodge that a Master has been elected to fill the chair two years in succession; but the prosperity that has attended Bro. Glessal's past year of office fully warrants a repetition of the trust reposed in him. The senior Past Master of the lodge, Bro. Morton, afterwards delivered a very able lecture on the Second Degree. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Morton, and the lodge was closed in form and good harmony.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The ordinary monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Owing to the sudden and severe indisposition of a near relative, Bro. J. L. Shrapnell, W.M., was unavoidably prevented from being present, and his place was taken at short notice by Bro. William Savage, I.P.M. There were also present Bros. W. W. Sandbrook, P.M., M.C.; J. Atkinson, P.M.; R. Burgess, S.W.; J. M. Boyd, J.W.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.M., Treas.; O. W. Sanderson, S.D.; J. Orr Marples, I.G.; J. J. Monk, Org.; H. Round, S.S.; W. Parker, J.S.; C. Buchanan, J.S.; E. H. Allen, A.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members who attended the lodge on this occasion included Bro. Thos. Burnside, J. H. Light, B. Hughes, J. Galloway, D. Cumming, Capt. Crowley, Capt. Fleming, Capt. Ainscow, Owen Dacroy, Edward Graham, J. Jacob, J. Rawthorne, B. Brown, J. G. Newland, C. Wallace, Edgar Wilson, J. Bayliss, L. Hughes, W. E. Stone, W. Addis, E. Dottridge, W. Coates, P. Buck, J. Skeaf, P.P.G.O.; J. Ballard, W. C. Fane, J. S. Bramley, W. Bramley, Tudor Rogers, J. B. Macpherson, Frank Macpherson, T. W. Pughe, and A. Hines, P.M. 1152. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. Lieut.-Col. George Turner, P.P.G. Treas.; the Rev. Dr. Hyde, 1082; T. D. Fenner, 333; H. M. Clifford, 1319; R. Doty, P.M. 1161; T. A. Ryder, P.M. 1357; J. Smith, 724; T. W. Bruce, 241; W. Olver, W.M. 220; E. J. Callow, S.W. 1094; A. C. Doe, 1094; and others.

After the minutes had been read, the ballot was taken for Mr. George Richards ("Fun on the Bristol" company), Mr. E. C. Dunbar (a member of the same company), and Mr. Ball, hailing from Hartlepool, for the purposes of initiation, and for Bro. G. W. Harris, the business manager of the Royal Alexandra Theatre, for joining, and they were all declared unanimously elected. Messrs. Richards, Dunbar, and Ball were in attendance, and were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the acting W.M., Bro. Savage, who received valuable help from the Wardens and junior officers. Bros. Eaton, Batty, Lewis, Hughes, and T. W. Pughe were subsequently raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Before the lodge was closed, letters were read from Mrs. Gough acknowledging a vote of sympathy in connection with the death of her husband, and from the Rev. J. Harries and Bro. W. Harries for a similar mark of sympathy from the members of the Dramatic in view of the recent death of their brother, who, like Bro. Gough, was a much respected member of the lodge. After other secretarial communications had been read and "Hearty good wishes" were tendered from representatives of the Asaph and other lodges, the business proceedings were brought to a close.

An excellent dinner was served in the banqueting-room by Bro. Vines, of the Canton Hotel, to which about fifty members and visitors sat down. During the after-banquet proceedings the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, Bros. Lieut.-Col. Turner and Rev. Dr. Hyde responding for "The Visitors." Songs and recitations were furnished by Bros. H. M. Clifford, R. Doty, E. C. Dunbar, Eaton Batty, J. B. Macpherson, G. Hughes, Edgar Wilson, and W. E. Stone. Some of the accompaniments were played by Bro. Skeaf, P.P.G.O., and in his absence surprising musical ability as accompanists were displayed by Bros. E. H. Allen, A.S., and J. Orr Marples, I.G., who proved equal to the emergency in a most creditable manner.

**BOLTON.**—St. George's Lodge (No. 1723).—The last meeting of this lodge prior to the vacation was held on Wednesday evening, the 28th ult., at the Commercial Hotel, when there were present Bros. R. Latham, W.M.; Wm. Court, I.P.M.; John Barrett, S.W.; E. G. Harwood, J.W.; N. Nicholson, P.M., Sec.; G. Ferguson, Prov. G.S. of W., Treas.; A. Cosgrave, S.D.; T. B. Tong, J.D.; T. E. Smith, Org.; W. E. Bardsley, I.G.; J. W. Roiley, Tyler; Naylor and T. Derham, Stewards; Thos. Morris, P.M.; G. P. Brockbank, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; J. Heywood, P.M.; Job H. Greenhalgh, P.M.; Fogg, Bolton, Whittaker, Morris, Goulburn, Kershaw, Parkinson, Arden, Brierley, Miles Settle, Joel Settle, Hall, Priestley, and Whewell. Visitors: Bros. W. Forrest, 221; Siddorn, 221; T. Alfred Martin, 678; Naylor, 37; and Higson, 348.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed and Bro. Joel Settle was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Bro. Jas. Heywood, P.M., Bro. Gowan-

lock also receiving the Third Degree at the hands of Bro. G. P. Brockbank, G. Stwd. of Scotland. Bros. Kershaw was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M. Bro. Miles Settle, who recently had a narrow escape from an untimely death by reason of an accident which occurred at the colliery at which he is the managing partner in Staffordshire, received the hearty congratulations of the brethren on his return home and to his lodge, and deep sympathy was expressed for his sufferings during the illness which ensued therefrom. It was announced that the W.M., the S.W., and the J.W., with Bro. Heywood, P.M., had agreed to serve as Stewards at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. A circular was read from the Prov. Grand Secretary requesting the attendance of the duly qualified brethren at the Grand Lodge meeting on the 5th inst. Bro. Matthew Fielding, formerly of Affability Lodge, Manchester, was elected as a joining member, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visiting brethren the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Kirkdale Lodge (No. 1756).—The most largely attended and prominently influential meeting which was ever held in connection with the above lodge took place on the 27th ult, at Skelmersdale Hall, Westminster-road, Kirkdale. Upwards of 100 members and visitors were present on the occasion, the celebration of the festival of St. John, and amongst the visitors were a large representation of the leaders of the Craft in this district. The gathering clearly proved the vitality of the Craft at the north end of the city, thanks to the care and Masonic zeal shown by those who have charge of the Kirkdale. The lodge was opened by Bro. R. E. Milton, W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. Grierson, I.P.M.; T. W. Sergeant, P.M.; W. Gick, P.M.; and a full complement of officers. Amongst the visitors were Bros. John Houlding, P.P.G.R.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; G. Moss, I.P.M. 758; W. Brassey, W.M. 823; W. Brackenbury, P.G.A.D.C.; W. Smith, S.W. 1035; J. King, S.W. 823; W. R. Brewster, W.M. 1473; L. Peake, W.M. 1035; H. Ashmore, P.M. 823; R. Martin, P.M. 823; Rev. Dr. Hyde, Chap. 1086; J. C. Paterson, P.M. 1473; E. Cathall, S.W. 203; Frederick Thornton, 594; W. H. Lancaster, 249; A. C. Paterson, I.P.M. 1075; J. J. Savage, P.M. 1086; J. Tunstall, J.W. 1035; R. W. Webster, J.W. 823; R. G. Bradley, J.W. 249; J. N. Hounsell, J.W. 203; and W. Wilkinson, S.W. 1086.

After the transaction of some formal business, Bro. Chas. Bargery was presented by Bros. P.Ms. Johnston and Gick for the purpose of being installed W.M. of the lodge, a position to which he had been elected by the unanimous vote of the brethren. The first section of the ceremony was performed by Bro. J. Grierson, I.P.M., and the remainder by Bro. Dr. D. D. Costine, P.M. 216, whose excellent and well-studied working elicited the heartiest admiration of every brother present. Bro. C. Bargery, the newly-chaired W.M., subsequently invested the following as his officers for 1883-84: Bros. Robert E. Mitton, I.P.M.; Henry Marshall, S.W.; Dr. D. Hendry, J.W.; Joseph Crouxton, Treas.; G. Marsden, Sec.; R. I. Britten, S.D.; W. I. Warhurst, J.D.; W. A. Mossman, I.G.; J. Molyneux, S.S.; J. Pendrigh, J.S.; J. Griffin, A.S.; and J. A. Clarke, Tyler. Bro. E. Johnston, P.M., was appointed D. of C., and Bro. Watson was unanimously re-elected Tyler.

After the initiation ceremony—most admirably performed by the new W.M.—about 100 brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, served in first-class style by Bro. J. Casey, House Steward of the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. A pleasant evening was spent by the Masonic company, not the least interesting feature of the proceedings being the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. R. E. Mitton, who had just vacated the W.M.'s chair. The music after the various toasts was given by Bros. Busfield, Quayle, Forrester, and Hobart.

**RUGELEY.**—St. Augustines Lodge (No. 1941).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, on Tuesday, the 20th ult., the lodge being opened by Bro. Wm. Urnston, I.P.M., supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. George Buttery, S.W.; Edwin Marshall, J.W.; Jno. Robinson, Sec.; R. Malabar, J.D.; Jno. Barkley, I.G.; Henry Quintan and H. J. Gilbert, Stewards; C. W. Walkins, Clark Salman, Charles Lees, Edwin Banks, Jno. B. Burns, Chas. Gee, Geo. Gee, and Thos. Greensmith. Visitors: J. Turner, Sec. 1520; H. Davenport, 1520; Richard Taylor, 1124; and J. D. Murray, W.M. 1335.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, and Mr. William Foggo being in attendance was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the acting W.M., the charge being delivered to the candidate by Bro. Buttery. The names of three candidates for initiation and of one joining member having been submitted, "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the visitors present, and the lodge was closed in due form, the brethren adjourning to the banquet room, where an excellent repast was provided.

After the cloth had been removed, Bro. Buttery, S.W., took the chair, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. The brethren separated after a most enjoyable evening, both as regards work and recreation.

## INSTRUCTION.

**BURGOYNE LODGE** (No. 902).—The Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction having resolved to remove their place of meeting from the Cock Tavern, Ludgate-hill, to Bro. F. A. Austin's, the Victoria Hotel, 25, Charterhouse-street, Farringdon-road, held their first meeting at the latter place on Wednesday last, at 7 p.m., when the installation ceremony was worked by Bro. R. N. Field, P.M. of the mother lodge, to the entire satisfaction of the lodge. There was a numerous attendance of the members and a fair muster of visitors. Bro. Frost, P.M., &c., was elected Preceptor. From the known capabilities of Bro. Frost and several of the brethren we doubt not that the removal to this new abode, where an excellent and suitable room is provided, will be of great advantage to the lodge. Much of the work in connection with the removal has been performed by the very able and energetic Secretary, Bro. Batty, J.W. of the mother lodge, whose services the lodge are fortunate in the possession of.

**HIGHGATE LODGE** (No. 1366).—On Thursday, the 29th ult., Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., gave his interesting lecture on the ceremonial of the First Degree in Freemasonry to the members of this lodge and a large gathering of influential brethren connected with neighbouring lodges, at the Boston Hotel, Junction-road, Kentish Town. Bro. Dettmer, of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, opened the lodge at 7.30 p.m. Amongst the numerous assembly on this occasion were Bros. James Terry, P.M., Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Frost, P.M., Preceptor 1366; Payne, P.M.; Lambert, P.M.; and many other prominent members of the Craft.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed the W.M. introduced Bro. Stevens with a few appropriate observations. For rather more than two hours, during which period the most earnest attention was given to his remarks, the worthy lecturer expounded most eloquently the various points of interest contained in the working of the First Degree. With but few exceptions, and those only in respect of least important divergencies, his conclusions met with ready acceptances, and it was generally agreed that a more perfect and instructive elucidation of the text of the ritual could not be otherwise obtained.

At the conclusion of the lecture, W. Bro. Frost, P.M., proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens, whom he was glad to know was associated with the lodge as an hon. member, and expressed his gratification with the interesting address he had listened to.

This was seconded by W. Bro. James Terry, P.M., who, whilst taking exception to some few of the opinions of the lecturer, desired, nevertheless, to express his sense of the important services rendered to the Craft generally by the repetition of his work in the several lodges and lodges of instruction.

The vote having been unanimously agreed to, Bro. Stevens in reply expressed his acknowledgments, thanking the brethren for their very patient attention, and stating his readiness to accept any invite he might receive from other lodges of instruction desirous of hearing the lecture.

Several new members having been elected the lodge was closed. This lodge meets every Thursday evening at the Boston Hotel, at eight o'clock.

**HYDE PARK LODGE** (No. 1425).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 26th ult., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W., when the following were present: Bros. W. A. Vincent, W.M. 1139, W.M.; J. Lawrence, S.W.; W. H. Chalfont, W.M. 1425, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, S.D.; J. J. Humfress, J.D.; W. Middlewick, I.G.; C. S. Mote, Stwd.; J. Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, and 1426; M. S. Spiegel, P.M. 188; S. Smout, P.M. 1642; E. F. Ferris, W. Percy, R. Cullen, A. Hardy, F. Chandler, J. C. Rhind, C. Horton, W. J. Mason, G. Dickensin, J. J. Thomas, J. Reid, W. Matthews, J. Murch, H. Robinson, C. J. Morse, G. Simpson, and Bro. S. Burnett, S.W. 185 (visitor).

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was called off, and the brethren were instructed by Bro. Stevens in entry drill. Lodge was called on and opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hardy as candidate. The Lecture on the Second Tracing Board preceded by the delivery of the Second Section, was given by Bro. Stevens. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and then closed down to the First. Bro. Barnett was elected a member. Bro. Lawrence was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Stevens for his services during the evening, and it was announced that at the meeting on Monday next, that brother would give for the first time and in this lodge a lecture explanatory of the ceremonials of the Second Degree. The report of the Auditors of this prosperous lodge of Instruction was read and received, and thanks voted to the Auditors for their services. After a full business evening, which gave great satisfaction to all present, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the meeting adjourned till the 3rd inst.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE** (No. 1614).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 22nd ult., at the Cranbourne Hotel, 1, Upper St. Martin's Lane, W.C. (next door to Aldridge's), when the following were present: Bros. Read, W.M.; E. P. Ruysenaers, S.W.; Thorpe, J.W.; T. Wilson, S.D.; Fowles, J.D.; A. Dickson, I.G.; W. H. Richardson, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; Hewett, Mogford, and Hyams.

The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Preceptor Richardson worked the First Section of this Lecture. Bro. Hewett offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and again brought on from refreshment to labour. Bro. Mogford offering himself as a candidate for passing, the usual questions were put and answered. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of F.C. Lodge closed. Bro. Preceptor Richardson proposed that Bro. Hewett, 1614, be a joining member of this lodge of instruction, which was seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. Bro. E. P. Ruysenaers was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

**NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE** (No. 1695).—At the weekly meeting held at Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury-park, on the 27th ult., there were present Bros. Bolt, W.M.; Follett, as Preceptor; Scott, S.W.; Oldis, J.W.; Berry, Sec.; Fetch, S.D.; Mason, J.D.; Stead, I.G.; Knights, Richards, Eldridge, Gribble, Sweet-hurst, Amey, Holdreth, Hale, and Morris.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, and Bro. Berry having taken the chair, the ceremonies of Initiation and raising were rehearsed. The chair was resumed by Bro. Bolt. Bro. Scott was elected as W.M. for the ensuing meeting. The lodge was then closed and adjourned till Tuesday evening next, at 8 o'clock.

**DERBY.**—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The annual meeting and election of officers took place on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. J. Brown, P.M., Preceptor, as W.M.; C. Webster,



as S.W.; J. Copestick, as J.W.; E. Horne, as S.D.; T. Day, as J.D.; S. Taylor, as I.G.; W. Whittaker, P.M.; Sec.; also Bros. A. Frazer, P.M.; G. T. Wright, P.M.; J. Bland, W.M.; W. Forman, J. Walker, and J. W. Brigg. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. John Brown, was re-elected Preceptor; and Bro. Thos. Day, Secretary and Treasurer. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Whittaker for his services as Secretary, to which suitable response was made. A similar vote also was given to the worthy Preceptor for his valuable services, who responded.

Supper being provided, and having been partaken of, the W.M. after giving the toast of "The Queen," announced that there would be no more formal toasts.

Bro. Whittaker, P.M., then in a most able speech astonished the worthy Preceptor, Bro. J. Brown, P.M., by presenting him in the name of the assembled brethren, who had subscribed the ways and means, with a useful pipe in case, and two splendidly bound volumes, suitably inscribed, of Tom Hood's poetical works.

Bro. Brown in responding was visibly affected and said it was with difficulty he could give expression to his thoughts; he was much surprised, and could not understand why the brethren should have done him this honour, which he so highly appreciated, but although he might be thought somewhat rough in what he said, he had the prosperity of the lodge thoroughly at heart and he should ever remember their kindness to him.

It should have been mentioned that during the lodge a long conversation took place on the various points of difference in the ritual brought out at Bro. James Stevens' recent lecture.

### Royal Arch.

**CAVEAC CHAPTER (No. 176).**—The annual convocation for the installation of Principals of this admirable working chapter was held last Saturday evening at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, when there were present Comps. Walter J. Stride, M.E.Z.; A. Middlemass, H.; A. W. Thorpe, J.; J. Brookes Sorrell, P.Z., Treas.; F. Walters, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st A.S. Middlesex, P.Z. 73, S.E.; R. P. Tebb, S.N.; A. N. L. Burne, 2nd A.S.; Charles Browne, P.Z.; Charles Dorey, P.Z.; W. Miller Goss, P.Z.; Perceval A. Nairne, P.Z.; J. Brookes Sorrell, jun., T. H. Wilson, William R. Morton, Aubrey Browne, Ernest Fielding, W. Tyrrell Brooks, and H. F. Paget. The following were the visitors present: Comps. C. Bischoff, P.Z. 107 I.C.; H. J. Gardner, M.E.Z. 1623; W. S. Whittaker, P.Z. 1572; C. F. Speight, Janitor; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*).

Comp. P. A. Nairne, P.Z., installed Comp. Andrew Middlemass, P.Z., as M.E.Z., and Comp. A. W. Thorpe, as H. Comp. W. M. Goss, P.Z., W.S., installed Comp. R. P. Tebb as J. The following companions were then invested: Comps. J. B. Sorrell, P.Z., Treas.; F. Walters, P.Z., S.E.; R. Sutherland, S.N.; Arthur N. L. Burne, P.S.; W. M. Morton, 1st A.S.; J. N. Brooks, 2nd A.S.; C. Browne, P.Z., D. of C.; W. M. Goss, P.Z., W.S.; and C. T. Speight, Janitor. A handsome P.Z.'s jewel was afterwards presented to Comp. W. J. Stride, I.P.Z. It was afterwards resolved to subscribe out of the Charity Fund of the chapter five guineas to the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a choice banquet, after which the usual loyal toasts were proposed.

Comp. Charles Browne, P.Z., proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," and in doing so repeated what he had said when presenting him for installation—that he was so well known in Masonry that it needed no words of his to inform the companions how excellent a Mason he was, and how thoroughly well he would carry out the duties of his office. He (Comp. Browne) was convinced, and the companions would share the conviction, that the chapter would do well while having such a First Principal. He had for three years gone through the terrible ordeal of being P.S., and he had performed the duties of that important office admirably, and in a way companions would never forget. During his year of office as M.E.Z., the companions hoped that his health would be such that his career of usefulness would not be impaired, and that at the end of his year they might say "Well done, Most Excellent."

Comp. Middlemass said it was true that it had been his duty for many years in this and another chapter to perform the functions of P.S., and nothing exceeded his astonishment at finding himself at last in the position of First Principal of his mother chapter. He had, indeed, been astonished at being elected Master of the Sphinx Lodge. He had received nothing but brotherly love and kindness ever since he had been a Mason. When he had not had good health or was in misfortune he had found what it was to have in Masonry kind friends to enquire after him, anxious to relieve his pain and sickness, unconsciously showing magnanimity. He should endeavour to do his duty to the satisfaction of the companions, though he was certain not to his own, because he was somewhat of a severe critic of himself. But he knew if he should fail the kindness and forbearance of the companions was such that he might trust to them for a favourable verdict. When he became a Mason he was taught the duties and functions of Masonry, and the new obligations of Royal Arch Masonry he could honestly and fearlessly say without egotism he had endeavoured to discharge—duties which he did not know of in Craft Masonry. As we went on in Masonry we were inspired in obligations we never thought of before; but inasmuch as the Almighty had made us dependent on one another, and it was our duty to execute His will and create in each other's minds that reliance on His Providence which could only be shown by performing the duty He had cast upon us, so, having health and strength, he could only hope that with a good will and a willing heart he might carry out all the duties his brother Masons had cast upon him.

Comp. Middlemass then in very flattering terms proposed "the Visitors," to which toast Comps. Massey and Whittaker, who were the only visitors left at that hour, responded. The next toast was that of "H. and J.," and Comp. Middlemass said he was fortunate in having those offices so well filled. He had long known these companions, and he had reason to believe that they would heartily assist him. They were agreed upon this, to exercise their authority in the gentlest possible manner, and he hoped they would never have to exercise it differently, or give the companions cause for saying it had not been exercised with benignity and generosity.

Comp. Thorpe said he was not going to make any promise what he would do, but the companions should in due time judge by his works. He would, however, endeavour to carry out those principles which the M.E.Z. had promulgated both in the chapter and in his speeches. Comp. R. P. Tebb also replied.

Comp. Middlemass next proposed "The I.P.Z." who had occupied the First Principal's chair in the chapter with honour to himself, and the jewel he wore testified to the satisfaction of the brethren. That was the position which he (Comp. Middlemass) at present most admired. The companions must confess that they had never sat under a more genial president, or one who was more determined to keep them in perfect order. It was his kindness to all and to his immediate subordinates that made them go on so companionably. He (Comp. Middlemass) hoped Comp. Stride might look forward to enjoying a green old age officially and have troops of friends. He did not know anyone who had made more friends; wherever he went he made them.

Comp. Stride, I.P.Z., replied. "The P.Z.s." was the next toast, and it was replied to by Comp. C. Dorey, P.Z.

The toast of "The Installing Principals" was replied to by Comps. Nairne and Goss, and that of "The Officers" by Comps. J. B. Sorrell, P.Z., Treas., and F. Walters, P.Z., S.E., and the Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings.

**LEY SPRING CHAPTER (No. 1598).**—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Old Red Lion Tavern, Leytonstone, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., when the following companions were present: Comps. W. Claridge, M.E.Z.; E. J. Anning, H.; W. H. Myers, J.; J. McDonald, S.E.; G. W. Verry, Treas.; and others. Visitors: Comps. James Terry, P.Z., and J. E. Cockett.

The only business, after taking the minutes and Auditors' report, was the installation of Principals and officers for the ensuing year. Comp. E. J. Anning, M.E.Z. elect, was duly installed by Comps. Terry and Verry, after which Comp. Myers, P.Z., was installed into the chair of H., and Comp. McDonald into the chair of J. The other officers were appointed and invested as follows: Comps. Bianchi, Treas.; Verry, S.E.; Spiller, N.; Robson, P.S., who appointed as his Assistants Comps. J. Seigenberg and Spiller, sen.

### Mark Masonry.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**—Northumberland and Berwick Lodge (T.I.)—The annual meeting of this, the oldest and most thriving lodge in the province of Northumberland and Durham was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. After the usual preliminaries Bro. John Wood, P.P.G.S.O. (the W.M. elect), was presented, duly obligated, and installed by Bro. R. G. Salmon, the retiring W.M. The installation ceremony was not performed in detail, as Bro. Wood had previously passed the W.M.'s chair of the Industry Lodge. The new W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. R. G. Salmon, I.P.M.; Skinner Bell, S.W.; S. M. Harris, J.W. (by proxy); John Usher, M.O.; C. B. Ford, S.O.; E. Marston, J.O.; Rev. W. Skene, Chap.; W. E. Franklin, P.M., Treas.; T. J. Armstrong, P.M., D.C.; Seymour Bell, R. of M.; R. G. Symonds, Sec.; W. M. Lyons, S.D.; W. F. Carman, J.D.; Wm. Madonald, I.G.; Thos. Dinning, S.S.; E. Dunford, J.S.; and G. S. Sims, Tyler. Amongst others present were Bros. R. L. Armstrong, P.M., P.G.S.O.; J. Ridsdale, P.M.; T. J. Armstrong, P.M.; W. T. Clarke, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; D. Sinclair, P.G. Sec., W.M. 293; M. Corbett, S.W. 293; Robt. Whitfield, J.D. 293; T. Thompson, S.S. 293; M. H. Dodd, M.O. Union Lodge, Sunderland; and others.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall and sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by Bro. G. S. Sims, the Tyler. After ample justice had been done to the requirements of the inner man, the usual toast list was gone through, interspersed with songs from several brethren. A very entertaining and agreeable evening was spent and the company separated at ten o'clock.

**HASTINGS.**—East Sussex Lodge (No. 166).—The quarterly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Castle Hotel on the 20th ult., when Bro. Charles W. Duke, G. Steward, Prov. G.S.W., P.M., presided, supported by Bros. F. Rossiter, Prov. G.D. of C., Treas., S.W.; E. W. J. Hennah, Prov. G.S. of W., J.W.; T. W. Markwick, S.O.; Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., Chap.; F. Duke, Sec.; H. F. Crossthwaite, Reg. of Mrks.; F. H. Hallett, Org.; and J. B. Foord, Visitor; Bro. Major Robertson. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed and several matters of business transacted the lodge was closed.

**BELVEDERE.**—Saye and Sele Lodge (No. 309).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 26th ult., at Essenden House, the ceremony being honoured by the presence of R.W. Bro. Thos. Robinson, M.A., Prov. G.M. Kent. Bro. J. G. Chillingworth, P.G.S.O., W.M., opened the lodge, being supported by Bros. F. Wood, S.W., W.M. elect; A. H. Bateman, J.W.; E. B. Bright, M.O.; H. Cummings, P.G. Reg. of Marks Cornwall, S.O.; C. R. Paine, J.O.; W. J. Colman, S.D.; W. O. Robinson, J.D.; F. Spurrell, P.G. Reg. of Marks Kent, I.G.; and H. A. E. de Pinna, Sec.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was presented and approved. Bros. S. T. Lucas, 192, and F. G. Houghton, 1973, were then proposed for advancement by the W.M. and S.W., and seconded by the Sec. and J.W. respectively. The W.M. then vacated the chair, which was taken by the Prov. G.M., who proceeded to install Bro. Wood as W.M. of the lodge in the most impressive manner. The W.M. after his installation proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. Chillingworth, I.P.M.; Bateman, S.W.; Bright, J.W.; Cummings, M.O.; Paine, S.O.; Colman, J.O.; Robinson, S.D.; Spurrell, I.G.; and de Pinna, Sec. The I.P.M., Bro. Chillingworth, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the lodge, a Past Master's jewel being presented to him by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge, in recognition of his services as head of the lodge

during the past year. Bro. Youngman was unanimously re-elected Tyler.

The Worshipful Master then proposed a very cordial vote of thanks to the Prov. G.M. for the honour he had done the lodge by his presence on that occasion, and for the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, which had gained so much through the solemn and impressive manner in which he had rendered it, and also for the valuable advice which the lodge had received from the Prov. G.M. This was seconded by the I.P.M., and carried unanimously.

The Prov. Grand Master having acknowledged the compliment in appropriate terms, the lodge was closed in due form after the expression of "Hearty good wishes" from Lodges 322, 7, and 13.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**BOLTON.**—St. Peter's Chapter (No. 31).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Saturday, the 24th ult., at the Commercial Hotel, Gower Hall-square. There were present Ill. Bro. W. J. Thomson, 30°, M.W.S.; Bros. A. Middleton, 1st General; J. M. Sinclair, 2nd General; Ill. Bro. G. Brockbank, 32°, Treas.; Bros. J. B. Murray, G. Marshal; T. H. Giendinning, D. of C.; A. H. Jafferis, Capt. of Guard; J. E. Lees, Org.; W. W. Wylde and R. H. Swindlehurst, Stewards; J. M. Kerr, and J. Barrett, P.M.Vs.; Ill. Bros. R. Harwood, 30°; J. W. Taylor, 30°; T. Morris; C. J. Banister, 33°, S.G.I.G. North-Eastern District; and C. R. A. Beswick-Royds, 33°, S.G.I.G. North Western District. Visitors: Ill. Bros. T. C. Thorburn, 30°, M.W.S. Liverpool Chapter, and H. Krauss, P.M.W.S. Leeson Chapter.

The chapter was opened in due form, after which the Inspectors-General of the two Northern Districts were received under the arch of steel. Four candidates were balloted for and unanimously elected, and three of them, viz., Bros. J. W. Edwards, of the Affability Lodge; E. Eveleigh, of the Strangeways Lodge; and William J. Cunliffe, of the Affability Lodge, having presented themselves were duly perfected as Rose Croix Masons, Ill. Bro. G. R. Brockbank, 32°, presiding at the first point, the duties of Raphael and Grand Marshal being ably conducted by Bro. J. D. Murray. The entire ceremony was quietly and decorously worked, the officers having taken considerable pains to perfect themselves in their respective parts, and the older members were much gratified to notice the steady progress of the juniors, whose working was faultless. Letters of apology were read from several of the members who were unable to attend from sickness and other causes. The brethren were much pleased to be again visited by their veteran friend and former Inspector-General, and a resolution was proposed by Bro. Brockbank, 32°, seconded by the M.W.S., welcoming the illustrious brother on his return home after a tour in Canada, and expressing gratification at meeting him again in this chapter, in whose progress and prosperity he has always evinced the warmest interest. Ill. Bro. Banister suitably replied. Ill. Bro. R. yds, Inspector-General of the district, invested the newly-obligated brethren, explained to them the symbols of the Order, and completed the ceremony of perfecting the candidates.

Considerable structural alterations and additions have been made to and in the house where the meetings of the chapter are held, and much pleasure was evinced on this occasion to find that greater accommodation had been given for working the beautiful ceremony of this Order, and as the chapter is one which has always been distinguished for its good working and general appointments it may be fairly considered one of the most useful and harmonious chapters in the northern district.

Shortly before dinner a telegram was received by Ill. Bro. Brockbank from Ill. Bro. C. F. Matier, 31°, Sec. 1910, conveying the hearty good wishes of Col. Clerke, and all the brethren of that lodge then assembled, to the M.W.S. and members of the St. Peter's Chapter. This expression of fraternal goodwill was much appreciated by the brethren and a return message was sent reciprocating the kindly sentiments conveyed in the message from the lodge. The Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the best means of showing their appreciation of the manner in which Bro. Banister has discharged the duties of Inspector-General since his appointment to that office, made a report to the brethren, and it was agreed, as the proposal made would be in full accord with the feelings of Bro. Banister, that the same should be adopted and the presentation made on a suitable occasion at an early period. Hearty salutations having been given from the visiting brethren the chapter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

### Red Cross of Constantine.

**LEICESTER.**—Byzantine Conclave (No. 44).—A regular meeting of this highly prosperous conclave was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, 26th ult., under the presidency of the E. and P. Sir Knight Thomas Worthington, M.P.S. The conclave was honoured with the presence of the Ill. Chief Intendant-General for Leicestershire and the adjoining provinces, the veteran Mason, Sir Knight Wm. Kelly, F.S.A., P.P.G.M. for Leicestershire and Rutland, and amongst the other sir knights present were S. S. Partridge, P.S. and K.G.C.; R. Waite, P.S.; H. Meadows, V.E.; T. Colman, S.G.; J. H. Thompson, I.G.; Dr. W. Hammond, 1st Aide; R. Taylor, Treas.; W. J. Curtis, Recorder; J. D. Harris, Prelate; F. Griffiths, Prefect; W. A. Fielding, Herald; S. A. Marris, Std. Br.; S. Cleaver, Stwd.; S. Knight, W. L. Ball, and W. M. Randell.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes and the reading of a letter of apology for absence from E. and P. Sir Knights J. T. Thorp, J. W. Woodall and others, a College of Viceroys was formed and Sir Knight Henry Meadows was inducted into the office of Viceroy of the conclave, the ceremony being performed by the Chief Intendant-General. The other Sir Knights having been readmitted, Bro. W. J. Freer, of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560, who had been elected at a previous conclave, was duly installed and proclaimed as a Knight of the Order with full ceremonial, much of which is peculiar to the Byzantine Conclave, the duties of the M.P.S. being most completely and ably performed by Sir Knight Worthington, who was efficiently supported by the remainder of the officers present. The traditional history of the Order was fully described by Sir Knight Harris, H.P., and the con-

cluding charge impressively given to the novitiate by the Ill. Sir Knight Kelly. A candidate for installation having been proposed and a sum of five guineas voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to be placed on the list of Sir Knight S. S. Partridge, who goes up as Steward for that Charity in February next. The conclave was closed in ancient and solemn form. To the members of the Red Cross degree in Leicester the flourishing condition of this admirably conducted conclave is a matter of great congratulation, and it is felt and believed that the beautiful charges and other addresses which as before stated are peculiar to it, but which do not in any way interfere with the recognized ritual or depart from the established landmarks of the Order, have gained for this degree in the above place, the success and high position which it undoubtedly possesses. The additional charges and addresses to which reference has been made were the joint production of the late Rev. Dr. Haycroft, an officer of Grand Conclave and a P.S. of the Byzantine Conclave, and the Ill. Sir Knights Kelly and G. Toller, jun.

On the closing of the conclave the sir knights adjourned to the refectory, where an elegant and sumptuous banquet was served under the direction of the Stewards, Sir Knights Griffiths and Cleaver.

### Rosicrucian Society.

LEEDS.—York College.—The November meeting of this college took place at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, on Wednesday, the 21st ult. There were present Fratres C. L. Mason, Celebrant; J. L. Atherton, as Deputy; T. J. Wilkinson, Sec.; G. Simpson, as P.A.; W. Brown, as S.A.; R. W. Moore, T.A.; W. B. Dyson, as O.A.; T. Trevor, C. of N.; F. Waddington, as T.B.; J. Monckman, as H.; W. F. Tomlinson, as G. of T.; J. Marshall, as M.; W. Rowley, Prov. G. Sec.; and Bro. Oates, as Acolyte.

Apologies for absence were received from Fratres T. B. Whytehead, Ch. Adept.; J. S. Cumberland, Suffragan; J. W. Woodall, Prov. G. Treas.; C. F. J. Kipling, J. M. Meek, S. Wilson, W. Fraser, J. Moncks, J. J. Wilkes, and J. Todd. Successful ballots were taken for Bros. W. H. Cooper, P.M., and J. T. Belk, P.M., of Middlesboro', after which Bros. G. Althorpe, of Bradford, and J. R. Dore, of Huddersfield, accepted aspirants, were received into the M.C. The Celebrant read to the college a paper by the C.A., describing the legends of the society, and then addressed the college, explaining to the novitiates the objects and aims of the society. He also enforced upon the fratres their obligation in turn to read to the college original papers on subjects of literary, scientific, or antiquarian interest, which had received their special attention, and congratulated the college upon having received into its ranks so many members qualified to edify and instruct their brethren. Bros. S. W. Fisher (Scarbro') and G. H. Locking (Pontefract) were proposed as aspirants, and the M.C. was then dissolved.

The fratres adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent repast was provided and much pleasant intercourse enjoyed.

### Obituary.

The funeral of Bro. C. E. Lashmore, silversmith, of Westgate-street, Gloucester, who died after a brief illness, took place on Monday afternoon, the 26th inst., at the cemetery. The funeral was a private one, a large number of brethren attending as private friends, including Bros. H. Frith, A. Woodward, G. Tomes, F. G. Roberts, Joseph Gee, Thomas Gee, G. Roberts, S. H. Hayward, pall bearers; and W. White, E. Quilter, H. Margrett, C. Cook, Sydney-Turner, W. C. Ferris, W. Lifton, E. T. Chipp, H. J. Ferris, W. Fream, H. R. Barrett, B. London, W. T. Byett, H. Luker, A. Baker, J. Flay, J. Meredith, E. Dallimore, — Wettre, G. Symonds, R. J. Talbot, T. Talbot, T. C. Beach, E. Bird, and Griffiths. The Royal Lebanon and Zetland Lodges sent wreaths, and sprigs of acacia were placed upon the coffin. After the burial service, which was impressively read by the Rev. J. Vaughan Payne, the following address, prepared by Bro. H. Jeffs, P.G.J.W. Gloucestershire, who was unable to attend through illness, was read by Bro. H. Frith, the W.M. of the Zetland Lodge, and was listened to with marked feeling by the brethren and relatives present: "Brethren, It was our wish that our Bro. P.M. Jeffs should say a few words on this melancholy occasion, but he is prevented by illness from being present. He had great admiration for the personal qualities of our dear lamented Bro. Lashmore, and that admiration finds a response in our hearts. The service for the dead has been said in our hearing, and it finds an echo in the beautiful ceremony of our Order. Standing at this open grave, we are reminded of one particular and solemn feature of our ceremonies, in which Bro. Lashmore on his admission to our Order took part. We teach that man walketh in darkness until the light which is from above illumines his path, and that his way is not secure until the precepts contained in the volume of the sacred law become the rule and guide of his faith. We believe in a hope beyond the grave. Looking down upon the coffin at our feet, we can exclaim with confidence, 'Oh, Death where is thy victory?' for the spirit will return to God, who gave it, and become a part of that spiritual edifice not made with human hands, eternal in the heavens! Yes, let it console us that our mortality shall put on immortality! Peace be to the ashes of our dear departed brother. Amongst those of his fellow-citizens who enjoyed his friendship and acquaintance brother Lashmore was held in high and deserved respect. In business he was conscientiously upright and of fair dealing, and his future seemed bright. As a brother of our order he gave promise of usefulness. Our hopes are withered. Bro. Lashmore has gone from amongst us in the flower of manhood. We shall miss his geniality, as his amiability was conspicuous, and distinguished as he was for soberness of thought. How his loss will be felt in the domestic circle we dare not attempt to think. May He who hath promised to be a Father to the fatherless and a Judge of the widow assuage the grief of the stricken household, and speak peace to the troubled hearts. And may the sorrowing relatives here present be comforted. Our hearts are touched with sympathy for the bereaved ones. May the Great Architect of the Universe have them in His protection. And may we, brethren, take the lesson to heart,

and work while it is yet day, for the night cometh when no man can work. May the Great Architect of the Universe work in us the works of brotherly love, relief, and truth! So mote it be."

On Sunday morning last, the funeral of our late Bro. Edward Ellis, who was a member of No. 724, and who died on Friday, took place at Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool. The brethren who assembled and accompanied the remains were Bros. J. W. Ballard, P.M.; Commins, W.M.; Beekin, P.M.; Ire Gordon, P.M.; Pendleton, I.P.M.; Humphreys, S.W.; Davies, J.W.; Sharples, Sec.; Owens, Woods, Dutton, Evans, Ellis, Grieves, Hoblyn, Nelson, and Sandiford. Bros. W. H. Jewitt, W.M. 1393, and W. Persival, St. John's Lodge, were also present. A number of friends of the deceased likewise attended.

### THE "MONT DORE," BOURNEMOUTH.

There are few places in England better calculated to answer the purpose of a health resort than Bournemouth, in the county of Hants. Its situation is such that it is easily accessible from all parts of the kingdom. It has a dry soil, is well sheltered from cold winds, and is free from fogs and the noxious exhalations arising from decaying vegetation. Moreover, the climate is mild and, at the same time, dry and bracing, and under these circumstances it is not surprising that, when the promoters of the scheme for starting a high-class establishment, on the continental system, for the accommodation of visitors, invalids, and others of the wealthier classes in search of rest and change of air were in search of a suitable locality, they should have chosen this increasingly-popular watering-place on the Southern coast. Bournemouth for many years past has enjoyed an enviable reputation among invalids, especially of the class of people who suffer from pulmonary complaints or from gout, rheumatism, and other kindred diseases. It also enjoys this advantage over the Mont Dore in the Auvergne, from which it derives its name, namely, that while the latter is resorted to during a portion of the year only—from June to September—the directors of the Bournemouth establishment have the highest medical authority for stating their belief that it will be full throughout the whole of the year. Indeed, if further evidence of the value of the site chosen were needed, it would be found in the almost universal favour with which the project has been received by the medical profession. The medical council of the company includes some of the foremost physicians and surgeons of the day, while of those who up to the present time have taken shares in the company close on three-fourths are medical men. Nor has the general public been slow to appreciate the proposal, if we may judge from the fact that nearly the whole of the accommodation to be provided has already been secured by persons desirous of becoming residents. But it will be asked what is this "Mont Dore" which is thus highly spoken of and which has already established itself so firmly in public estimation? As has been stated above, it is a building intended for the reception of visitors, invalids, and generally of people in affluent circumstances who desire rest and change of air and scene. The site chosen for the erection of this building is in the very centre of the town, standing on high ground among the hills, and immediately adjoining on the south side the National Sanatorium. It is designed to accommodate close on 200 visitors and is being fitted on the most approved principles with a view to securing to its patrons the maximum amount of comfort and luxury. Hence, in addition to numerous private sitting rooms, there will be provided drawing, dining, reading, billiard, and smoking rooms, as well as a large recreation room in which concerts and private entertainments may be given. In the grounds adjoining are bowling, croquet, and lawn tennis grounds, while, as regards the usual baths for the comfort and health of the inmates, they not only include the Turkish, plunge, douche, needle, pine, and other baths of the more ordinary character, but every provision has likewise been made for the bath, aspiration and inhalation rooms, &c., which are necessary in order to carry out the treatment practised at Mont Dore, Auvergne, in the case of persons suffering from affections of the respiratory organs, gout, rheumatism, &c., these latter having been erected in accordance with plans proposed by Professor C. Meymott Tidy—who especially visited the French establishment at the instance of the directors—after consultation with Dr. Dobell and the executive of the company. It will be seen from the foregoing brief description that this Bournemouth Mont Dore is admirably calculated to supply the want, which has been so long and so generally felt, of an establishment, easily accessible and healthily situated, where all classes of visitors, whether they be invalids in need of a particular course of treatment for diseases of a special character, or merely people in search of ordinary rest and recreation can be accommodated. Every care has been taken to make the building comfortable and luxurious, so that, even with a moderate tariff of charges, there are good grounds for anticipating that the company will reap a substantial pecuniary benefit from so promising an enterprise. It may be worth while, perhaps, to add that the first stone was laid on the 25th May, 1881, by His Majesty King Oscar of Sweden and Norway, who with his royal consort derived so much benefit from their sojourn in the town, and who took that opportunity of marking his approval of the inauguration of such an establishment. It may also be as well to state that any of our readers who may be desirous of obtaining further information will find their inquiries most courteously received and satisfied by the Secretary, Mr. T. C. Pocock, at the company's offices, 305, Mansion House Chambers, 11, Queen Victoria-street, E.C.

It is understood that a scientific expedition, sanctioned by the Geographical Society and under the command of Mr. Wilfrid Powell, is about to leave this country for the purpose of exploring New Guinea. The funds will be provided from private sources, but it is intended to ask Bro. Lord Derby to lend his countenance to the enterprise.

The Daily News says the lists of the guests of the Viceroy of India, on the occasion of the opening of the Calcutta Exhibition will serve to remind visitors that there are still portions of the continent of Hindostan which are neither within the dominions nor under the protection of the Empress of India, for among them are the French Governor-General of Pondicherry and the Governor-General of Portuguese India.



"Little Red Riding Hood" will be the pantomime at Her Majesty's, which commences on Boxing night. The Vokes family will be the chief attraction.

We regret to learn that Mr. Chippendale's health of body is failing, and that his mind is so affected that he has been moved to an Asylum and is very ill; but he has reached more than fourscore years.

Bros. Arthur and Edward Swanborough, Asaph Lodge, take a benefit to-day (Saturday) at their mother's theatre, morning and evening, which we hope will be a benefit.

Miss Lilian Russell will be the principal singer in Gilbert and Sullivan's new opera at the Savoy, which is to be produced very soon. The title is to be "The Princess."

Bros. Crowder and Payne had a magnificent attendance at the celebration of their first anniversary of opening the Canterbury. They have gone in for popularity, and find it pays well. On our last visit there we noticed a clergyman in the stalls who is very popular in London.

Drury Lane closes to-morrow night (Saturday), for the rehearsal of "Cinderella," the pantomime, by E. L. Blanchard, to be produced on Boxing night. It is said we are to have a fox hunting scene on the stage with live horses and hounds.

Miss Mary Anderson appears on the 8th inst., at the Lyceum, in the new piece "Galatea," written for her by Mr. W. S. Gilbert. Mr. Barnes will be Pygmalion; Miss Amy Roselle, Cynisca; and Mrs. Arthur Stirling, Daphne. Miss Anderson still continues the chief attraction on the London stage.

Bro. Edward Terry returns for the winter to the Gaiety on 10th inst., when, for two weeks only, will be played "The Rocket," which our distinguished brother has been playing in the provinces with much success. Miss Dolores Drummond comes to the Gaiety with him. Mr. Burnand has written another burlesque for the Gaiety for Christmas.

Bro. Toole returns, on 8th December, to his own theatre with "Stage Dora." We regret that Mr. Robertson's comedies are to be withdrawn from London for some years. After the great success achieved by Messrs. Robertson and Bruce with "M.P." and "Ours," we are at a loss to understand the reason for this announcement.

Lotta, we understand, is to be the rival of Miss Minnie Palmer at the Opera Comique. The latter will be at the Strand in January. Lotta is not strictly a burlesque actress, as many of the papers have stated, but gives what is called in America a "variety entertainment." Mr. Harry Jackson has done well in securing her. Mr. Dacre, Mr. Fernandez, and Mr. Howard Russell will support Lotta.

We regret to have to record a signal failure at the Royalty. Miss Kate Santley produced "The Merry Duchess" some months since, and after a merry run, owing to other arrangements, it was withdrawn for "Gillette," by M. Audran. The composer of those two beautiful comic operas, "La Mascotte" and "Olivette," has not achieved a success in any way commensurate with his former compositions. On the first night an indulgent crowd went to the Royalty hoping for a repetition of the pleasure of hearing M. Audran's music, but it must be admitted, indulgent as they were, "Gillette" is doomed, in fact, should never have been produced, especially as it had been very carelessly rehearsed. Though, we believe, by existing arrangements it must hold the boards for a few weeks, this is no token of its public approval. The translator had a difficult task to suit it to English tastes, the original in French being highly unsuited to our clime. Therefore the story is utterly void of interest. Then the music is poor and unattractive. The prettiest part being a chorus which had to be introduced into it, written by Mr. Walter Slaughter for a number of boys and girls, and this was well encored. Not all the pretty scenery, dresses, and good principals of the company can bolster up this last addition to the London theatres. We feel much regret in having to write in this strain but we must be consistent. We feel deeply for Bro. W. J. Hill, one of the funniest actors we have in the present day. Do what he would he would only raise a feeble laugh, the best of which were remarks at his own personal expense, as for instance, when he was threatened to be run through with a sword, he asked if the assailer had a sword long enough. Miss Kate Santley worked her very best as Gillette, and Miss Kate Munroe, as Rosita, but to no purpose. The latter lady is a great attraction in her display of diamonds whose value must be an immense sum. In the third act her fingers on both hands are literally covered from knuckle to knuckle, her hair sparkles with them, around her neck is a handsome necklace, and brooches adorn her dress in various parts. Miss Maude Taylor was very lively and also worked at her part, but she can't sing a bit. One of the male principal characters was played by a gentleman whom we have never heard of, and could be only satisfactory to himself if even that. We may term Miss Ada Wilson the one redeeming feature, because she comes in with her dances independently of the story. Many of our readers must remember how gracefully she danced in "The Mascotte," this she still does, and under the circumstances one could only wish for a little more of Miss Wilson and less of M. Audran. That unmeaning and stupid farce of "Bouquet," throwing and handing of baskets of flowers, which we have often condemned was gone through on the first night. Who believes it to be genuine?





A fire occurred in the upper part of the Masonic Temple, in New York, on Saturday last, causing damage to the amount of 100,000 dols.

Mrs. Horace B. Marshall, wife of Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., will on Monday next lay the memorial-stone of a new mission chapel at Hanwell.

The Ebury Lodge, No. 1348, owns now as its ruler Bro. J. Warren, J.W. for the past year, who received the benefits of installation at the hands of Bro. J. Hurdell, the W.M., on the 27th ult.

R.W. Bro. the Rev. Thos. Robinson, M.A., Prov. G.M.M.M. Kent, conducted the installation ceremony on behalf of Bro. Wood, in the Saye and Sele Lodge, No. 309, Belvedere, on the 26th ult. Bro. J. G. Chillingworth, P.G.S.O., is the retiring W.M.

On Tuesday the Calcutta Exhibition was opened by the Viceroy. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught and a large number of native Princes were present. In the course of the proceedings the Viceroy announced that he had just received a telegram from the Queen expressing her Majesty's best wishes for the success of the Exhibition.

Why do you not subscribe for and read a Masonic paper—not glance at it? Do you seek "more light in Masonry," and how do you expect to gain it? Do you expect some brother to remove the bandage of ignorance from your intellectual vision? That's what we are trying to do in the *Journal*, but if you shut your eyes, and will not read, what is the use?—*Masonic Home Journal*.

Craftsmen will welcome the "Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket-Book," published by George Kenning, of Great Queen-street. No lodge should be without such a comprehensive book of reference; besides a list of 2015 Craft lodges in England, Europe, Asia, Africa and America, it shows lodges of instruction, and the names of the officers of the Craft in every quarter of the Globe. At two shillings it is remarkably cheap.—*Sunday Times*.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland held its annual meeting on Wednesday, the 28th ult. R.W. Bro. Wm. Kelly, F.S.A., P.P.G.M., presided, in the absence of the Prov. G.M., R.W. Bro. the Earl Ferrers. Notwithstanding that we this week issue a supplement of four extra pages, we are compelled, owing to the want of space, to hold over the report of the above Provincial Grand Lodge, together with other communications, which will be found acknowledged in the usual place.

Bro. John Wood, P.M. of Industry Lodge, Gateshead; P.G.J.W. Durham; present W.M. of St. John's Lodge, Newcastle; also W.M. of the Northumberland and Berwick Lodge (T.I.) M.M.M., and I.P.M. of Industry Mark Lodge, No. 293; and who also holds the important position of H. in the Industry Royal Arch Chapter, Gateshead, celebrated his silver wedding on the 27th ult., by entertaining, in conjunction with his highly esteemed wife, a select circle of Masonic and private friends at a full dress ball given at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Another new mongrel order, modestly styled "The Royal and Exalted Order of the Amaranth," has just been transplanted from a New York hot-bed. Its purpose is (for it itself hath said it) "To confer public and lasting honours upon all ladies and gentlemen eligible and worthy to receive its favours." Bro. Robert Macoy, of New York, announces himself as "Grand Patron of the Order." The Grand Matron and Grand Nurse are not yet stated. We are thankful that it does not presume to style itself "Masonic." We suppose it will compete with the "Order of the Eastern Star." If the fate of the Kilkenny cats should be duplicated in their cases, the mourners would be few, and easily consoled. For further particulars see the *Brooklyn Hornet*.—*Keystone*.

Much currency has been given to a report, based on the fact that the Prince of Wales has joined the fraternity of Mark Master Masons, that His Royal Highness was about to sanction the amalgamation of that Order with the Grand Lodge of England. I am enabled to state that this report is entirely and absolutely incorrect. So far from sanctioning any such amalgamation, His Royal Highness on receiving the Mark Mason Degree, and consenting to allow himself to be nominated for as Past Grand Mark Mason, distinctly stated that the two bodies were to be kept entirely separate, as the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England does not recognise the Mark Mason Degree. There is no doubt that certain individuals, who have their own personal aims to serve, have set this baseless rumour afloat, and the sooner in the interest of all concerned it is contradicted, the better it will be. The Mark Masons are a most estimable body of men, but their reception into Grand Lodge would only lead to confusion.—*Court Circular*.

A final meeting of the General Committee of the Masonic conversation, reunion, and ball recently held in Liverpool, took place on Friday evening, the 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. There was a numerous and influential attendance. Bro. Henry A. Tobias, P.P.G.S. of W., President, was in the chair; supported by Bro. R. Brown, P.P.G.T., as Vice-Chairman; Bro. Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.P.G.S.D., Treasurer; and Bros. H. H. Smith and R. Foote, P.G.S., Secretaries. From the report it was shown that the gathering had been successful from every point of view, and the promoters are to be congratulated on the result. Six hundred persons attended, and the net results financially amounted to £108 11s. 1d. The sum of 100 guineas was ordered to be handed to the House Committee for the purpose for which the reunion was held, viz., the completion of the decorating fund. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the executive for the services they had so ably rendered, special mention being made of the indefatigable efforts of the Hon. Secretaries. Bros. H. A. Tobias, J. F. Bailey, R. Brown, H. H. Smith, and R. Foote responded. A vote of thanks to the contributors of works of art, &c., to which Bro. R. Washington, P.P.G.S.D., replied, was also carried by acclamation, as well as one to the various sub-committees, to be conveyed to the members through the Chairman.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Sir Wm. A. Ogg, Lady Ogg, and daughters have sailed in the Orient for Naples, and purpose travelling on the Continent during winter.

The firm of Saunders and Co., bill-brokers, limited, have removed from 11, Jermyn-street, to 1, Bank-buildings, Long-acre, W.C.

The Kirkdale Lodge, No. 1756, Liverpool, held its installation meeting on the 27th ult. Bro. C. Bargery was inducted into the chair of K.S. by Bro. J. Grierson, the I.P.M., Bro. R. E. Milton being the retiring W.M.

Ex. Comp. H. Lovegrove, P.Z., P.P.G. Standard Bearer Middlesex, will be installed M.E.Z. of the Royal Jubilee Chapter, No. 72, at Anderton's Hotel, on Thursday, the 13th inst.

The memorial to Archbishop Tait, in Canterbury Cathedral, is to take the form of a stone reredos, with wooden sedelia. Subscriptions are to be invited from America and the Colonies.

The brethren of the three lodges meeting in Lancaster—Nos. 281, 1051, and 1353—intend holding a Masonic ball about the end of January, to which the general public will be admitted. The proceeds, after paying expenses, will be given to the Masonic Charities.

We regret to note that Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., was unable, owing to indisposition, to preside at the November meeting of the Brixton Lodge, No. 1949, of which he is W.M. Bro. T. Poore, P.M., most ably officiated in Bro. Marshall's regrettable absence.

A survivor of Napoleon's "Old Guard" is said to be still living in Philadelphia, where he was recently feted on the anniversary of his 60th birthday. His name is Solidor Milon, and he enjoyed the distinction of accompanying the Emperor to St. Helena, where he remained until his old commander's death.

Bro. T. W. Ockenden, P.G.D. Middlesex, was installed W.M. of the Lodge of Progress, No. 1768, on the 28th ult. This lodge, we may add, owes its existence to a few zealous members of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and this being the case, it goes without saying that the working was in every sense perfect.

According to the *Citizen*, the Postmaster-General was among those who, on Tuesday, witnessed the first representation of the "Birds" of Aristophanes by students of Cambridge University. The eminent gentleman mentioned may have been present at the representation, and in a literary sense have "witnessed" the performance; but that he did, or could do, so in the sense conveyed by the paragraph we have quoted is an event that we all can but most ardently desire.

The remains of Captain Thomas B. Hanham, R.N., J.P., Prov. G.S.W. of Dorset, were cremated in the mausoleum in the grounds of Manston House, near Sturminster Newton, Dorset, yesterday. The funeral ceremony was entirely a Masonic one, no clergy or ministers officiating. The ritual used by the Prov. Grand Master of Dorset, Mr. Montague Guest, M.P. for Wareham, was very ancient, and has not been employed in England for the past century. About 100 Provincial Officers and brethren assembled under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master at Manston House, and a part of the ceremony was performed in the hall, where an anthem was sung. The procession moved in Masonic order to the mausoleum, chanting a processional hymn. The coffin was of plain elm, without ornamentation of any kind. The white ensign was used as a pall, with the Masonic clothing, emblems, &c., of the deceased arranged upon it. The remains were cremated late at night. For this purpose a furnace had been erected in the grounds, Captain Hanham having given directions for its construction. There are already two urns in the mausoleum (copies from antiques at present in the South Kensington Museum), containing the ashes of the mother and second wife of the deceased, who were cremated some time since under the supervision of the late captain.—*The Times*, December 5th.

The Cycle, which has become increasingly popular of late years, must be held responsible for the occurrence of a very large number of accidents, all more or less calculated to disable the sufferers, either permanently or temporarily, from following their accustomed occupations. Hence it is not surprising that a "Cyclists' Accident Insurance Corporation, Limited," should have been established, the primary object of which is to provide a means of protecting the cyclist against personal injury, as well as against loss sustained through damage to his machine. The principal features of the insurance undertaken by this Corporation are as follows: (1) a sum in the event of death or in compensation for injury received whilst riding a bicycle, tricycle, or velocipede; (2) a sum in case of total wreck or partial damage to the machine itself; (3) insurance against accidents of every description, with or without allowance for total or partial disablement, or for disablement allowances only; (4) insurance against railway accidents only; and (5) insurance against accidents from specific causes, as from cricket, football, boating, &c. The different kinds of risk are arranged in six classes; but in each the annual premium or charge for effecting an insurance is extremely moderate. Thus, under Table I.—assurance against all kinds of accidents—the annual payment of £2 15s. will secure £1000 at death or in the event of permanent total disablement, and £6 per week during total disablement, to all who are entered in Class I., while a premium of £3 15s. will secure the same benefits to those placed in Class II.; £4 5s. to those in Class III., and so on up to £7 15s. in Class VI. Table II. relates to assurance for railway passengers only; Table III. to assurance against football accidents only; and Tables IV. and V. to assurance against cyclists' and cycle accidents only, the rate of charges under each of these tables being equally moderate—having regard to the benefits they secure—as under Table I. For further particulars, however, we must refer our readers to Mr. J. Alford Clarke, Manager and Secretary, at the head offices of the Corporation, 15, Coleman-street, London, E.C.

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It is stated that the Poet Laureate has been offered and has accepted a Peerage.

The Prince of Wales has presented one of his portraits, with his autograph, to the Sailors' Home, Portsea. The portrait has been placed in the seamen's reading room.

At the installation meeting of the Carnarvon Longe, No. 1572, at the Café Royal, Regent-street, W., on the 1st inst., Bro. G. A. Brock, W.M., installed his successor, Bro. A. T. Pearce, S.W., into the Master's chair for the year ensuing.

It has been decided to erect a bronze statue at Chatham to the memory of Lieut. Waghorn, the discoverer of the overland route, who was born at Chatham. The fund for carrying out the object will not be a merely local one. Earl Northbrook and M. de Lesseps have consented to receive a deputation of the Court Leet on the matter.

At the court of the Irish Society, held at the Irish Chamber on Tuesday, a vote of thanks to Bro. Sir Sydney H. Waterlow, Bart., M.P., the late Governor, was unanimously passed for the able manner in which he presided over the administration of the Society's affairs and of the distinguished services he rendered to the society with reference to the large public works carried out at Londonderry and Coleraine. A piece of plate will be presented to Sir Sydney with the resolution inscribed thereon, at a cost not exceeding 100 guineas.

The congregation that worshipped on Sunday in St. Giles', Edinburgh, witnessed for the first time the old regimental colours finally arranged in their places. Suspended from the capitals of the pillars in the central aisle of the nave, they give to the fine old building a very pleasing and picturesque aspect. As the congregation entered the cathedral, the colours were regarded with much interest. It is in contemplation to place on each pillar a brass plate, with an inscription to indicate the regimental number of the colour suspended above, and the history that attaches to it.—*Broad Arrow*.

The narrowest house on record is said to have been built in New York (it would be in America, of course). When Lexington Avenue was cut through, some years since, a strip of land 5 ft. wide and 100 ft. deep remained out of a certain lot, and, as the proprietor of the adjoining house would not come to terms, the owner determined to build a house there. He has not only done this, but has erected two—back to back. Each is 50 ft. long by 5 ft. wide, and is four stories high. But the architect, taking advantage of the rule which allows of the erection of projecting bay windows, contrived thus to slightly enlarge certain rooms; the space must be somewhat confined, and the rent, even in a first-class situation, cannot be reckoned to be a startling bargain at £100 a year.

Ye Antiente Fraternite of Ye Rahere Almoners (a charitable institution connected with the City of London, and originated in 1881 by Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z.) announces the first of a series of Smoking Concerts, to be held at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on Monday evening next, the 10th inst., at eight o'clock. Amongst the numerous eminent artists who have promised their gratuitous services may be mentioned Bros. Theodore Distin, Chaplin Henry, Wakefield Read, Egbert Roberts, Seymour Smith, G. S. Graham, and others. The affair promises to be as attractive and successful as the several previous entertainments given on behalf of this "friend of the poor and distressed" have been. On the occasion of its latest festival our distinguished Bro. Sir John Whitaker Ellis, Bart., P.G.J.W. (then Lord Mayor), presided, and, with the generous support of Bros. Alderman De Keyser and Savory (late Sheriffs of London and Middlesex), materially aided the efforts of the Grand Council of the Fraternite to "soothe the unhappy, and compassionate their miseries."

At a meeting of the City Church and Churchyard Protection Society, the Earl of Devon presiding, the honorary Secretary, Bro. Henry Wright, drew attention to the letter written by Bro. Lord Brabazon, which appeared in the *Times*. Bro. Wright suggested that the City Church and Churchyard Protection Society should co-operate with Lord Brabazon, and introduce a short Bill next session to amend the Union of Benefices Act, 1860, making it illegal to sell, let, or appropriate the site of any church or churchyard for the purposes of building upon; but that such sites shall be kept as open spaces for ever. Lord Devon pointed out the great difficulty in getting any Bill through Parliament in the hands of a private member, and thought a deputation to the Home Secretary urging him to introduce such a Bill would be more effective. The following resolution, moved by Bro. Hy. Wright and seconded by Bro. H. C. Richards, Member of London School Board, was carried unanimously: "That the Council of the City Church and Churchyard Protection Society desires to co-operate with Lord Brabazon and the Metropolitan Garden, Boulevard, and Playground Association in their efforts to preserve the burial grounds of the metropolis and the remains of the dead from desecration." Mr. J. Theodore Dodd proposed and Mr. G. H. Birch, A.R.I.B.A., seconded the following resolution, which was also carried: "That this meeting views with deep regret the proposal to pull down, desecrate, and disendow the Churches of St. Olaves, Jewry; St. Catherine, Coleman; and St. Thomas, in the Liberty of the Rolls, as causing scandal and disturbance of the remains of the dead, besides being an injustice to the resident parishioners." Mr. S. Wayland Kershaw, F.S.A., Librarian of Lambeth Palace, and Hon. Sec. London and Middlesex Archaeological Society, has joined the Council, and the following have become Vice-Presidents: The Duke of Westminster, Lord Hy. Somerset, P.C.; Colonel Talbot, Sergeant-at-Arms to House of Lords; Bros. Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G.; Lords Lathom, Limerick, and O'Neill, Baroness Burdett-Coutts, the Bishops of Lincoln and Nottingham, Bros. Aldermen Sir J. Whitaker Ellis, Savory, Col. Sir Reginald Hanson, Staples, Sir F. W. Truscott, and the Lord Mayor, Bro. W. M. Torrens, M.P.; Bro. Montagu Guest, M.P.; Bro. Cecil Folcombe, M.P.; Right Hon. J. B. Beresford-Hope, Rev. Viscount Molesworth, Mr. J. L. Pearson, R.A., Architect of Truro Cathedral; Sir Frederick Leighton, the Dean of St. Paul's, Canon Liddon, and Professor Bonamy Price.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS, For the Week ending Saturday, December 15, 1883.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10.

- Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.
59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot., High Holborn.
193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
1571, Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.
1670, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.
1790, Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath, Croydon.
1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-rd.
1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hot., W. Kensington.
Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon Hot., Aldersgate.
Rose Croix 53, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

LOGES 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.
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.
Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, at 7.45.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11.

- Lodge 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
96, 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., Aldersgate-st.
235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
255, Harmony, Greyhound Richmond.
548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
834, Raleigh, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
1106, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
1614, Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
1668, Samson, 68, Regent-st.
Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tav.
Rose Croix Chap. 71, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham 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 Bdg., 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 Edgumbe, 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.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Rushey Green, Lewisham, 7.30.
Duke of Albany, Park Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
Metropolitan Chap. Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12.

- Gen. Committee Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at 4.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
87, Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth.
147, Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
1228, Beacontree, Led Lion, Leytonstone.
1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
1305, St. Marylebone, Langham Hot., Portland-pl., W.
1306, St. John, City of London Tav., St. Mary Axe.
1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall T., Gresham-st.
1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Ho., U. Norwood.
1610, Northern Bar, 33, Golden-sq.
1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Oakley-st., Chelsea.
1718, Centurion, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hot., High Holborn.
Rose Croix Chap. 1, Grand Metropolitan, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.
Prince Leopold, Grand Avenue M.H., 88 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, 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
United Strength, Hope Tav., 179, Stanhope-st., Regent's Park, at 8.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Burdett Coutts, 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.
Burgoyne, Victoria Hot., 35, Charterhouse-st., E.C., at 7.
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.)
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
Panmure, 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, DECEMBER 13.

- Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall (worked in German).
263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
1216, Macdonald, Head-Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-rd., Camberwell.
1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.
1708, Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley.
1791, Creaton, Freemasons' Hall.
1987, Strand, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden.
Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
1642, Eccleston, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
K.T. Precept. 117, New Temple, Inner Temple, E.C.

LOGES 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.
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.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.
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-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14.

- National Great Priory, Cannon-st. Hot., at 4.
Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
K.T. Precept. 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Unions Emulation (for M.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, DECEMBER 15.

- Lodge 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
1541, Crichton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
LOGES 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, December 15, 1883.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10.

- 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.
703, Clifton, Royal Hot., Blackpool.
721, Independence, M.R., Chester.
941, De Tabley, Royal George, Knutsford.
1021, Hartington, M.H., Barrow.
1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hotel, Moss-side, Manchester.
1588, Prince Leopold, M.R., Stretford.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11.

- Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
322, Peace, Warren Bulkeley Arms, Stockport.
897, Loyalty, Fleece 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.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12.

- Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot.
281, Fortitude, Athenæum, 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, Foxteth, 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. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
Mark 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

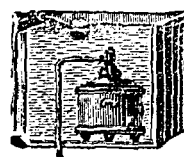
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13.

- Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
333, Royal Preston, Castle Hot., Preston.
477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
1035, Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale Hot., Liverpool.
1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
Mark 268, Lathom, M.H., Southport.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14.
Lodge 155, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.
1289, Rock, Ferry Hot., Rock Ferry.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
K.T. Precept. 41, Faith, M.H., Wigan.

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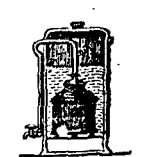
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