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We have often observed that the support of our Charities is neither commensurate with the Masonic vitality of our lodges nor the needs of our great Institutions themselves, but as some "Statistics" as to what lodges are doing for the support of one of our Metropolitan Charities have lately fallen under our eye, and though neither complete in themselves nor exhaustive as regards all the Charities combined, we deem it well specially to call attention to them, because we think they may be fairly assumed to be a fair test and gauge of what our lodges and chapters are really doing for the best of all work, and to be approximately correct at any rate as to the general result and outcome of lodge zeal and chapter energy on behalf of one of our Masonic Charities. That is to say they fairly represent the margin of apathy and do-nothingness. If indeed these figures fall short in this special respect or that, if they are deficient as regards one Charity or another, they yet, we repeat, give an entirely reliable general "Coup d'œil" of Masonic Charity as developed and exercised in our lodges and chapters at this very hour. It would seem then,—if we leave out the "Chapters," as their returns are altogether insignificant,—that out of 2000 lodges on our roll 215 only seem actively employed in supporting the charitable work, especially of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Now these 215 returning lodges come under the following divisions, and it is interesting to note how the older and younger lodges do not come out so badly, when from 600 to 1200 there is a region of apparently what the French call "Sommeil." Thus from No. 1 to 100 there are 28 returning lodges; 100 to 200, 20; 200 to 300, 13; 300 to 400, 9; 400 to 500, 11; 500 to 600, 8. In all up to this point, 89. From No. 600 to 700, 3; 700 to 800, 7; 800 to 900, 8; 900 to 1000, 7; 1000 to 1100, 2; 1100 to 1200, 4, in all for this division, 31. Bene notanda est. From No. 1200 to 1300, 12; 1300 to 1400, 9; 1400 to 1500, 10; 1500 to 1600, 13; 1600 to 1700, 18; 1700 to 1800, 14; 1800 to 1900, 8; 1900 to 2000, 10. This third list returns we see 95; in all, as we said before, 215. The Stewards in no way represent the real number of lodges remitting, as the "unattached" Stewards and duplicate and triplicate Stewards swell the list. Now, we invite the attention of our readers and the Craft to these figures, for they are both striking and startling,—must we not add alarming?—in the highest degree. Assuming that Bro. BRICKES repeats his great success and claims another 100 remitting lodges, What is that number compared to the 2000 lodges on our roll? If we could suppose that *different lodges* were represented at the three Festivals in succession, that would indeed give a result of which few could complain. Neither can anyone find fault with the noble results of each year's work in our Festival returns. They are in themselves very striking and moving facts, and reflect the greatest credit on our warm-hearted Fraternity. Compared with all other charitable meetings and returns, they place them in the shade and afford a most serious contrast. But the weak point is here. *The same lodges remit year by year; the same Stewards come up year by year; a large proportion of our lodges make no return year by year.* Now, there is no lodge so poor that it cannot do something. There is no lodge, we believe, with so little appreciation of Masonic principle and practice that, if the matter is clearly put before it, it will not at once set about to remedy an admitted shortcoming, to amend an undoubted error, to make up for an admitted defect. We trust that when our good brethren have sufficiently "digested" the above reality, so clearly brought home to them, they will set to work to put in an appearance at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival. We trust speedily to announce a *considerable accession to the number of Stewards.* They now number 252.

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We wish to call attention to three special points in the statistics above quoted. It will be seen that our 2000 lodges may be fairly divided into sections. The first—from 1 to 600—is doing something; the second—from 600 to 1200—is doing positively nothing; and the third—from 1200 and

2000—is again doing a little. But one fact is clear and stern,—that the lodges from 1000 to 1100 have only two remitting lodges, and as the members of these lodges may be said to be among the old and seasoned lodges of our Order, this deficiency in charitable effort suggests many painful thoughts. We must be honest in the *Freemason*, and we must add that these figures are not pleasant ones, and we fear tell a tale of lodge weakness which to all experienced and thoughtful Masons must be patent and serious. It has been asserted for some time that many lodges spend too much on the social circle and too little on charity; that many lodges are extravagant and even reckless; that a considerable number are in debt to their Treasurers; and that a large proportion do nothing whatever annually for *charity of any kind*. Let us hope that these assertions are somewhat one-sided and exaggerated, and that, as there is nothing perfect or infallible here, we may frankly admit there may be here and there apathetic lodges and defective balance-sheets. But to the general and remarkable outcome of charity exhibited by our good old Order we must give credit and extend admiration. We feel sure that these "spots in our feasts of charity" will speedily disappear when Masonic public opinion is aroused and directed to the point. We will conclude this article by repeating an oft expressed opinion of ours in other forms and verbiage. *No lodge is doing its duty in its hour and generation, acting up to its light, improving its opportunities, or realizing its professions, which does nothing for our great Masonic Charities year by year.* There are of course exceptional positions and circumstances for all lodges, but the adage we have ventured to submit to our readers is alike normal in respect to Masonic teaching and performance, and absolutely essential for the true progress and real value of Freemasonry in the world.

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We have read another publication of the Grand Chapter of Quebec without at all altering our original view on the subject, though we are always open, we hope, to argument and right reason. Indeed, we think the last "deliverance" of the Grand Chapter of Quebec leaves the matter more obscure than it was before, and affords not a few presumptions that the Grand Mark Lodge of England is right in the course it has adopted. A fact which seems to be forgotten is this, and which constitutes a great "factor" in the discussion, namely, that the connection of the "Mark" with the "Arch" is entirely disapproved of by English Masons, and very properly so, as it is altogether incongruous, unsound, and untenable, in our opinion. The Grand Mark Lodge is only legislating for members of English lodges who wish to be Mark Masons, and has no concern with any other; indeed, those lodges are not permitted to receive any brethren who do not hold Grand Lodge of England certificates. It is impossible for members of English Royal Arch chapters to place themselves under the Grand Chapter of Quebec, because it equally challenges the right of English chapters and the English Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. The Grand Mark Lodge therefore keeps up the system in Canada in vogue in England, as it has a right to do. The Grand Chapter of Quebec can claim no rights over English lodges and over English Royal Arch Masons still holding to the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England, and "pari ratione" the Grand Mark Lodge is not going outside its rights in allowing English Masons and English Masons alone in Canada to form English Mark Lodges in correspondence with the English Grand Mark Lodge. Of course by way of reply the "Recognition" is pleaded, but may we ask what did that recognise? Did it admit the sole and supreme authority of the Grand Chapter of Quebec over English Mark Masons in Canada? If it did not do so, we cannot say or see that it has exceeded its powers or abandoned any jurisdiction it may claim to possess. It may be probably true that the Grand Chapter of Quebec assumed and asserted that such constituted the form and force of Recognition; but did the English Grand Mark Lodge do so? From the correspondence we doubt it, and it seems "stat pro ratione voluntas." This position was far too readily assumed, we repeat, as it appears to us by the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and without any admission or consent from England. We are among those who have always objected to the "inclusion" of the "Mark" with the "Arch," and never professed to understand *why* the Grand Mark Lodge of England recognized a system so opposed to its own as that worked by the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

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AN amusing "skit" by Bro. SPETH seems to have aroused some questions and attracted some attention, from letters before us. It is quite clear that our esteemed brother has recently made the acquaintance of the great Professor TEUFELDRÖCH, in his German researches, and has sought to import into our pages full of duller lodge reports, and normal lodge speeches, &c., a lighter element, and a genial and witty contribution.

We understand that at some time in the summer, yet to be fixed, there will be at Worcester, under the presidency of Bro. Sir E. LECHMERE, Provincial Grand Master, a gathering of Freemasons and an exhibition of Masonic MSS., books, medals, plate, &c. Bro. GEO. TAYLOR, Provincial Grand Secretary, so well known by his zeal in the Charity Elections, is the Secretary for the movement, and we need hardly say we wish it all success, and will give it any help we can. It is emphatically a right movement, and deserves the support not only of Masonic archaeologists, but of all "bright" and thinking Masons.

### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall. There were present:

Comps. John Havers, as M.E.Z.; Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, as H.; Col. Creaton, P.G. Treasurer, as J.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, S.E.; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, P.G. Soj., as S.N.; John A. Rucker, as P.S.; Robert Grey, as 1st A.S.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, 2nd A.S.; George Lambert, as D.C.; Wilhelm Ganz, G. Org.; C. A. Merton, C. Green, wood, Lieut.-Col. J. S. Somerville Burney, James Glaisher, Ralph Costa, Magnus Ohren, James Lewis-Thomas, J. Sampson Peirce, J. M. Case, Frank Richardson, Thomas Fenn, Rev. Thomas Robinson, Thos. Dolling Bolton, Joseph C. Parkinson, H. G. Buss, Asst. S.E.; Comptroller Samuel G. Bake, Z. 330 and 1383; Hyde Clarke, P.Z. 10 and 584; Albert Escott, Z. 140; G. W. Armstrong, Z. 1593; E. Letchworth, P.Z. 2; H. J. Wolters, Z. 538; Julius Quitmann; Edward F. Storr, P.Z. 192 and 1044; Fitz Herbert Wright, P.Z. 1324, P.G.S.N.; Alfred A. Pendlebury, P.Z. 1056; Neville Green, P.Z. 1524; Hayward Edward, P.Z. 1385; William Dodd, P.Z. 1194; Henry Cox, P.Z. 174; T. W. Whitmarsh, M.E.Z. 217; Charles Daniel, M.E.Z. 65; T. J. Maidwell, Z. 1549; C. H. Webb, H. 1549; J. M. Collins, M.E.Z. 435; Samuel Gamman, P.Z. 435; George Drysdale, H. 7; Curtis Harding, P.Z. 778; W. J. Hornsey Casson, Z. elect 1615; H. Sadler, G.J.; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*).

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, on the motion of Col. CREATON warrants were granted in conformity with the following petitions:

From Comps. Horace Brooks Marshall, as Z.; James Harford Hawkins, as H.; George Clark, jun., as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, Twickenham, to be called the Royal Hanover Chapter, and to meet at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, in the county of Middlesex.

From Comps. Walter Bowyer, as Z.; George John Tilling, as H.; Richard Robert Loane Rosoman, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Clausentum Lodge, No. 1461, Woolston, to be called the Ancaster Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Woolston, Hampshire.

From Comps. George Graveley, as Z.; Benjamin Carter, as H.; Joseph Ross Waller, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Temperance in the East, No. 898, Poplar, to be called the Chapter of Temperance in the East, and to meet at the Assembly Rooms, No. 6, Newby Place Poplar.

From Comps. William Bennett, as Z.; Charles William Dommatt, as H.; Robert Witham Inglis, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Anerley Lodge, No. 1397, Anerley, to be called the Anerley Chapter, and to meet at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, Surrey.

Authority was also given to the Chapter of Nativity, No. 126, Burnley, Lancashire, for the members to wear a centenary jewel, the chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years.

The Chapter of Harmony, No. 632, Trowbridge, was authorised to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Devizes.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

### THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

(Continued from page 55.)

In June, 1857, the next Triennial Festival was held under the presidency of Bro. Henry Fenwick, M.P., G.J. Warden, who, in the unavoidable absence of the Earl of Durham, G.S. Warden, very kindly undertook to occupy his place, when the amount of subscriptions and donations was announced as £1558 16s. 6d. It may also be mentioned incidentally in connection with this celebration, that the Board of Stewards who conducted it, finding they had a balance in hand, after meeting all expenses, of over £33, very generously handed the amount to the Secretary, Bro. Farnfield, in order that he might expend it in the purchase of coals and wood for the inmates of the Asylum. Similar acts of kindness have been of frequent occurrence since, though since the close of 1859 the annual provision by Grand Lodge of a sum for the purchase of coal has rendered the application of such gifts to that particular purpose unnecessary. This success appears to have emboldened the friends of the Institution to make an effort to obtain the sanction of the Grand Master to similar gatherings being held more frequently, and a Special General Meeting was held on the 5th March, 1858, when, having regard to the large number of candidates for acceptance on both Funds, it was resolved that it would be to the interest of the Institution that a Festival should be held once in two years, and to this the Grand Master acceded, the first under the new system being fixed for the 26th January, 1859. A minority at the meeting were in favour of annual Festivals, but though the change in this direction came sooner than might have been expected, the opinion does not seem to have as yet acquired a sufficient degree of strength, and the minority were, to all appearances, hopelessly beaten. However, after the 1857 Festival, and with the promise of more frequent gatherings of a similar character, the Committee evidently acquired fresh courage, and in their Report of May, 1858, they recommended the election of ten Male Annuitants in place of the eight who had died, and eight Female Annuitants, one death only on that Fund having occurred since their previous Report. This restored the number of old men on the Funds of the Institution to forty-six, and increased the number of old women to twenty-five. In September came the good news that Grand Lodge had adopted the resolution of extending still further help to the Charity, and had increased its annual grants by £100 to each of the two branches, thus raising its contribution to the Male Fund to £500 per annum, and that to the Female Fund to £300. In January, 1859, the first and only Festival

held under the Biennial system took place under the presidency of Bro. Wyndham S. Portal, when, with a board of sixty-three Stewards, a total receipt of £2053 8s. was announced. With such a success it followed, almost as a matter of course, that Annual Festivals should become the order of the day, and they did so forthwith, though the Earl of Zetland would appear to have had some misgivings as to the wisdom of adopting such a course; that is to say, he sanctioned the proposal and fixed on the 25th January, 1860, for holding the first Annual Festival, but remained privately of opinion that it was not an advisable step to take. However, there is little doubt that his lordship must very soon have had reason to change his opinion. The receipts at the earlier yearly Festivals fluctuated somewhat; but on the whole they presented a steady and satisfactory result year by year, while of late years the returns have been such as even the most sanguine could hardly have anticipated. But this is by the way; the Annual Meeting in 1859, when the number of Male Annuitants was increased to sixty-two and the number of Female Annuitants to twenty-nine, voted a resolution to the effect that "an Annual Festival would be advantageous to the Charity and not injurious to the other Charities," and the Grand Master was kind enough to acquiesce.

From this time forward the prospects of the Institution appear to have brightened very materially, and we are rejoiced to add, thus far at all events, permanently. In December, 1859, it was announced that Grand Chapter had been pleased to order the transfer of £200 Three per Cent. Consols to the Male Fund and of a like amount to the Widows' Fund, and the Committee passed a vote of thanks for the gift, as well as to Bro. Joseph Smith, to the exertion of whose influence the action of Grand Chapter appears to have been ascribed. The month following we enter on the long list of Annual Festivals in aid of the funds of the Institution. The brother who had the honour of presiding on this memorable occasion was Lord Leigh, then as now Prov. Grand Master of Warwickshire. The Board of Stewards mustered only 48 brethren, but their joint exertions resulted in the subscription of £2096 19s. 6d., one list still being due, so that as the Biennial Festival had exceeded its Triennial predecessors, so did the first Annual exceed the Biennial in like manner, if not by a like amount. Such an announcement must have been especially gratifying to all members of the Craft, but especially to the supporters of the new arrangement, whose anticipations that an Annual Festival would prove beneficial to the Charity and not, as many had feared, injurious to the other Institutions, were thus most satisfactorily borne out. Another feature in connection with this Festival appears to have attracted the notice of the Committee, who, in their Report delivered in May following, made a point of expressing their satisfaction that several of the brethren who had acted as Stewards belonged to Lodges in the Provinces, a fact which showed that a knowledge of the Institution and the benefits it was conferring was becoming more and more widely known throughout the country. Among other gratifying features in the same Report it may be noted that the permanent income of the Charity, taking the Male and Female Funds together, was over £1473, while the funded property in respect of the same Funds was £17,450 Three per Cent. Government Stock. In these circumstances, it is satisfactory to read that, notwithstanding the increase made the year previous in the number of Annuitants, it was resolved to raise the Males to 74 and the Females to 37. One little matter occurred in connection with the election of the Widows which cannot be passed without notice. When the result was made known, it was found that a certain widow who was returned as unsuccessful with 909 votes, should by right have been included among the successful, some 2000 votes and upwards which had been cast in her favour having been overlooked. A Special Committee Meeting was convened for the purpose of considering what steps should be taken in order to rectify the mistake, and in the result a previously successful and a previously unsuccessful candidate had to change places, the Sub-Committee appointed to examine the polling-papers having reported the error made by the Scrutineers. The circumstances are perhaps, in themselves, trivial, and would not need to be mentioned, but for the protest raised by Bro. John Savage against the course at first pursued, in allowing a scrutiny by a General Meeting to be disturbed by a Committee. In the end a Special General Meeting was held on the 1st June, when the thing was set straight in a proper manner. The following was Bro. Savage's protest:—

I protest against the ruling of the Chairman in accepting and putting to the vote the foregoing Resolution for the following reasons, viz:—

Firstly. Because no Committee can have the power or authority to revoke or alter any Resolution of a General Meeting; inasmuch as any revocation or alteration must emanate from a General Meeting or Special General Meeting called for that purpose, or from Grand Lodge, to the extent limited by the operation of Laws 42 and 46 of the Rules and Regulations of the Institution.

Secondly. Because no Committee can have the power or authority to appoint Scrutineers to review the Report of the Scrutineers appointed by the General Meeting, and to bring up another Report for the purpose of either confirming such first-named Report or of revoking or altering any portion of such first-named Report, inasmuch as any such appointment of a Scrutiny or of new Scrutineers must emanate from a General Meeting or from a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

Thirdly. Because the Masonic Body and the Masonic Charities, justly holding a high position among the Institutions of the Metropolis and of the Kingdom, should, in proceeding to rescind or vary any resolution duly passed, act with due form, order, and regularity, thus forming a precedent which would not only be approved but might also be adopted by other Societies and Charities.

Lastly. Because the ruling of the Chairman on this occasion, if not protested against, might form a highly dangerous and unconstitutional precedent.

In the July following, the classification of the female annuitants was simplified, all widows not exceeding 70 years of age receiving annuities of £20. In August, the Warden's stipend was increased from £5 to £10 per annum, but a proposition to pay the Secretary £50 per annum instead of £20, in respect of the Widows' Fund, was negatived. The same fate overtook a far

less complimentary proposition which was moved by Bro. Joseph Smith, and was to the effect that a retiring pension of £60 per annum out of the Male Fund be awarded to Bro. Secretary; but it was unanimously resolved by way of amendment that, as Bro. Farnfield's services gave satisfaction to the Committee, it was not desirable to make any such alteration at present. So far, indeed, were the Committee from looking favourably upon such a proposition, that in less than a year the increased salary of £50 a year from the Widows' Fund was unhesitatingly voted Bro. Farnfield.

In January, 1861, Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., Prov. G.M. Kent, presided at the second Annual Festival, when the subscription realised £2982 1s., with five out of the 90 Stewards' lists still to be returned. As a consequence, at the Annual Meeting in May, the numbers on the books of the Institution were raised to 78 males and 45 females. However, progress was not uniformly the order of the day, for when the Earl de Grey and Ripon presided in 1862, the returns amounted to only £1986 4s., and the numbers of Annuitants on both Funds remained stationary till 1863. Meanwhile, other questions arose which deserve some attention, as, for instance, that formulated by Bro. R. W. Jenkins, P.G.D.C., as to the amount that would purchase a nomination to either fund during the lifetime of the nominor. The question was thus submitted:—

1. By the Constitution of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows is there power, in consideration of a sum of money to be at once paid, to grant a party during life the privilege of nominating one person on each establishment, subject, of course, to all existing Regulations, so as always to have a nominee receiving the benefits of the Institution, Male and Female, during the life of the nominor?

2. What sum would be required to acquire such a privilege?

3. If you should be of opinion that no such power could, under the existing Laws, be exercised, what measures would be necessary for acquiring the same?

The matter was referred to a Sub-Committee consisting of Bro. J. S. S. Hopwood, John L. Evans, E. Cox, J. Udall, and Col. J. R. Western, by whom the question was most carefully and elaborately considered, even to the extent of determining the basis on which the power of purchase should be calculated, and Bro. Hopwood gave notice of a motion for the Annual Meeting in May, 1862, to the effect that "the privilege of nominating one person for the benefits of this Institution, in each or either Fund, be granted to such person or persons as may pay an adequate consideration for the same, during the life of the nominator." However, the notice was withdrawn, and consequently no decision was arrived at. The other question, which was also referred to a Sub-Committee, related to the duties and emoluments of the Collector of the Institution, that officer's duties never having been defined with anything like clearness. The subject was most thoroughly investigated, and the results arrived at have, in their main features, formed the basis of the arrangements which have since been made in calculating the remuneration payable to this officer. It was not, however, till after the subject had been referred back for the purpose of examining into the course followed by the Girls' and Boys' Schools that the Sub-Committee's Report was approved, and this approval was not forthcoming till January, 1864.

There are likewise sundry other matters which possess a certain degree of interest, and may therefore be briefly noticed as well here as in the order of their occurrence. For example, on one occasion a question arose as to what constituted a London and what a Country brother, and the Committee settled that the difference must be determined by the place of his initiation; that is, if he had been initiated in a London lodge, he was a London brother, but if in a Country one, a Country brother, no account being taken of his momentary place of residence. Then in 1864 a letter was received from the Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity, No. 261, Taunton, which as far back as 1837 had voted £50 towards the Asylum, requesting that the number of its votes should be increased from ten to twenty, on the ground that as four votes were given for every £10, and "so on in proportion," twenty votes must be a just *quid pro quo* in the case of a donation of £50. It also requested that the W. Master at the time should be placed on the list of Vice-Presidents. However, the Committee did not see its way to acceding to either request, though at a subsequent revision of the Rules it was decided, and the decision is still in force, that the W. Master for the time being of a lodge presenting the amount stated should take rank among the Vice-Presidents. In the course of the same year, a former inmate of the Asylum having become a lunatic was sent to Colney Hatch, the cost of his maintenance at which asylum was defrayed by the Hackney Union, and application was made to the Committee of the Institution that the Annuity should be paid to the parochial authorities of Hackney to reimburse them their outlay. However, the Committee were professionally advised by Bro. R. H. Giraud that the parish had no claim upon the Institution, as the Annuity in question was paid out of funds voluntarily subscribed for the personal benefit of Aged Freemasons and their Widows, and not to relieve the poor rates. In August, 1868, it is minuted that the Secretary had been applied to by a Winchester brother for a return of the amounts paid to the Institution by each Province in England and Wales and by the London district—stating whether to the Male or Female Fund—during the preceding year, and the number of Annuitants hailing from each Province, so that he might bring the subject of the Masonic Charities before his Provincial Grand Lodge at its next meeting. The Secretary courteously declined to furnish the information requested, and the Committee endorsed his refusal. In June, 1870, we have the repetition of a mistake which had already once occurred at the election of Annuitants. An error was discovered in the return of the votes polled for one of the candidates, who would otherwise have been elected on the Fund. As the names of the successful candidates had already been advertised, the brother was forthwith placed on the roll of Annuitants, but whether this course was adopted owing to the lateness of the discovery or to the very vigorous protest which a different mode of meeting the previous similar difficulty, as

already described, had evoked from Bro. John Savage, we have no means of ascertaining. In February, 1872, Bro. J. C. Parkinson gave the Secretary notice of his intention to move a resolution to the effect that brethren who had contributed £100 to the funds of the Institution should be designated "Vice-Patrons," and receive certain privileges, Bro. Parkinson's object being to assimilate this to the other Charities. Here, however, a difficulty—happily not insuperable—presented itself. It was clearly impossible there could be a body of brethren styled *Vice-Patrons*, unless there were a Patron or Patrons, and the then Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon, was requested to use his influence with the Prince of Wales, M.W.P.G.M., and, if possible, induce His Royal Highness to accept the office of Patron. The Grand Master's influence was successfully exercised, and the Prince, very graciously acquiescing in the desire of the Committee, became Patron of the Charity. The way was thus cleared for the institution of Vice-Patrons, and those entitled to the designation took rank accordingly. In 1883, a further change was made, the Prince of Wales being dubbed Grand Patron, and donors of 200 guineas and upwards Patrons, the style and title, with all attendant privileges, of Vice-Patron and Vice-President respectively being still retained.

In February, 1874, a number of brethren constituted a Committee for the purpose of establishing a fund to perpetuate the memory of a Bro. John Thomas, who had taken a deep interest in the Benevolent Institution; and Bro. H. C. Overall, as Honorary Secretary of the said Committee, wrote informing Bro. Terry that it had been determined the memorial should take the form of Annuities to an aged Freemason and the Widow of a Freemason, the recipients to be called the "Thomas Annuitants;" and he wished to know if, in the event of the Committee being able to carry out their intention, the Institution would become Trustees of the fund raised. In reply to a request for further information, Bro. Overall gave an outline of the proposed scheme, which was that the Annuity—if the funds allowed of only one—should be allotted to an unsuccessful Candidate, preference to be given in the first instance to the brother from the South Metropolitan district who had polled the largest number of votes, and then to a brother from Herefordshire, the late Bro. Thomas's native county; but if there were no such Candidates on the list, then to the highest unsuccessful Candidate. If enough money were raised to provide two Annuities, the second was to be assigned to an unsuccessful Widow, subject to the same conditions. The matter was referred to a Sub-Committee consisting of Bros. Major Creaton, Giraud, and Raynham W. Stewart, who, after conferring with Bro. Overall, arranged that the fund should be applicable to Male Candidates only, the amount of the Annuity not to exceed £10; or, if more than that sum were raised, the surplus, but not in excess of £10, was to be allocated under the like conditions to the unsuccessful candidate next in order of votes on the poll, and so on, till the whole of the annual proceeds was exhausted. Unfortunately, the scheme never got beyond the very earliest stage—that of proposition—and little else remains to commemorate the virtues of Bro. Thomas beyond the record in the Minute Books of the Benevolent Institution of the scheme which was submitted, and the conference that followed. A better fate befel the more recent proposal to establish a memorial in honour of the late Bro. John Hervey, who, as a Past Grand Deacon, and still more during his eleven years' tenure of the office of Grand Secretary, rendered such signal services to the Craft.

(To be continued.)

## MODERN ROSICRUCIANISM.

What may have been the real history of the Rosicrucian Society of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries no one can now tell. Whether the fables of Andreas had any grain of truth at the bottom of them, or whether Robertus de Fluctibus, Cornelius Agrippa, and all the rest of the wondrously named sages of the era were really learned savants or merely harmless monomaniacs, are problems that will most likely never be solved, and we are inclined to say of the conundrums in their puzzling books, and of the very society itself—we give it up. But if we are ignorant of the objects of the mythical order of the past, we are at any rate at no loss to discover the history and objects of the present Rosicrucian Society of England, which numbers amongst its members some of the hardest workers in the ranks of our Masonic literary brethren. Founded within a period of some 25 years for the purpose of encouraging the pursuit of Masonic Archaeological investigation, the Rosicrucian Society seems to have held its own, and in some quarters to have extended its influence to a very considerable extent. There are not many "colleges," as they are termed, of the Order in existence, but those that are working have gathered amongst their numbers most of the intelligent Masons in their respective districts.

We have been led to make these remarks by the announcement made in our columns a fortnight ago of the intention of the York College of Rosicrucians to hold a Masonic conversazione and exhibition at York on the 20th inst. The members of that college have seized the opportunity of their annual gathering at York to arrange for a loan collection of all kinds of Masonic curiosities to be on view in that ancient Masonic centre. Old warrants, diplomas, certificates, jewels, medals, engravings, seals, and objects of interest of all descriptions associated with all branches of Freemasonry will be on view, and we understand that promises of contributions have been received from most of the known collectors of Masonic rarities throughout England. A descriptive catalogue will be printed in advance, so that each visitor will be able to make an intelligent examination of the collection; and although the conversazione is being organised by the York College of Rosicrucians, any Master Mason can be admitted by ticket of invitation. We have no doubt that this project will prove very successful, and that a most pleasant and intelligent gathering will be the result. Brethren who possess Masonic curiosities of any kind which they may think worthy of being exhibited should at once communicate with Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York, and furnish him with a description of the articles.



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Correspondence—LEX.  
York Craft Lodge, No. 236.  
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Mount Ararat Lodge Royal Ark Mariners, No. 158.

### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Keystone," "New York Sunday Times," "Victorian Masonic Journal," "New York Daily News," "Citizen," "Broad Arrow," "Masonic Home Journal," "La Abeja," "Victorian Freemason," "Court Circular," "Lifeboat Journal," "Prosperous California," "Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Quebec," "New Ideas, Part II," "Voice of Masonry," "Liberal Freemason," "Masonic Token," "Municipal Review," "Canadian Craftsman," "City Press," "The Tricycling Journal."



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1884.

### 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,

I humbly forego the charge of "boldness" placed upon me by your correspondent who signs himself "Obsta Principiis." To use a somewhat homely simile, "the boot is upon the other leg," for the promoters of the circular first "rushed in" where I should not otherwise been tempted to stray; they are therefore the "bold" ones. My letter was simply a protest against the arrogance of a few setting up their voices against the right of the whole elective body of Grand Lodge, and I should not have ventured to thus raise my voice if this pretentious circular, dictatorial in its terms, had not been issued.

Your correspondent says that "it is very clear" to him that I have not read the circular. As what is "clear" to him is altogether as incorrect as the principle upon which that precious document proceeds, I need waste no words upon that matter, except to point out that in "Obsta Principiis" we have the author of this most unconstitutional and mischievous epistle. There is in both the same style of insinuation, the same proclamation of "desire for peace and harmony," the same assertion of belonging to "no party," with the addition, in the letter, of an uncalled for elevation of "the position" of the signatories—"worthy brethren" who "are most distinguished Masons!" All this is contrary to the spirit of the Craft, and in Grand Lodge we are all most "distinguished Masons," where the least "distinguished" vote is equal to the mightiest. "Obsta Principiis" is not above giving a "bold advertisement" of himself anonymously as a "worthy and distinguished Mason!"

With your leave I will answer this letter. The writer says the circularisers "belong to no party." This I deny, and I deny what is a self evident fact. They belong to a "party" who evince a desire to put their few voices against the constitutional voice of Grand Lodge. Is it not so? Here are some 150 setting themselves to tell the vast constituent body of the Craft that, in the opinion of the circularisers, the Craft should not exercise its right of election of a brother to the only honour it is in the power of the constituent body to bestow. Last year the same parties made the same fight against the election of Bro. Allcroft, and then the contest had some reason on its side, for against the assertion of the yearly principle was the difficulty of displacing Bro. Col. Creaton, and of placing in the position a brother of whom no one knew anything, and who, indeed, had been dead for 40 years to Masonic duties. Bro. Allcroft woke from his long sleep in Masonry to find himself honoured by this election; and I know that very few indeed had ever seen Bro. Allcroft, and yet voted for him but not against Col. Creaton, and they did this only in assertion of the yearly principle, and not that they accepted Bro. Allcroft as superior to Bro. Creaton.

Your correspondent does not like the introduction of Col. Creaton's name in this controversy. "This appears in the worst possible form." Of course it does—to the gentleman with the Latin name, because the facts shown in connection with that name are unanswerable! "Obsta Principiis" "objected to the movement," in the case of the election of Bro. Allcroft, and he goes on objecting, as he says, "strongly," and he will be found objecting, as men are found in other ways of life, and the only pity is that they get respectable people to join in the objectionable proceedings! No wonder the circular promoters "object" to the introduction of Col. Creaton's name. This name is proof positive of the principle which Grand Lodge last year settled.

It is as well that "Obsta Principiis" does not enter into the "comparative claims" of the two brethren proposed for election, for if he did he would not find a peg to hold on by. And the next passage which comes to hand is the assertion "that a private and select meeting, after a good dinner," made the selection "of a particular brother." This, if meant to apply to the proposed nomination of Bro. Horace Marshall, I pronounce to be an altogether unwarrantable assertion, and if "Obsta Principiis" has been so informed, he has been led by the nose and ears. Cer-

tainly there was a dinner, and, too, I believe, a "GOOD DINNER"—(my feelings, Mr. Printer, are too strong for italics, and I must ask you to put "good dinner" into capitals, or, at all events, small capitals)—but this was subsequent to the "selection," and not before. I heard the matter mooted among many "worthy and distinguished Masons" long before that dinner, and the occasion of one of the Charity elections, when "worthy and distinguished brethren" of town and country most do congregate in London, was the occasion when the matter of the forthcoming election was on the tapis. Bro. Marshall could have known nothing of the proposed nomination, and he was not at the dinner; if I mistake not, "Obsta Principiis" knew it. Perhaps he, being so high and mighty with his "objections," was not spoken to any further, and wisely, for when people desire to come to any settled course of action for the general good they do not hold parly with people with "objections." These were not "irresponsible" brethren, nor were they a "caucus." They were simply brethren who sought to make the way plain in seeing that honour was given to whom honour was due. "Caucus" is a word which comes with ill grace from the representative of the circularisers (and I thank thee, "Obsta Principiis," for teaching me that word). The "caucus" is to be found in the people who, I venture to declare, decided, AFTER A GOOD MANY GOOD DINNERS, to issue this ill-timed circular, and they must be hypocritical or hoodwinked composers who could venture to declare that it was done in the interests of "peace and harmony," as if they thought the whole of Grand Lodge will yield to this dictation.

It may be as well to explain to those who do not know, that the proposed nomination of Bro. Horace Marshall arose spontaneously in the desire of men, who had never seen that brother, to give the Craft an opportunity of becoming acquainted with one who, from the moment he became a member of the Craft, accepted the position as an additional means of doing good. Why, the night he was initiated, when he had very little knowledge of the Craft, he placed his name down on the list of the brother who was going as Steward for one of the Charities for the sum of 100 guineas, this too without the slightest self-seeking, and, in the quietest possible manner, he has subscribed to a princely extent to the Masonic and general charities of the country. His help, too, has been given with brains, and he has given that without which charity is an evil—consideration. Perhaps this large heartedness is what you, sir, would call the "Crux," and is not appreciated by those who give their money simply in return for votes, and to bestow their patronage!

To expose the other wild assertions in your correspondent's letter would be a waste of my time and your space, as well as to trespass too long upon the patience of readers. I can only hope that that letter will open the eyes of the distinguished Masons, some of whom I personally know to be gentlemen of thought and culture, to the dangerous principles they are supposed to have fathered. Before they prove to their own dissatisfaction that they have been placed in the position of being misled, after the manner of Titania, they will do well to repudiate the absolutism preached in this letter, the writer of which, under an anonymous name, does not scruple to stab at all who do not support his "objections" to the constitutional exercise of the electoral right of Grand Lodge in respect to the Grand Treasurership. Surely it is time for honourable men to disclaim this mud-throwing from a secret hiding place. I do not think that the signatories have any reason to feel aught but shame at the position in which they have been placed by the promoters of the circular; but this letter has made a breach which it will be well for all to look at before it widens. They should each, as each wise brother will, say with Shakespeare—

"I have not kept my square; but that to come  
Shall all be done by the rule."

Thanking you, sir, for permitting me to expound my own views, and to narrate facts in my own manner, I am, faithfully and fraternally yours,

JOHN WHILE, P.M. and P.Z. 228.

*Postscriptum.*—I have used this word in compliment to my Latinest opponent, whose English, by the way, appears to be so weak that he has to strengthen it by the copious use of italics. The subject of this addition is the premier letter in last week's issue, asking for information on the question of the respective amounts given by Bros. Allcroft and Marshall to the Masonic Charities. The advocates of the election of Bro. Marshall place the question of this election on higher grounds than on the mere question of the extent of a brother's depth of pocket. But as this point has been distinctly raised by the promoters of "the circular," in their advocacy of Bro. Allcroft ("he is a man of good means and position") I took the trouble, yesterday, to obtain from official sources the Masonic charity of each of the two brethren nominated for the Grand Treasurership. If this information is taken as a "Crux" (to use, sir, one of your own words in your own loved Latin), there can be no doubt as to the result. Bro. Allcroft's Masonic Charitable instincts appear to have slumbered for nearly 40 years, while Bro. Marshall, from the moment he saw the light of the Craft, has been a munificent donor to all the funds, and has each year of his Masonic life served the Stewardship for one, or two, or all three of the Charities. Bro. Allcroft in his 40 odd years of Masonic life has given £168 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, while Bro. Horace Marshall, in four years, has given £510! To the Girls' Bro. Allcroft in his 40 odd years has given 160 guineas, without any Stewardship, while Bro. Horace Marshall, who has served four Stewardships to this Charity, has given in his four years the sum of five hundred guineas! To the "Old People's" Institution Bro. Allcroft has given £117 5s., and has served one Stewardship, while Bro. Horace Marshall, who has served a Stewardship each year of his Masonic life, has given six hundred guineas! and will serve his sixth Stewardship on the 26th inst. The Masonic Charities have benefited by the existence of Bro. Allcroft in the more than 40 years of his Masonic life to the amount of £446 15s., while they have benefited to the total of one thousand six hundred and forty pounds! in the four years of Bro. Marshall's life. I can, in excuse for the italics and other notes of emphasis, urge that a bad example was set me by the unconstitutional circularisers, and their advocate, whose words have stirred me up to speak on behalf of a gentleman and a brother whom I know only through his widely-spread benevolence, and whose character is beyond the covert insinuations of those who fear the vote of the general body of Grand Lodge in the election to hold a

position, to which it is to be hoped, the brethren will elect Bro. Horace Marshall, who has certainly made himself "acquainted" with one of the "active principles" of the Craft in a most remarkable manner.

135, Loughborough-road, S.W., Feb. 6th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In looking through the correspondence in the *Freemason* respecting the above election, I think the question is a very plain one indeed. There are two Grand Lodge officers to be elected annually by the members of the Craft wearing the sky-blue, one being the M.W. the Grand Master, the other the Grand Treasurer. At the last election the principle was demonstrated that the complement of the Grand Treasurer's collar should be transferred annually, as is done in the case of the Grand Wardens, the Deacons, Standard Bearers, Sword Bearers, and the Pursuivants, the principal reason being that there are many worthy brethren who should be so honoured.

Why should one brother wish to retain this office to the exclusion of others? I maintain that the Craft will not be doing their duty if they allow one to monopolise the office beyond the year for which he was elected. This is the view I held last year when I proposed the present Grand Treasurer, and I hold it still.

A. E. STALEY,

P.M. 1728, W.M. 185, Comp. 185.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Were I an outsider and knew nothing more about Freemasonry than what its representative organs in the Press disclose, I should judge from the tone of much of the correspondence which has recently appeared in your columns on the subject of the Grand Treasurership, that the Society was in the throes of a terrible revolution, which threatened it with instant annihilation, or at the very least with the destruction of all it holds dearest and most sacred. But I am not an outsider, and though I am not so presumptuous as to suggest that I am better versed in the affairs of the Craft than the rest of my brethren, I have no difficulty in perceiving—what, indeed, must be palpable to every brother who possesses even the minutest grain of common sense—that the dangers which it is alleged will overtake Freemasonry in the event of a certain principle being acted upon are as visionary as the attempt to terrorise members of Grand Lodge into surrendering their opinions at the bidding of a would-be oligarchy is discreditable.

It will be as well, perhaps, if, before touching upon the question in dispute, I take the liberty of pointing out that when men become Freemasons, they do not wholly divest themselves of their natural or acquired intelligence, or surrender the right they previously enjoyed of formulating opinions on all such matters as lawfully come under their cognisance. It is only on the supposition that something of this kind happens after initiation into our mysteries, and that the newly-made brother becomes, "ipso facto," a fool or a puppet, that I can account for the issue of a now well-known circular, which, as it so flagrantly offends against the recognised canons of good taste, fraternal feeling, and sound judgment, has excited much painful surprise in the minds of sensible people. I will also take the liberty of reminding some of your correspondents, and particularly the brother who signs himself "Obsta Principiis," that the members of a Society whose watchword is Charity—the Charity which "doth not behave itself unseemly," "is not easily provoked," "thinketh no evil"—do not select the best way of demonstrating their veneration and respect for its principles by parading on every possible occasion, and in their most objectionable forms, the vices of envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness. I mention these obvious truisms because it appears to me there is considerable danger of their being lost sight of in the heat of the present controversy.

But what is it that has caused this grave commotion, which, if the prophets of evil—that is, the authors, as distinguished from the signatories of the obnoxious circular—are to be believed, will sooner or later be the death of our cherished Freemasonry? We have not far to seek for an answer. In March last, the principle of electing annually a new Grand Treasurer was successfully inaugurated in Grand Lodge, to the very grave dissatisfaction of certain brethren who appear to think the Masonic world will come to an end when they no longer have the chief hand in directing and controlling its movements. In the October following, certain other brethren met together at the Holborn Restaurant, and having unanimously agreed that Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall was in every way qualified to act the part of Grand Treasurer and would make as good a champion of the principle of annual election as Bro. Allcroft, they there and then pledged themselves to legitimately use their influence in securing his election for the coming year. The fact of this meeting having been held was announced in your columns, and the announcement supplemented by a brief sketch of Bro. Marshall's Masonic career. It is only fair to add—your correspondent "Obsta Principiis" being my authority for the addition—that the brethren's selection of Bro. Marshall as a candidate is said to have taken place "after a good dinner"; but as I have never yet heard of a good dinner being allowed to vitiate the choice of a good candidate for Masonic office, I shall say nothing further on this point. At all events, dinner or no dinner, the meeting was held and the choice was made, and I believe there is no law, written or unwritten, which forbids such a course of proceeding, the Book of Constitutions being wisely silent on all matters affecting the exercise of private judgment. What, however, the Book does say about the Grand Treasurer is that he shall be elected at the quarterly communication in March—not by the Grand Master, not by the Grand Officers, not by a self-constituted *imperium in imperio* which arrogates to itself the rights and privileges of the whole body corporate, but "by the Grand Lodge"; that is to say, by the body to which is constitutionally entrusted the management of "the public interests of the fraternity," and which is composed of the representatives "of all private lodges on record, together with the grand stewards of the year and the present and past grand officers, and the grand master at their head." This is the law as to the election of Grand Treasurer, and this the definition of the body by which he must be elected. There may be another body of brethren who consider themselves above the law, but, naturally enough, the Book of Constitutions takes no cognisance of them.

Formerly, when the Grand Treasurership entailed grave responsibilities on the brother entrusted with its duties, the said brother by his mere acceptance of the office conferred honour on Grand Lodge, and Grand Lodge in its turn by annually re-electing him, so long as he desired re-election, reciprocated that honour. Now all is changed, and the office being purely an ornamental one, the brother who is elected to fill it receives, but no longer confers, honour. Hence Grand Lodge, whose power of rewarding merit is limited to the bestowal of this one collar of Grand Treasurer, has no alternative between annually re-electing the same brother for a term of years—to the continuance of which policy I believe no objection has been raised, at least by the friends and supporters of Bro. Allcroft, though it restricts the already limited powers of Grand Lodge within still narrower limits—and annually electing some new brother, whose services to Freemasonry deserve some such recognition at its hands. To the latter of these alternative principles or policies the most determined opposition is being offered by the would-be oligarchy I have already referred to. Hence their circular. Hence, too, the angry terms with which their partisans keep bespattering Bro. Marshall's supporters, that is, the supporters of the "one year" principle. We, say they, are no party, and have no party motives. *You*, who are only the commonalty of Freemasonry, are "a clique," "a caucus," "a cabal," and your claim to a voice in the election of Grand Treasurer, though it is sanctioned by the Constitutions, is an "impudent dictation" to Grand Lodge. *Our* object is "solely the welfare of the Craft generally." We "wish for peace and harmony"; we "claim for Grand Lodge liberty of action, independence of voting"; we are "most anxious to preserve Grand Lodge from falling, whether into the domination of a clique, or from becoming the battlefield of a faction." But as for *you* and your detestable principle of introducing new blood every year, why it is your "unprecedented course of action"—in selecting a candidate for office "after a good dinner"—"which threatens to create a most untoward state of affairs, and to lead to consequences alike dangerous and destructive of the honour, freedom, and prestige of Grand Lodge."

But I have quoted enough of these "gentle courtesies" which are disturbing what otherwise might be made a friendly and instructive discussion. I, for one, say let us have done with what, if I were not a Mason writing about Masons, I should not hesitate to describe as Pharisaic cant, which declines to see anything but what is dangerous and objectionable in those who are not within its immediate circle of friends and supporters. I protest against being dubbed one of a "clique" or "caucus," or any other kind of association which is held to be offensive, merely because I happen to think Bro. Marshall will fill a sinecure office as well as Bro. Allcroft or Bro. Creation. I decline to be charged with attempted "impudent dictation" to Grand Lodge, because I happen to prefer the principle of annually electing a new brother to that of annually re-electing the same brother. I refuse to think so ill of my brethren in Grand Lodge as to attribute to them sinister motives for their line of conduct; while as regards the studied arrogance of "Obsta Principiis," I venture to suggest it will not be by the adoption of his language or tone of thought that Grand Lodge will be preserved from "consequences alike dangerous and destructive" of its "honour, freedom, and prestige."

On only one point dare I venture to congratulate "Obsta Principiis." The choice of his pseudonym does him infinite credit, so well does it accord with the character of his correspondence. "Obsta Principiis" will bear to be translated, and that without any wrench of meaning, "Set yourself resolutely in opposition to Principle;" or briefly, "Down with Principle."—Fraternally yours,  
TENAX PROPOSITI.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
In reply to a letter signed "Provincialis," he will find the whole of the information he requires respecting the two brethren named in some recent numbers of the *Freemason*. I am also a provincial brother; but I post myself on all matters of importance by reading a threepenny newspaper once a week. May I suggest to "Provincialis" to go and do likewise?  
KENT.

#### THE STEWARDS FOR THE BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
I must take exception to some of the remarks anent the Stewards to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival for the 26th inst., and do not imagine that it has been from any want of sympathy with that Institution that has caused only 248 brethren to send in their names. I attribute it to the following causes: 1st, the difficulty Bro. Terry had in securing a Chairman; 2nd, the times are bad and most people have suffered greatly during the past year, either directly or indirectly, from bad trade, failures, &c. That every Mason has the interests of this excellent institution at heart goes without saying, and I feel certain that the amount contributed this year will fully equal if not excel that gathered at the last festival. I must say on my own part that your comments have rather dampened my ardour for this charity, as they seemed to cast a stigma even upon the 248 who had consented to become Stewards, but possibly I may err in my interpretation; indeed, I hope I do.—Yours fraternally,  
SPES.

#### A MYSTERIOUS INSCRIPTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
In compiling a history of my lodge, Prosperity, No. 65, I have been engaged upon the earliest of our old minute books, which was begun in 1823, upon the outside of which is a leather and gilt label worded thus:

LODGE 91  
A.M., 5 P. 23

Could any brother learned in the Craft give me its meaning? for it has hitherto baffled some of the most eminent brethren to whom I have applied. The label is so carefully done that I cannot easily believe that the P has been allowed to remain as a blunder for 5, and it is also too far away from the 23. I may state that it is an old Atholl Lodge, but presuming that the initials mean Anno Mundi or Atholl Masons, the 5 P is at present a mystery.—Yours fraternally,  
C. E. FERRY, P.M. 65.  
14, Redcliffe Street, South Kensington.

#### THE HUGHAN TESTIMONIAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
Will you kindly insert the enclosed letter from our distinguished Bro. Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,  
February, 5th.  
GEORGE KENNING.

Philadelphia, Jan. 23, 1884.

"My dear Bro. Kenning,—I have the pleasure of sending enclosed a few subscriptions to the testimonial to our good Bro. Hughan. The subscriptions are as follows—Five dollars each:—Charles E. Meyer, G. Sec., G. Chap.; Mark Richards Muckle, G.T.G. Com.; Chas. W. Packer, P.M.; Charles Roome, P.G.M.; Theodore S. Parvin, P.G.M.; Thomas R. Patton, G. Treas.; Clifford P. McCalla, G.J.V.; John L. Young, P.M.; making in all 40 dols., for which I enclose a draft on J. S. Morgan and Co., London, No. A2955, for £8 3s. 3d. sterling, payable to your order, which, I hope, will reach you safely. I shall try and send you more ere the subscription list closes."

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CHARLES E. MEYER."

#### PROVINCIAL HONOURS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
I fully agree with your correspondent "Companion" in last week's issue that it is high time the selection of brethren for the purple and gold was taken out of the hands of Provincial Grand Secretaries. What more proper and just than to confer with the Past Masters of lodges in the province, and let them send up to the Provincial Grand Master the name of some brother who is fairly entitled by merit to honourable distinction? It ought not most certainly to be a question of money, but merit. Under the present system I know of some who have been loaded with provincial honours who could not even open and close a lodge, whilst old and worthy brethren, Masons of years' standing, who have worked the various degrees with credit to themselves and honour to their lodges, are passed by unnoticed. I trust we shall have no more of these unfair and unjust selections, and that those brethren who bid for office will be given to understand that honour will be conferred upon those brethren who have justly earned it by long and faithful service and excellent working.—Yours fraternally,  
JUSTICE.

#### ROYAL ARCH QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
Can you oblige me with authoritative answers to the two following questions?  
1st. It having been resolved by the companions in a new chapter that a founder's jewel might be worn by those whose names appeared on the warrant of constitution: Would this jewel be allowed to be worn in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter?  
2nd. Is it permissible for a Third Principal to give the Second Principal's lecture as well as his own, or for a Second Principal to give the First Principal's lecture under any circumstances? Yours fraternally,  
Luton, Feb. 4th.  
CHILTERN.

#### THE CONNECTION OF KING SOLOMON WITH FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
"Founded by a God fearing King"—"built upon historic facts of the Testament history"—"pre-Christian it is"—*vide* Canon Tristram (sermon at Durham.)  
Permit me to ask you, sir, or the ardent Student, or Canon Tristram, where any evidence appears to connect Freemasonry with Solomon or Jerusalem? Not the slightest proof of such was found by Warren or any of his successors in their explorations either above or below ground. I have often asked the question but have never been able to obtain any "fact"—but only the old "hearsay story."—I am, &c.,  
R. W. HOLLON, 236.  
York, February 5th.

#### THE MILITARY SERVICE AND MASONRY.—A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
I should be glad if any brother could inform me whether the Grand Lodge has ever sanctioned a bye-law prohibiting brethren serving in the Army below the rank of serjeant joining any lodge as a member.

I was initiated into the Craft in the Khyber Lodge, No. 582, in 1881, being then a non-com. officer in the corps of the Royal Engineers, but, unfortunately, since then, for a slight infringement of military discipline, I have been reverted to the rank of sapper, and now I am not allowed to be proposed as a joining member of a lodge at this station, being under the rank of a serjeant.

Now, Sir, I think this bye-law is a very hard one, and does not carry out the spirit of the Fraternity, for, in the usual course of promotion in the Engineers, it would take quite five or six years to attain the rank of serjeant, during which time I am debarred from joining any lodge as a member. I have attended lodges here as a visitor, but am not allowed to be proposed as a joining member. By inserting this in your valuable paper you will greatly oblige  
ONE WHO WANTS TO KNOW,  
M.M. 582, M.M.M. 204.  
Portsmouth, February 4th.

#### HISTORICAL CHAIRS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly enable me to ask, through the columns of your journal, for descriptive particulars, with engravings, drawings, or photographs, of celebrated chairs in family residences of the nobility and gentry; with information also of notable chairs in cathedrals, churches, colleges, clubs, town halls, lodges of the Craft, and public institutions at home or abroad. I am preparing an illustrated account of historical chairs from available literary sources, but knowing that there are many interesting ones which have escaped my search, as well as some others in private

possession, but little known, and wishing to make the proposed work as copious as possible, I thus beg your esteemed assistance on that behalf, with my best thanks for such valuable favour.—Yours truly,  
C. B. STRUTT.  
34, East Street, Red Lion Square, London, W.C.



The Magazines for February are very good reading. "The Century" is, as usual, A1, and to our mind is unapproachable in artistic effect, while it is most interesting and improving in literary merit. It seems to us to stand on the highest level of contemporary serial literature. We can specially commend the articles "Lieut.-General Sheridan," "Gustave Courbet," "Merinos in America," "How 'Edwin Drood' was Illustrated," "The Cruise of the Alice May," "Dante," &c.

"Temple Bar" has much agreeable matter. "Out of the Season" is most amusing. We also commend "Old Mr. Biuney," "An Australian Poet," "The Message." The two stories "Peril" and "Zero" are progressing, "cosi, cosi."

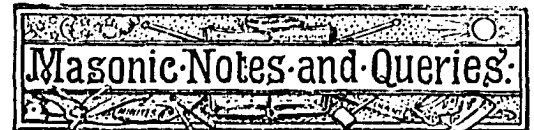
"All the Year Round" has some very interesting papers, among which we may mention "Little Sisters," "A Scientific Experiment," "Our French Fruit Garden," "Flyaway Jack," "Legends of the Synagogue," "Some London Clearings," "A Drawn Game" will please some; the ending of "Jennifer" will gratify more.

"Longman's Magazine" brings before us "Jack's Courtship" and "Madam," "The Lovely Fanny" is amusing, and "Lord Lyndhurst" able. "The Illustrated Magazine" is clearly advancing. "An Unsentimental Journey through Cornwall," "The Post Office," "The Character of Dogs," "The Humming Bird's Relatives," "The Campagna," "The Amourer's Apprentice," and "Julia" all deserve consideration and demand perusal.

"The Bibliographer," contains much interesting matter, though we wish that weary bibliography of Sacheverell was at an end.

"The Antiquary" is full of valuable information. "The Genealogist" has "A Striking Education of Recondite Facts for the Disciples of Old Guillim."

The *Chaine D'Union* is full of thought for French readers.



#### SEVENTEENTH CENTURY MASONRY.—AN OLD TOKEN.

In the volume of the "Freemasons' Quarterly Review" for 1837, page 333, we find a statement that at Christ Church, Hampshire, when widening Milham Bridge, a token was found the size of a fourpenny piece, the obverse of which is "In Dorchester, R.C.," and six five-pointed stars; and on the reverse Richard Cheney, surrounded by some Masonic emblems. Where is this token now?  
MASONIC STUDENT.

#### THE HEBREW TARGUMS.

It has been said that in the Hebrew Targums on the Book of Kings and Chronicles reference is made to King Solomon presiding over meetings of the Masons to settle differences, &c. It is also said that names of the workmen are mentioned, such as "Joel," &c. Can any Hebrew student or Rabbi confirm this statement?  
MENATCHCHIM.

#### OLD LATIN MASONIC CHANT.

Can any old brother favour enquirer with the words of the old Latin song sung in London some years past by Bro. Bellamy and others, at one lodge in particular, "Poculum quam bonum." The late Bro. Fourdrinier mentioned to the writer that he had often heard it.  
MASONIC STUDENT.

#### CURIOUS OLD BOOKS.

Kloss, at page 175, mentions as among the earliest Rosicrucian works a "Raguaglio di Parnasso," published at Venice 1612-13-14. He tells us also that a German edition was published in 1617, and subsequent ones in 1641-44 and later. This book is very scarce, and I have never seen a copy of the 1612 edition; but I have lighted upon an Italian edition, printed in Amsterdam in 1669, by a misprint in the catalogue 1699, which is said to be the tenth. Kloss's correctness is thereby again proved as to the book itself, though its connection with Rosicrucianism is "nil." It talks of Alchemy as a vain science, "sophistical" and "false," and a congress of Literati and Virtuosi at Florence, and of Alchemical Literati. But more than this I cannot find; I should, however, be happy to lend it to any brother who is proficient in Italian.  
MASONIC STUDENT.

#### HISTORIES OF LODGES.

I am indebted to the following brethren for copies of their histories, viz.: Bros. the Rev. P. H. Newnham, M.A., Lodge of Hengist, No. 105; H. C. Levander, M.A., P.G.D., St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 142; and to Bro. George Taylor, Prov. G. Sec., &c., of Worcestershire, for the history (and supplement) of the Worcester Lodge, No. 280. There are a few copies I am still in want of to complete my set, for which I shall be glad to forward the published prices, or reciprocate in any way possible.  
Torquay, Devon.  
W. J. HUGHAN

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# ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution held their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last Bro. William Reebeck, V.P., in the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. Henry W. Hunt, Raynham W. Stewart, George Cooper, C. H. Webb, A. F. Godson, John L. Mather, Don. M. Dewar, Richard Eve, Edgar Bowyer, Alfred Williams, C. F. Matier, James Moon, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), W. Paas, Thos. Cubitt, T. Hastings Miller, H. S. Goodall, W. Maple, Geo. P. Gillard, H. Tyler, Geo. Skeggs, John Palmer, H. Venn, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

The minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed, several grants of £5 each for outfits were made to ex-pupils of the Institution, and after the transaction of some other formal business the Committee adjourned.

# PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

## UNVEILING A MASONIC WINDOW AT BISPHAM CHURCH.

A most interesting and impressive ceremony took place on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at Bispham Parish Church (about three miles from Blackpool), which was reopened on the 28th November last, by the Lord Bishop of Manchester, after restoration costing about £4000. The Rector of Bispham, Bro. the Rev. F. J. Dickson, who was formerly curate of Christ Church, Preston, and is also connected with the Fylde by family ties, is Chaplain of the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 1256, Poulton-le-Fylde. The brethren of that lodge, of which Bro. Dr. J. Winn is W.M., on learning in October that All Hallows' Church, Bispham, was about to be reopened resolved to enrich its appearance by presenting, in co-operation with other Masons of the Fylde, a stained-glass window, partly as a compliment to the rector. A preliminary meeting was held, and the following were chosen as the Committee: Bros. R. Butterworth, P.P.G.P. (E.L.), Chairman; H. Gardner, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. W. Mycock, P.P.G.A.D.C., Treas.; Dr. Winn, Dr. Orr, Fleetwood; E. G. Stead, and J. Wray, Blackpool. Circulars were sent to each of the five Fylde Lodges, as under: Clifton, 703, Blackpool—Bros. C. P. Fish, W.M.; Hesketh, 950, Fleetwood—W. M. Mahir, W.M.; Triumph, 1061, Lytham—Bowling, W.M.; Fidelity, 1256, Poulton-le-Fylde—Dr. J. Winn; Blackpool, 1476, Blackpool—E. Lee, W.M. The response was hearty and a handsome window, at a cost of £50, has been placed at the west end of the church. The window has three lights. The centre opening has the subject of the good Samaritan attending to the wounded traveller, below the subject, on a rich ornamental base, being the text "Go and do thou likewise." The left hand opening has an excellent representation of the Patriarch Abraham on the point of slaying Isaac, with the angel above staying his hand, and the ram caught by his horns in the thicket; beneath is the text "He said lay not thine hand upon the lad." On the other side, in his kingly robes, is a kneeling figure of King Solomon before the altar, dedicating the temple to the worship of Jehovah, with the text "Hearken Thou to the supplication of Thy servant." The whole of the subjects are surmounted by rich foliated canopies on ruby grounds. At the bottom of the window is the following inscription:—"This window was presented by the Freemasons of the Fylde, January 1884.—Hesketh Lodge, 950; Clifton Lodge, 703; Fidelity Lodge, 1256; Triumph Lodge, 1061; Blackpool Lodge, 1476."

It was decided, if possible, to have the new window unveiled with as much Masonic ceremonial as permissible, and a deputation waited on the Prov. G.M., Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., after the Provincial Grand Lodge at Preston in November. Lord Lathom consented to unveil the window, and stated that he hoped to be accompanied by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Col. F. Stanley, M.P., G.S.W., and the other Provincial Grand Officers. To meet the convenience of the Earl of Lathom the ceremonial was fixed to take place on the 29th ult., earlier in the season than would otherwise have been arranged. Invitations were issued to all the 81 lodges of the province of West Lancashire, and a large number of brethren from Liverpool and other places responded, including, besides the Prov. Grand Officers and Past Provincial Officers, a fair representation of brethren who have not yet attained the rank of Prov. Grand Officers. These were joined at Preston by several members of the local lodges; while at Blackpool the Fylde brethren had mustered in strong force. On the train reaching Blackpool at 11.35 carriages were in readiness to drive to Bispham. That quaint village had never within the memory of its oldest inhabitant been previously visited by Freemasons in a body, and with surprising enterprise for so small a hamlet great preparations were made in honour of the event. Bispham, in fact, regarded the coming of the Masons much in the same way that towns and cities anticipate a Royal visit. On the long line of carriages reaching the parish boundary the band of the Blackpool Battery of the 5th Lancashire Artillery Volunteers headed the procession. On the way to the Sunday School, where the brethren clothed themselves, several neat triumphal arches, principally composed of evergreens, were passed. These and streamers had been erected by the villagers themselves, who had likewise engaged the band. Round the porch of the Sunday School seaweed had been hung, decorated with lifebuoys, and over the door was a group of emblems in shingle, half Masonic and half nautical. In front of almost every house, flags, banners, or various devices had been placed, and as the people stood grouped in front of their cleanly whitewashed and well-thatched cottages, for which Bispham is famous, the sight was a curious and pleasing mixture of Masonry and agriculture. "God speed the plough" appeared on all sides, and at the entrance to the churchyard formed one inscription on a very pretty arch, which also bore "Welcome to the House of Lathom and Stanley, and thanks to the Freemasons of the Fylde for their gift to the parish."

Bro. Butterworth acted as D.C., and the order of procession having been announced, Craft brethren, now wearing their regalia, left in single file, and opened out in the churchyard, while the choir (consisting of Fylde Masons), the Present and Past Provincial Officers, and the clergy passed through their ranks and entered the church. The Provin-

cial Officers included Bros. Capt. Clement R. N. Beswick-Royds, P.G.D., P.P.G.S.W. West Lanc., acting D.G.M., in the absence of Col. Stanley; H. S. Alpass, P.P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec.; J. Houlding, P.P.G.R.; M. Hart, Prov. G.D.D.C.; J. B. Mackenzie, Prov. G.S.D.; H. Firth, Prov. G.J.D.; J. P. Bryan, Prov. G. Org.; W. Newsome, Prov. G.S.B.; T. Milligan, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Goodacre, Prov. G. Reg.; E. Cooper, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Schofield, Prov. G.J.D.; J. O. Whalley, Prov. G.A.D.C.; H. W. Johnston, P.P.G.J.D., 113; J. W. Elton, Prov. G. Stwd., 343; R. Foote, Prov. G. Stwd.; J. M. Kerr, Prov. G. Stwd.; T. Davis, Prov. G. Purst.; J. Andrew, Prov. G.D.C.; and H. Vollmer, Prov. G.S.D. The clergy were The Rev. T. W. Richardson, Prov. G.C.; the Rev. T. B. Spencer, P.P.G.C., Prov. G.A.C. M.M.M., P.M. 314 (vicar of St. James's, Preston); the Rev. F. J. Dickson (rector of Bispham); the Rev. J. Pearson, P.P. G.C. Cumberland and Westmorland (vicar of Fleetwood); the Rev. A. W. Smith (curate of Fleetwood Parish Church); and the Rev. R. K. Bateson, B.D., Chap. 1166 (vicar of Godley-cum-Newton Green). The Craft Masons present, in addition to the W.M.s. of the Fylde lodges, included Bros. A. Barker, J.W.; G. E. Litchfield, Org.; and J. A. Orr, P.M., Sec., all of 950; R. Leake, S45; R. H. Robinson, W.M.; J. C. Mather, P.M.; and J. Pearson, all of 143; G. M. Ashurst, P.M. 178; J. Dawber, 1335; T. Nevett, P.M., P.Z. 113; E. T. Pearson, Stwd., and W. Parker, I.G., of 343. The whole body of Masons numbered about 250, and the procession appeared very imposing, and as the sun shone a little scarcely any of the effect was lost. Most of the villagers remained outside the church until the Masons were seated. The congregation was large, but not crowded.

A special form of service had been drafted. The Rector commenced by saying the Lord's Prayer, after which he read the verses in the shortened form of morning prayer, the choir and congregation intoning the responses, Bro. Charles Fisher presiding at the organ. The proper Psalms were xxvii. and cl. The Rev. J. Pearson read the first lesson, Genesis xxii., 1-19 (the sacrifice of Isaac, depicted in the window), and the Rev. F. J. Dickson the second, Luke x., 25-37 (the good Samaritan, also represented in the window). The Rev. A. W. Smith read the collects. The Rev. T. B. Spencer preached the sermon, selecting as his text I. St. Peter iv., 8—"And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves." The sermon concluded, the Earl of Lathom rose from his seat near the organ and walked down the aisle, preceded by the Director of Ceremonies carrying his wand of office. The choir sang the anthem "Behold, how good." Standing in front of the new window, still curtained, and the congregation having turned round so as to face his lordship,

Lord LATHOM said: Brethren and the congregation of this church,—As you have been informed, we have come here to-day to unveil this beautiful window. I am allowed to say a few words, though, perhaps, you may think it unusual for a layman to address you in church, but my words shall be very few. Our body, the Freemasons of West Lancashire, have great pleasure in coming here to-day to unveil the good work begun by the Freemasons of the Fylde. I hope, and I have little hesitation in saying that I believe, it will not be the last good work done towards this church by the Fylde Masons; and I hope in future that in this beautiful window may be read many good lessons to generations and generations in this church.—His lordship then returned to his pew, and the Prov. Grand Stewards took a collection in aid of the Restoration Fund. Appropriate hymns and the benediction ended the service.

About 90 brethren, on returning to Blackpool, drove to the Albion Hotel, where an excellent luncheon was admirably served by Bro. Mycock, the host. Owing to the indisposition of the Countess of Lathom, the Prov. G.M. did not remain to luncheon. Bro. Butterworth, Chairman of the Masonic Window Committee, took the chair, and Bro. D. Winn the vice-chair. At the head table were Bros. Alpass, the Rev. T. B. Spencer, James Andrews, Prov. G.D.C., several other Prov. Grand Officers, the Rev. F. J. Dickson, and the Rev. R. K. Bateson. The Chairman gave "The Queen and our Ancient Craft," "The Prince of Wales, G.M.," and "The Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," which were musically honoured, Bro. J. P. Bryan singing the solos.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN gave "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., and the Grand Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Alpass.

Bro. ALPASS in replying said Lord Lathom had asked him to state that he was very highly gratified at seeing the hearty way in which the Prov. Grand Officers were received at Bispham. His lordship had wondered how an agricultural village could make such a display. (Applause.) The reception had been very satisfactory to his lordship, who deeply regretted that he was not able to remain to the luncheon; but, unfortunately, the Countess was suffering from illness, for the time, of rather a serious character, and it was only because he had made a long engagement to be present at Bispham that he allowed himself to leave home. Lord Lathom had been obliged to hurry away, and he had desired him (Bro. Alpass) to make that apology. (Hear, hear.) Lord Lathom had further expressed his gratification at the work of the brethren of the Fylde district as witnessed that day. (Hear, hear.)

The VICE-CHAIRMAN in proposing "The Earl of Lathom, Col. F. A. Stanley, M.P., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers," regretted the absence of Col. Stanley, who he said, so far as he could judge, was respected and liked in the Fylde by persons of both political parties and of all stations in life.

Bro. GOODACRE, Prov. G.R., whose name was coupled with the toast, responded.

Bro. GARDNER gave "The Masonic Charities," and by way of response a collection was made, it being stated at the same time that a substantial balance, likely to remain from the window fund, would go to the funds of the Masonic Charities. Though many brethren had left to catch early trains, £2 3s. 6d. was subscribed in the room. The other toasts embraced "Bispham Masonic Window Committee," and "Visitors to the Fylde." Bro. W. V. Archer, 1256 (the Fylde tenor), sang several songs very efficiently, and Bro. J. Turnbull and others contributed to the harmony of a very pleasant and successful gathering.

I hear that the Executive of the recent Fisheries Exhibition, in which the Prince of Wales and other members of the Royal Family took so great an interest, will, after paying for everything, have a surplus of some £4000 only.—*Court Circular.*

# PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HANTS & THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The Grand Chapter of the above province was held on Friday afternoon, the 1st inst., under the banner of the Phoenix Chapter, at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth. There were present the M.E. Grand Supt., Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.; Comps. H. Cawte, acting Prov. G.H.; Rev. J. N. Palmer, Prov. G.J.; J. E. Le Feuvre, Prov. G.S.E.; Major Douglas, Prov. G.P.S.; M. Emanuel, Prov. G. 1st A.S.; J. Brickwood, Prov. G. 2nd A.S.; R. Loveland-Loveland, Prov. G. Treas.; Snelling, Prov. G. Reg.; Lind, Prov. G.D.C.; Good, Prov. G.S.B.; Pearman, Prov. G. Org.; Biggs and Exell, Prov. G. Janitors; Lord John Tylour, the Rev. Dr. Ring, Rev. Dr. White, Rev. A. A. Headley, Dr. C. Knott, J. H. Stockall, G. Bamden, R. E. Buckle, J. Biden, J. Cox, H. Crisp, G. A. Mursell, F. Batchelor, G. Passingham, M. E. Frost, G. Pack, R. J. Rastrick, J. Wallingford, W. M. Outridge, J. Friedeberg, W. Miller, G. P. Arnold, G. Bond, J. Westaway, E. Goble, G. Felton Lancaster, Alderman A. Cuddihy, W. A. Marshall, J. Gieve, C. Francis, R. W. Mitchell, W. Maybourn, G. B. Irons, F. Newman, W. Brunwin, W. H. Jacob, J. W. Gieve, J. W. Willmott, James Johns, Faulkner, Portsmouth, Passinger, E. Hall, T. Francis, E. C. Arlige, W. Dart, R. W. Downing, W. D. Parkhouse, C. G. Adams, James Gieve, J. P. Palsgrave, F. Powell, R. W. Beale, A. Joliffe, J. Jenkins, P. H. Emanuel (Freemason), and others.

After the confirmation of the minutes of last Provincial Grand Chapter, the Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts were received and adopted. The receipts had been £49 3s. 8d., and the expenditure £12 18s. 11d., leaving a balance in the bank of £36 14s. 9d.

Comp. Loveland-Loveland having been, on the proposition of Comp. RASTRICK, J., seconded by Comp. WALLINGFORD, unanimously elected Treasurer, expressed his thanks for that renewal of the companions' confidence in him. The duties he said were not very onerous, it did not take half the time as that in the Craft, but his duties required some careful consideration. For the first time for many years they had a balance in bank. He had taken it upon his own responsibility of having a banking account, which he considered was a benefit to the province. In former years they had had a very small balance, and he hoped that the province would prosper in 1884 as it had in 1883. He then moved "That every chapter in the province shall pay Provincial Grand Chapter for each subscribing member 6d. half-yearly, and that this be an addition to bye-law 3 accordingly," and said the reason he brought the motion forward was that since 1881 the province had contributed nothing to the Charities, and by means of the motion the sum thus obtained would swell their balance so that they could support the charitable institutions of the Order. The province was highly respected, and the Grand Superintendent much esteemed, and he (Comp. Loveland) would like to be able at the close of the year to put something into one if not all the Charities. Since sending the notice of motion to the P.G.S.E. he had consulted many M.E. companions, and he thought it would be better if the motion was first taken in Committee as per his third notice of motion. A Committee certainly was wanted, as the present state of affairs was hardly creditable. The whole of the provincial bye-laws were contained on a half-sheet of paper; and they might also be taken in hand and amended. He would ask permission to withdraw the notice of motion, and allow it to be referred to Committee. The M.E. SUPERINTENDENT said it was a valuable consideration. He thought it far preferable to have the opinions of various chapters before any alteration. It was a valuable idea if it could be carried out without prejudice to different chapters. It was the earnest desire of every R.A. Mason in the province to assist in charity, and the idea of the motion was highly praiseworthy.

It was carried that the notice of motion be allowed to be withdrawn.

Comp. LOVELAND-LOVELAND said that as a matter of form he would move the next notice of motion: "That the following shall be substituted for Bye-law 5:— 'That with the half-yearly returns all payments due to the Provincial Grand Chapter shall be remitted to the Provincial Grand Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to deposit the same forthwith in a bank, to the account of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; or invest the same in such securities as this Provincial Grand Chapter when duly assembled shall direct.'" This he said would be considered by the Committee. The third notice of motion was as follows: "To consider the desirability of appointing a Provincial Grand Committee to consider and decide on any questions which may arise during the year," and was carried.

Comp. WALLINGFORD proposed "That the whole of the notices of motion together with the bye-laws be referred to the Committee, consisting of the M.E. Grand Superintendent and his two Principals, P.G.S.E., the P.G.S., Treas., and the first Principal of every chapter in the province."

Comp. BEALE seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A discussion then took place on the application to revive the Albany Chapter at Newport, Isle of Wight, and as to whether the unpaid dues for many years past would have to be paid up, the chapter not having met since 1868. It was ultimately decided that the fees be given up.

The M.E. Grand Superintendent then appointed his Officers for the ensuing year:

Comp. Hickman	...	...	Prov. G.H
" G. Felton, Lancaster	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" J. Le Feuvre	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Rev. Dr. White, 309	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Faulkner, 175	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" Portsmouth, 694	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" Passinger, 130	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" Loveland-Loveland	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Johns, 1428	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. Hall, 254	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Marshallsay, 1776	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Beal, 487	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" Miles, 1776	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Biggs	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor
" Exell	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor

The M.E. SUPERINTENDENT congratulated the Province on having eighteen full working chapters. It showed favourably for the zeal taken in Royal Arch Masonry. It was highly gratifying, for it showed that not content with obtaining the highest position obtainable in the Craft the

companions were anxious to further their acquaintance of Masonry in a higher degree. It was satisfactory to see so good an attendance that afternoon in such boisterous weather. Referring to Comp. Hickman (who was absent owing to illness), he hoped he would have a speedy recovery to health.

The Rev. Comp. PALMER suggested that the Province should have three centres, as companions living at a distance found it difficult to attend the Provincial meetings and return again the same day. He would suggest that such centres should be Portsmouth, Southampton, and Winchester.

The M.E. PROV. G. SUPERINTENDENT said he wanted to do what was for the benefit of the companions at large, and was pleased with the suggestion, which perhaps the Committee appointed would take into their considerations.

The Prov. G.S.E. having undertaken that the matter should be brought before the Committee, the chapter was closed in due form.

About 30 companions afterwards sat down to a grand banquet, admirably served by Comp. Butler, presided over by the M.E. Prov. Grand Superintendent. The preliminary loyal and Masonic toasts having been proposed by the Chairman and done full justice to,

Comp. CAWTE proposed "The Health of the M.E. Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand Supt. of Hampshire and Isle of Wight," whose many excellencies were already so well known as to need no eulogy from him.

The M.E. PROV. G. SUPERINTENDENT thanked the companions heartily for the kind way in which his name had been mentioned and received. It afforded him very great pleasure to come amongst them, and he was pleased to see such a large attendance at chapter, which showed that zeal and energy existed in the province. He congratulated the province on the progress made in Royal Arch Masonry. So long as he was their Grand Superintendent he would always strive to perform his duties, which he considered an honour. It was a great pleasure to see so many around him and so many faces he knew on the present occasion.

He then proposed "The Health of M.E. Comp. Hickman, Prov. G.H., and the Officers of Prov. Grand Chapter," and said that it was a subject of regret that Comp. Hickman was not present. Nothing but something unavoidable would prevent his attendance, and he (the speaker) hoped he would be speedily restored to health. He need not dilate upon the good merits of M.E. Comp. Lancaster, for with them they were well acquainted. It was a matter of pleasure to have his assistance, and the companions of Portsmouth especially should feel congratulated in having such a companion as Comp. Lancaster.

Comp. LANCASTER having responded in appropriate terms, "The Masonic Charities" and "The Visitors" concluded the toast list.

#### VISIT OF THE DUKE OF ALBANY TO DURHAM.

The Masonic ceremony in connection with H.R.H. the Duke of Albany's visit to Durham, and of which we gave a brief account in our last issue, was unequalled in the annals of the Order, so far as the county of Durham is concerned. Nearly 50 years have elapsed since the Duke of Sussex, then M.W. Grand Master, visited Sunderland on the occasion of the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Athenaeum. But Masonry had not then attained to anything like the influence and popularity that now characterises our ancient Order, which in the Durham province is worthily placed under the Grand Mastership of the Marquess of Londonderry, K.P. There are now over 2000 brethren in the county of Durham connected with the 25 lodges meeting between the Tyne and the Tees, and this number will be increased still further by the addition of a new lodge shortly to be consecrated at Crook. The brethren throughout the province received the announcement a few weeks ago with great pleasure that his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, P.G.W. of England, and Prov. G.M. of Oxfordshire, would attend a Provincial Grand Lodge on the occasion of his visit to the Marquess of Londonderry. This special Grand Lodge was most fittingly arranged, under the direction of the noble marquess, to be held in the city of Durham, and the result of the efforts to accord a suitable reception to his Royal Highness must have been gratifying to the fullest extent to all concerned in the direction of the ceremonial. Everything passed off without the slightest hitch, and we have reason to believe that his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany took the opportunity to express his hearty appreciation of the Masonic and other ceremonies of the day. Bro. E. Hudson, the Prov. G.D. of C., and G. Hardy, the Prov. G. Asst. D. of C., were ably assisted by Bro. George Greenwell, P.P.G.D. of C., and the following past provincial officers: Bros. W. Coxon, D. Sinclair, A. S. Fowler, J. J. Clay, C. S. Lane, and M. Corbett.

The special Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Castle Hall, where almost 1000 brethren from all parts of the province had gathered by eleven o'clock, the time that the lodge was fixed to be opened. The various lodges were called in their order of seniority to enter the hall, and after being seated, the brethren rose to receive the Prov. Grand Master, the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, and the visitors. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., was absent from home, and his position on the right of the Prov. G.M. was occupied by Bro. Sir Henry Pottinger. The following were the other Prov. Grand Officers, who occupied their several positions in the lodge: Bros. John Horsley, Prov. G.S.W.; John Wood, Prov. G.J.W.; Rev. E. Collier Biggs, Prov. G. Chap.; Babbington Boulton, Prov. G. Treas.; Henry Maddison, Prov. G. Reg.; Robert Hudson, Prov. G. Sec.; R. S. Hopper, Prov. G.S.D.; G. C. Watson, Prov. G.J.D.; Edward Hudson, Prov. G.D. of C.; George Hardy, Prov. G.A.D.C.; Mark Frampton, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; R. Talintyre, Prov. G. Org.; J. A. Witter, Prov. G. Purst.; Robert Kimmond, Prov. G. Purst.; Joshua Curry, Prov. G. Tyler; W. Swales, David Atkinson, John George Hall, Walter Chapman, Robert Hauxwell, and Edwin Cooper, Stwds.

The lodge having been opened in due form by the Prov. G.M., a deputation consisting of Bros. R. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec.; Victor Williamson, P.G.W.; Jos. Dodds, P.P.G. S.W.; Montague J. Guest, M.P., Prov. G.M. Dorset; and the Asst. Prov. G. Sec., T. Bradley, proceeded to escort his Royal Highness to the lodge, his entry being the occasion for a hearty outburst of cheering, which continued

until he had taken his place upon the dais at the left hand of the Prov. G.M., supporting whom on the right were Bros. Victor Williamson, P.G.W.; R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Sir H. Pottinger as D.P.G.M.; R. Hudson, P.G. Sec.; R. H. Holmes, D.P.G.M. Northumberland; and on the left by Bros. Montague Guest, Prov. G.M. Dorset; Lord Charles Beresford, E. D. Davis, P.G.D. of C. Northumberland; Rev. Canon Tristram, P.P.G. S.W.; the Revs. E. C. Biggs and W. Harris, P.G. Chaps.; J. McCulloch, P.P.G.J.W.; J. W. Cameron, P.P.G.S.W.; A. Robertson P.P.G.S.W. Northumberland; and others. The brethren having risen and sung the National Anthem, the choir consisting of Bros. D. Whitehead, J. H. Welch, J. Walker, G. Letham, J. Nutton, J. Whithers, and G. Goodhead.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read the address, which was beautifully engrossed on vellum, and was as follows:

"To His Royal Highness Leopold George Duncan Albert, Duke of Albany, K.G., K.T., and R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire of Antient Free and Accepted Masons, whom may the Great Architect of the Universe long preserve.

"May it please your Royal Highness,—We, the officers past and present, and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham of Antient Free and Accepted Masons, beg to express the great pleasure and gratification afforded to us in being permitted to welcome your Royal Highness to this special Provincial Grand Lodge, upon the occasion of your gracious and honoured visit, together with her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany, to the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of this province. We most heartily thank your Royal Highness for graciously affording us this opportunity of offering our respectful homage of loyalty and affection, and of assuring your Royal Highness of our warm attachment to her Gracious Majesty the Queen, yourself, and her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany, and of our steadfast loyalty to the Throne and Constitution of these realms. We being desirous to express our admiration for the zeal and ability with which you have discharged the very important duties of your high office as the R.W. Grand Master of the Province of Oxfordshire. You have continually during your Masonic career evinced the very warmest interest in the welfare and success of the Masonic Charities. It gives us, therefore, the highest satisfaction to learn that the approaching festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is to be held in June next under your presidency, knowing well that your talents and abilities are universally recognised and fervently appreciated, and that your services to the Craft, of which you are such an illustrious member, are many and various. We acknowledge, therefore, with pride and gratitude, our fraternal affection to your person, as well as our loyal obedience to you as well as to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Freemasons in England, as recognised heads of our ancient institution. We devoutly pray that your Royal Highness may be long spared to adorn the Craft, and that the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth may take deep root not only in the hearts of all Masons, but in the hearts of all men. Commending your Royal Highness to the protection of the Great Architect of the Universe, we are, in the names of the officers, past and present, and the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham, your Royal Highness's most obedient and faithful servants,

(Signed) VANE-LONDONDERRY, Prov. G.M.  
HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, Dep. P.G.M.  
ROBERT HUDSON, P.G.S.

Given at our Special Provincial Grand Lodge, The Castle Hall, Durham, January 30th, A.D. 1884, A.L. 5884. The PROV. GRAND MASTER then presented the address to His Royal Highness, who graciously received it; his speech in acceptance of the same, together with that of the Marquess of Londonderry thanking His Royal Highness for this visit, will be found in our last issue.

The anthem, "Hail Masonry Sublime," was then sung by the brethren, and the procession was re-formed, and proceeded to the cathedral, at the north door of which it was met by the cathedral clergy, and proceeded down the nave in the following order: The Prov. Grand Sec., H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, the Marquess of Londonderry, Archdeacon Watkins, Canon Tristram, Canon Evans, Canon Farrar, Archdeacon Hamilton, Archdeacon Long, Canon Walters, Dr. Holden, the Rev. W. A. Fearon, the Rev. S. B. Guest-Williams, Canon Whitley, Canon Martin, Canon Falconer, Canon Blunt, Minor Canons the Rev. Greateux, the Rev. J. C. Lowe, the Rev. V. K. Cooper, the Rev. W. H. Robertson, and the choristers. These were followed by the Mayor, the Recorder, the Town Clerk, Aldermen Herbert Robson, Ferens, and Smith, and the whole of the Town Councillors. Then followed the brethren. His Royal Highness occupied the bishop's stall on the right hand side of the chancel, and the Marquess of Londonderry the dean's stall. The Rev. W. H. Robertson read prayers, and Canon Evans read the lesson, the 13th chapter of St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians. The anthem was 399, "In His hands are all the corners of the earth" (Mendelssohn). Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., preached a most eloquent sermon from Exodus xii., 26—"What mean ye by this service?" at the conclusion of which a collection was taken on behalf of the Durham County Hospital. The procession again re-formed, and marched back again to the Castle Hall, when the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

#### VISIT TO SEAHAM HARBOUR.

On Friday, the 1st inst., his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany honoured the town of Seaham Harbour with a visit and the Local Board, the Masonic brethren of the town, and the inhabitants heartily appreciated the honour, and took occasion to fittingly manifest their loyalty to the Queen and their regard for the Royal Family. The decorations at Seaham Harbour Station, and in the streets, the Docks, the Londonderry Offices, and other parts of the town were very well displayed. At the Freemasons' Hall a triumphal arch of evergreens was erected, and the appropriate motto of "Welcome Royal Brother" was placed overhead to greet the Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire and Past Grand Warden of England, while Masonic emblems were traced in gold on the columns at each side.

The Royal party, which had travelled by special train from Wynyard Park to the Seaham Harbour Station, where a large number of ladies and gentlemen had assembled to receive the distinguished visitors, included his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, the Marquess and Marchioness of Londonderry, Lord Castlereagh, the Earl and Countess

of Sefton, Mr. Warden, Lady Charles Beresford, the Hon. Mrs. A. Paget, Lord and Lady Colville and the Hon. Miss Colville, Mr. Collins (in attendance on his Royal Highness), the Rev. H. A. V. Boddy (domestic chaplain to the Marquess), and Dr. Royle. The band of the Seaham Artillery Volunteers played the National Anthem, and a guard of honour of the 2nd Durham Artillery (Seaham) Volunteers, under the command of Capt. Young, were drawn up near the platform, and escorted the party to the head-quarters of the corps, where the party witnessed some repository drill, which was conducted under the immediate superintendence of Captain and Adjutant Hardcastle, assisted by Instructors Sergeant-Majors Ellen, Pope, and Brown. The party were then conducted into the Londonderry Offices, where it had been arranged the ceremony of presenting an address from the Dawdon Local Board should be performed, which having been done, his Royal Highness afterwards, in company with the party, inspected the docks.

An interesting Masonic ceremony then took place, a special meeting of the Fawcett Lodge, No. 661, being held to publicly welcome the Royal visitor and present an address. The following officers and brethren were present: Bros. Scurfield, W.M.; T. Shepherd, I.P.M.; E. Atkinson, S.W.; D. G. Smith, J.W.; D. W. James, Chap.; J. Richardson, P.M., Treas.; T. C. Beatty, jun., Sec.; H. Wright, S.D.; T. R. Mitchell, I.D.; J. T. Holmes, I.G.; T. Taylor, Tyler; H. B. Wright, P.M., P.P.G.R.; James Ayre, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; W. Foster, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; R. Candlish, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; H. W. Emmerson, P.M.; J. B. Wells, P.M.; and S. Cockburn, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. R. Kimmond, P.M. So, Prov. G.P.; Douglas, So, P.P.G.D.; J. C. Moor, W.M. 97; C. McNamara, I.P.M. 97; T. Sharp, 97; H. Horner, S.D. 949; H. Pinkney, J.D., P. Maddison, and D. G. Pinkney, 1389; and P. Stabler, So. Outside the hall a large platform had been erected, and was crowded with spectators. Upon the arrival of his Royal Highness and the party in carriages the deputation representing the Order stood on a raised platform, and upon the stoppage of the cortège three hearty cheers were given followed by cheers for the Marquess of Londonderry.

Bro. R. CANDLISH, P.M., said: May it please your Royal Highness,—On behalf of the Worshipful Master and brethren of the Fawcett Lodge, we beg to express our great gratification in having the high honour of addressing your Royal Highness on your visit to Seaham Harbour. We are indebted for this high honour to your Royal Highness's distinguished host, the Marquess of Londonderry, our most respected and highly esteemed Provincial Grand Master, to whom we beg to tender our warmest thanks. By the well known interest your Royal Highness takes in Freemasonry, more especially in the Masonic Charities, you show to the brethren a noble example of acting up to our distinguishing principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Trusting your Royal Highness may long live to assist our Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as a ruler and governor of the Craft, may I ask your Royal Highness's permission to call upon the Secretary to read the address.

Bro. T. C. BEATTY, jun., then read the following address: "To His Royal Highness, Prince Leopold Duke of Albany, K.G., K.T., &c., &c., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Oxfordshire.

"May it please your Royal Highness,—We, the Master, Past Masters, Wardens, and brethren of the Fawcett Lodge of Freemasons, No. 661, Seaham Harbour, have much pleasure in according to your Royal Highness a most hearty and fraternal welcome on your visit to this locality. The Fawcett Lodge was consecrated in March, 1856. The Masonic Hall in which our meetings are held was opened in December, 1873, and belongs exclusively to the Freemasons. We are proud in having the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Durham, the Marquess of Londonderry, as one of our members. His lordship was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in our lodge, and has honoured us with his presence on several occasions. As Freemasons we recognise with pleasure that your Royal Highness takes a deep interest in our ancient and honourable institution, having held the distinguished rank of Grand Warden of England. We congratulate your Royal Highness on now holding the high and important position of Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Oxfordshire, and we desire to convey our Masonic greetings to the brethren of that province. We very much regret that her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany has not been able to visit our town on the present occasion, but we hope at some future time her Royal Highness will honour us by her presence. We wish her every blessing. We also take the opportunity of expressing our allegiance to our beloved Sovereign her Gracious Majesty the Queen, and our fidelity to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and hope they may long continue to rule over us. We sincerely pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may long spare your Royal Highness in health and strength to discharge the high and important duties of your exalted rank and station, both to Freemasonry and to the country at large.

Seaham Harbour,

1st day of February, A.L. 5884, A.D. 1884.

Signed on behalf of the brethren,

JOS. SCURFIELD, W.M.

T. C. BEATTY, Jun., Secretary."

Bro. R. CANDLISH then presented the address, and His Royal Highness, in accepting it, said: Worshipful Master and brethren,—I thank you very much for your kind address of welcome, and especially for your kind allusion to the Duchess of Albany. I hope you will accept hearty good wishes from the Province of Oxfordshire.

In response to the desire of Bro. R. Candlish, his Royal Highness signed the lodge roll of visitors thus: "Leopold, Prov. G.M. Oxon, P.G.W." The proceedings then terminated, and the party drove to Seaham Hall, where they partook of luncheon.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—All our faculties.—Almost all disorders of the human body are distinctly to be traced to impure blood. The purification of that fluid is the first step towards health. Holloway's Pills recommend themselves to the attention of all sufferers; no injurious consequences can result from their use, no mistake can be made in their administration. In indigestion, confirmed dyspepsia, and chronic constipation the most beneficial effects have been, and always must be, obtained from the wholesome power exerted by these purifying Pills over the digestion. Persons whose lives have been restored to ease and strength by Holloway's Pills, after fruitless trial of the whole pharmacopoeia of physic, attest this fact.—[ADVT.]



## WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

### A MOST SATISFACTORY ANNUAL REPORT.

A numerously-attended meeting of the General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on Friday evening, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. Henry A. Tobias, P.P.G.S. of W.

It was resolved to commend the Court of Governors to grant the sum of £32 for the education and advancement in life of several children of deceased Freemasons.

Bro. R. MARTIN, one of the honorary Secretaries of the Charity, stated that he had recently been successful in making arrangements with the Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in London for the maintenance, clothing, and education of any girls who might be sent from the Province of West Lancashire on an annual payment of £50 each. He added that he hoped to have like success in connection with similar proposed arrangements with the Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Bro. R. BROWN, P.M. 241, said that the brethren in West Lancashire were much indebted to Bro. Martin for the promptitude, tact, and zeal which he had shown in this important matter.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. Martin for his services.

Bro. J. T. CALLOW, the Treasurer of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, submitted his annual financial statement, which showed that the balance as per last year's account was £1811 12s. 10d.; £119 4s. 9d. had been realised from the ball in 1883; the interest on dock bonds amounted to £511 2s. 7d.; interest on mortgages, £130 19s. 7d.; £105 was voted for the Charity from the funds of the Prov. G. Lodge; and no less than £1355 2s. 9d. had been received during the year as donations and subscriptions from lodges, brethren, &c. During the past year the sum of £1159 19s. 10d. had been paid for the education, clothing, and advancement in life of 168 children, and there was a balance in bank and in hand of £1847 16s. 8d. The total invested capital of the Charity now stands at £17,876 3s. 8d. The report was received with much satisfaction by the meeting, and general congratulations were conveyed to the esteemed Treasurer, Bro. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.

Bro. R. MARTIN then read a draft report for the Court of Governors, to be issued with the annual accounts, in which it was stated that the Committee had to record a period of financial prosperity and extended usefulness unequalled in the annals of the Charity. The large increase of £535 13s. 2d. in the amount of the contributions by the lodges and the brethren was the result, it was believed, of a desire on the part of both to meet the claims that will be made on the funds under the law recently passed empowering the Committee to send children to schools where they will be not only educated, but clothed and maintained. Another reason was the growing love for their noble West Lancashire Institution, and a spirit of honourable rivalry among the lodges as to which should head the yearly list of contributions. The Committee have the greatest pleasure in announcing this year the largest individual donation (100 guineas) since the foundation of the Charity, by Bro. John Cobham, P.M. 241 and 1380, to constitute his wife the first Vice-Patroness of the Institution, thus entitling her to 200 votes during her life. For this splendid gift the Secretaries had sent a suitable letter of thanks. The brethren were reminded that under a bye-law recently passed payments made by or on behalf of ladies obtained double the number of votes as compared with other donors. The Committee referred with satisfaction to the decrease in the number of lodges from which no returns were received, and expressed a hope that there would be a further diminution in these next year. Since the last report 31 children, being applicants duly qualified, had been elected on the foundation of the Charity, and there were now 146 children receiving the benefits of the Institution. The sum of £1159 19s. 10d. had been expended during the year in the education, clothing, and advancement in life of 168 children. The whole of this sum had been carefully and wisely administered, and at a cost for working which the Committee ventured to assert had no parallel among charitable institutions.

The report, on the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Bro. H. H. SMITH, was unanimously adopted, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Bro. Tobias for presiding.

## THE RECENT VISIT OF AMERICAN KNIGHTS TEMPLAR TO YORK.

The Registrar of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory at York has received the following official document from the Recorder of Apollo Commandery, U.S.:

"To the Eminent Preceptor, Officers, and Sir Knights of Ancient Ebor Preceptory, United Religious and Military Order of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta.

"Esteemed Frates,—At the 943rd stated Conclave of Apollo Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, stationed at Chicago, Illinois, U.S. of A., held Tuesday evening, October 16th, A.D. 1883, A.O. 765, the annexed preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted. Witness my hand and the seal of Apollo Commandery the day and year first above written.—Courteously and fraternally,

"SAMUEL M. HENDERSON, Recorder.

"Whereas during the late pilgrimage of Apollo Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, to Europe and return they were received at the city of York, England, by the Ancient Ebor Preceptory in the most knightly and generous manner; and

"Whereas their stay in that ancient city was made so pleasurable and instructive in consequence of the very great courtesy of the knights of said preceptory; and

"Whereas they had the privilege of seeing an exemplification of the Templar ritual by said preceptory; and

"Whereas by the courtesy of the Very Eminent Provincial Prior and Ebor Preceptory they had the distinguished honour of being received by the Great Provincial Priory of North and South Yorkshire; and

"Whereas said Ebor Preceptory did all things which could be done in every way for the comfort and pleasure of Apollo Commandery during their stay at York, even to conferring the added honour of a banquet at the Guildhall, over which the Lord Mayor of York presided. Therefore be it

"Resolved that the thanks of Apollo Commandery are due to Ancient Ebor Preceptory and to E. Sir T. B. Whytehead, who made our visit possible, and to Eminent Sirs J. S. Cumberland and S. Middleton, who exerted themselves to make our visit pleasurable, with the expressions of a vote that we may have the pleasure of meeting them all some time at our home in Chicago, U.S. of A., and be it further

"Resolved that Apollo Commandery hereby asks Ebor Preceptory to convey to V.E. Provincial Prior and V.E. Sir T. W. Tew, who represented him when the Provincial Priory opened in the asylum of Ebor Preceptory in the city of York, their cordial thanks for the distinguished courtesies received at their hands."

## MASONIC BALLS.

### PRESTON.

The ball organised by the brethren of Preston in aid of the Masonic Charities was held in the new Public Hall on Wednesday evening, the 23rd ult. The entire suite of rooms had been engaged and chaste decorated. To give a warm tone to the profusion of foliage and plants, the standards of three of the local lodges were displayed—the Concord, No. 343, banner in the centre, and the Unanimity, No. 113, and Royal Preston, No. 333, bannerettes on either side. The Lodge of Peace and Unity, No. 314, was depicted by a neat shield bearing a monogram, and surmounted by a trophy of flags, similar shields belonging to the other lodges appearing in the interspaces. Non-Masons were privileged to attend the ball, and a representative list of patrons and stewards had been obtained, including noblemen, Members of Parliament, officers of the line, militia, and volunteers, and private and professional gentlemen from the ranks of our Order and their friends. Bro. T. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., 30°, was President, and the Vice-Presidents and the Committee consisted exclusively of Masons. None of the titled patrons could make it convenient to attend, but many others were present. Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock, and soon the spectacle became brilliant, though the attendance, 300, was about a third less than might have been reasonably expected. As the night wore on, the scene changed rapidly and pleasantly in colour. During the first five dances (there were 20 on the programme) Craft clothing was worn, but the military uniforms of some of the brethren, together with the pretty and many-hued dresses of the ladies, lent a wealth of light and shade even at this early period. When the Poyal Arch clothing was donned by brethren of that exalted degree, the animation before observable increased, and, seven dances later, on the Knights Templar in their ample white cloaks joining the throng, the room presented so beautiful a sight that everyone who felt the slightest fatigue ceased dancing for a while and repaired to the balcony, looking down from which there was more to charm the eye than had been seen since the magnificent fancy costume ball at the last Guild. There was much to charm the ear, too, for Bro. J. Norwood's band (himself wielding the baton) here struck up the original music to the "Lancers," known as "Knights Templar," and the dancers, now for the most part very richly and variously attired, threaded the mazes with elegance and precision. From first to last the orchestra proved very proficient, but particularly enjoyable was the skilful playing of the quadrille "Masonic," composed primarily by Bro. Norwood for the pianoforte, and, on this occasion, specially scored for the band. At 3 a.m. the music ceased, after expressing Masonic loyalty in "God save the Queen." All had passed off very enjoyably, the preliminary arrangements having been judiciously made, chiefly by the exertions of the honorary secretaries Bro. T. R. Jolly and Bro. John Hayhurst. The Masters of Ceremonies were Bro. C. Fryer, Bro. Dr. J. Christison, and Bro. E. Barber, who in conjunction with twenty-four stewards materially assisted the success of the gathering.

### LANCASTER.

A Masonic ball in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution—and the first, we have reason to believe, ever held in Lancaster—took place on the evening of the 31st ult., in the Mess-room of the 3rd and 4th Battalions King's Own (Royal Lancaster) Regiment, Dalton Square, under the auspices of the three Lancaster Lodges—the Fortitude, 281; Rowley, 1051; and Duke of Lancaster, 1353. The ball was held under the patronage of the Countesses of Carnarvon, Lathom, and Bective, and Lady Constance Stanley; Miss Garnett and Mrs. Fenton; Bros. the Earls of Carnarvon, Lathom, and Bective; Lord Hartington, Colonel Starkie, Colonel Stanley, Capt. Garnett, &c. Bro. Longman was Chairman of the local committee, and Bro. Stanton, Hon. Sec. The M.C. was Bro. S. Satterthwaite, the following brethren officiating as Stewards: Bros. J. Atkinson, P.M. 281; A. McRaith, J.W. 281; J. Cutts, I.P.M. 1051; C. J. W. Stork, J.W. 1353; J. H. Irvin, W.M. 1051; J. R. Nuttall, J.S. 1353. The room was tastefully decorated with Masonic emblems, under the direction of Bro. Nuttall, who had utilised to a considerable extent the banners and regalia belonging to the Red Rose Conclave and the Rowley Royal Arch Chapter, the latter being the gift of Bro. Col. the Right Hon. F. A. Stanley, and presented to the chapter as a memento of his occupancy of the P.Z.'s chair in 1880. Bro. F. Vetter's band, of Manchester, supplied the music. Bro. Satterthwaite was most assiduous and courteous in the discharge of his duties, and carried them out to the satisfaction of every one present. At the commencement of the ball the brethren appeared in Craft clothing, and those holding office wore their collars and jewels; but towards midnight those belonging to the higher Degrees changed to Mark, Royal Arch, Rose Croix, and Knights Templar respectively. The clothing of the brethren was much admired, and formed a pleasing contrast to the evening dress of the other gentlemen present. The costumes worn by some of the ladies were of a very charming character, and in two or three instances natural ivy and snowdrops had been used for trimming with very pretty effect. At a meeting of the committee held on the following Monday evening it was stated that a sum of £13 1s. 6d. was left in hand after payment of all expenses. Of this amount it was unanimously decided that £10 10s. should be handed over to the funds of the above institution in the names of the two lady patronesses, who were present at the ball—Mrs. Fenton (wife of Bro. Fenton, ex-mayor), and Miss Garnett, of Wyreside, and which will constitute them life governors, with five votes each in elections of candidates. The balance will be carried forward to next year, the committee, we believe, intending to make the ball an annual affair.

## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

### Craft Masonry.

**PYTHAGOREAN LODGE (No. 79).**—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge took place on Monday evening, the 28th ult., at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, when the V.M. elect, Bro. W. A. Dupere, was very ably installed by the Master, Bro. James Dawkins, the occasion being honoured by a strong muster of members and some 13 distinguished visitors. In the course of the evening, after the usual charity box had passed round, Bro. H. Roberts, P.M., Sec., appealed to the brethren assembled on behalf of the widows and children left destitute by the loss of the lifeboat-men Cross and Cattermole, who were drowned while proceeding in the "Albert Edward" (the Freemason's life-boat stationed at Clacton-on-Sea, on the Essex coast), during the furious gale on the 23rd ult., to the rescue of the crew of a vessel shewing signs of distress. Cross had assisted in saving the lives of 116 persons and Cattermole 33. One leaves a widow and six children and the other a widow and three children. In answer to this appeal the brethren assembled, including the visitors, subscribed the sum of £5, which will be sent to Bro. W. Wrench Towse, Clacton-on-Sea, who is trying to collect subscriptions for this very deserving case, and which we trust will be very generously responded to. The M.W. Grand Master has contributed £5 to the fund.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—This old lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, on the 29th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. W. Clarke, W.M.; Jordan, S.W.; Fromholtz, J.W.; Carter, P.M.; Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M.; Sec.; Coope, S.D.; McMullen, I.G.; Hudson, W.S.; Hakim, A.W.S.; Steng, M.C.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; I.P.M.; Green, P.M.; Themans, P.M.; C. Dairy, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; Morrison, P.M.; Heaphy, P.M.; and Longstaffe, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Brook, 975; and Turcan, 408 (U.S.).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Cocks and Stone were raised to the Degree of M.M. by the I.P.M., and Bro. Wetzler was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. The notice of motion given by Bro. Holland "that the initiation fee be reduced to eight guineas" was fully discussed, and upon formal proposition being made was lost by a large majority.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., and having been warmly received, the W.M. replied. "The Health of Bro. Wetzler," who had been initiated at the previous meeting, was then drunk. Bro. Wetzler having made an effective reply, the toast of "The Visitors" was proposed. Bros. Brook and Turcan responded. In the course of their respective replies they complimented the lodge upon its efficient working. "The Past Masters" followed, and was replied to by Bro. Walls. "The Treasurer and Secretary" came next in order, and was acknowledged by Bro. Stuart, the Secretary, on behalf of himself and colleagues. The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Jordan, S.W., terminated the proceedings.

**ST. THOMAS'S LODGE (No. 142).**—On Saturday, the 2nd inst., the installation meeting of this old and distinguished lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, when Bro. S. W. Yockney was installed W.M., the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. A. V. Haines, the outgoing Master, who was greeted with hearty applause on the completion of his term of office. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested the following members as his officers: Bros. A. V. Haines, I.P.M.; Newstead, S.W.; Tatlock, J.W.; Moses, Chap.; W. Battye, Treas.; H. C. Levander, Sec.; H. G. Hobson, S.D.; Dunbar, J.D.; James Lewis-Thomas, D.C.; Reid, I.G.; and Bailey, Stwd. A report of the Audit Committee was read by the Secretary. A jewel was presented to Bro. A. V. Haines, I.P.M., who reciprocated the compliment by presenting to the lodge a very handsome album to contain the portraits of the members of the lodge, the members having availed themselves of the very liberal offer made in our advertising columns by the London Stereoscopic Company, thus forming a very interesting lodge souvenir.

Business being ended, the lodge closed, the brethren adjourning to banquet, at the conclusion of which the W.M. gave the usual toasts in a manner which further evinced to the brethren that the reputation of the lodge will be fully maintained during his year of office. Bro. the Rev. Ambrose Hall, P.G.C., replied for "The Grand Officers," and Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., for "The Visitors," amongst whom, in addition to the two just named, were Bros. Edgar Bowyer, G. Std. Br.; Laybourne, P.P.G.S.W. Monmouthshire; George Kenning, P.P.G.D. Middx.; Hogard, P.P.G.S. of W. Essex; Colls, No. 1; Freshwater, 34; Marsh, 683, and others. The fact of the banquet being at the Cannon-street Hotel is sufficient guarantee of its being very well served, under the able superintendence of Bro. Rand. The music was under the direction of Bro. Sidney Tower, who was assisted by Bros. Henry Ashton, James Kift, and H. Horscroft. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).**—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 31st ult., when a large number of brethren assembled to do honour to the occasion, including Bros. C. Lorkin, W.M.; C. W. Smyth, S.W., W.M. elect; W. H. Brand, P.M.; Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M.; Sec.; F. Brasted, P.M.; E. Dignam, P.M.; T. C. Chapman, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works Herts; A. Ferrar, S.D.; R. Polak, J.D.; G. Ferrar, I.G.; A. R. Olley, Stwd.; H. O'Donnell, J. Robinson, W. H. Dodd, G. T. Stokes, J. H. Rich, C. Geer, J. Varney, W. Alstrom, E. Winch, J. T. Larter, H. G. Moon, J. Rhodes, C. Busbridge, F. Bannister, S. East, F. A. Caperoe, A. Leoffler, A. Langman, D. Munro, W. Wright, W. Beasley, J. Symes, W. Simpson, E. Collier, E. Harding, W. T. Ford, R. Fisher, R. Dallas, and the following visitors: Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; W. B. Trick, W.M. 1366; F. Cave, W.M. 1607; F. Walters,

P.P.G.D. Middx.; G. C. Young, P.M. 820; H. Hollis, P.M. 167; J. Wardell, P.M. 95; W. Potter, 1445; E. Clayton, 1604; F. Bolton, 1604; T. Clark, S.W. 1178; J. McLaren, S.D. 1805; D. Moss, J.W. 1275; D. W. Larter, J.D. 1602; J. Munro, Lodge of Antiquity, Montreal; J. Collings, Org. 1693; W. Hawes, 554; T. Smith, 193; W. W. Morgan, 211; E. Woodman, J.W. 1050; A. Eldridge, 1585; F. T. Bennett, 211; and M. Christian, J.W. 860.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the Audit Report, which proved the financial position of the lodge to be highly satisfactory, was read and adopted. Bros. Dodd and Stokes were raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. Caperoe and East were passed to the Second. Bro. Charles Woodward Smyth, S.W., who had been unanimously elected W.M. for the present year, was then presented for installation, which ceremony was performed by Bro. Lorkin, the retiring Master, in the same able and efficient manner which has characterised the work of the lodge during his year of office. Bro. Smyth then invested the following officers, viz., Bros. J. L. Payne, S.W.; A. Ferrar, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; R. Polak, S.D.; G. Ferrar, J.D.; A. R. Olley, I.G.; W. Beasley, D.C.; A. Leoffeler and J. H. Rich, Stewards; and J. J. Marsh, Tyler. The usual addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master in an eloquent and impressive manner. Bro. Smyth, W.M., at once entered upon the duties of the chair by initiating Messrs. F. Smith, P. W. Rogers, E. J. Turnbull, W. Milford, and W. Parsons, in a manner that quite satisfied the brethren that in the newly-installed W.M. the lodge had elected a brother thoroughly qualified to carry out the duties of the chair. The resignation of a P.M. was read and accepted with regret. Bro. Lee, P.M., Sec., announced the decease since the last meeting of Bro. R. George, one of the senior members of the lodge, and in moving a vote of condolence and sympathy with the widow and family, dwelt on the irreparable loss they had sustained by the decease of one who was much esteemed and respected by all the members of the lodge. Bro. Brand, P.M. and Treas., presented to the lodge a very handsome charity box of elaborate design and workmanship, which was much admired, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Brand (the first initiate of the lodge) for his handsome present. Bro. Lee, P.M., Sec., gave notice of motion to increase the initiation fees, and also of a by-law to regulate the Benevolent Fund. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Lorkin, I.P.M., in recognition of his services during the past year. Some propositions were received for the next meeting, and the lodge was then closed, after a sitting of five hours' duration.

About 70 brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, presided over by Bro. C. W. Smyth, W.M., after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. C. A. Cottehrune, P.G.P., responded for "The Grand Officers." "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in complimentary terms by Bro. Lorkin, I.P.M., and met with a cordial reception, which was suitably acknowledged by the W.M. The remaining toasts were duly honoured, after which the brethren separated. An excellent selection of vocal and instrumental music was performed during the evening under the direction of Bro. Dr. Haskins, Org. 1364, assisted by Miss M. Lorkin, Miss L. Smyth, Mr. F. Wood, Mr. A. Alderton, and Master Snow.

#### PRIORY LODGE OF ACTON (No. 1996).—

This young and prosperous lodge met on the 4th inst. at the Royal Oak Assembly Rooms, Acton, when there were present Bros. W. Roebuck, W.M.; C. E. Botley, S.W.; J. J. Gunner, J.W.; F. Botley, S.D.; E. Monson, J.D.; E. F. Earl, Treas.; E. H. Sugg, Sec.; J. Cammell, I.G.; A. Turner, D.C.; Hodges, C. Pearce, J. Cardus, W. H. Blake, J. R. Ward, and R. T. Relf. The visitors were Bros. F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd.; Hughes, Thomas, and A. Solomon.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. R. T. Relf as a joining member, which proved unanimous in his favour. Bro. J. R. Ward was then raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M. in a very able manner. The S.W., Bro. C. E. Botley, was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. E. F. Earl, Treasurer. The W.M. elect intimated his intention to stand as Steward at the festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The brethren having determined to present the W.M. with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his valuable services rendered to the lodge during its first year of existence, the lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, where an enjoyable evening was spent, Bros. Botley, Thomas, Monson, Relf, and Gunner greatly contributing to the harmony of the evening by some excellent singing, and Bro. Hughes gave one of his recitations in good style.

#### ST. BOTOLPH'S LODGE (No. 2020).—

The first regular meeting of this lodge after the consecration took place at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Monday last, when there were present Bros. Alderman John Staples, W.M.; P. Saillard, S.W.; T. Benskin, J.W.; H. S. Legg, Treas.; William Lake, Sec.; B. Norman, J.D.; T. M. Jones, E. W. Stillwell, George Kenning, and Walker.

The lodge having been opened by the W.M. the minutes were read and confirmed and a ballot was taken for Bro. E. W. Stillwell, Grand Masters Lodge, No. 1, as a joining member, and for Mr. M. Sayle as a candidate for initiation. Both were unanimously elected, and Bro. Geo. Kenning, at the request of the W.M., occupied the chair and proceeded to initiate the candidate into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

The Committee appointed to prepare the bye-laws presented their report, and the draft, after being read by the W.M., was adopted and ordered to be printed. Bro. Husey was proposed as a joining member, and there being no further business the lodge was adjourned. The brethren afterwards dined together, under the presidency of the W.M., and a pleasant evening was spent.

#### BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th inst., at the Swan Hotel. Present: Bros. John Booth, W.M.; F. W. Pacey, S.W.; J. W. Poyntz, J.W.; G. P. Brockbank, Sec., I.P.M.; John Harcastle, S.D.; W. H. Lomax, J.D.; Johnson Mills, P.M., D. of C.; James Naylor, I.G.; Robert Nightingale, Stwd.; Roiley and Higson, Tylers; R. K. Freeman, P.M.; John Morris,

P.M.; Edward Garstang, P.M.; Robinson, and Gillibrand. Visitors: Bros. I. Lee Wood, W.M. 350; Thos. Drew, Shakespeare Lodge, 143 Irish Constitution. The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed, Mr. J. W. Mather who was elected in December last was initiated in the First Degree of Masonry by the W.M., the working tools being explained by the J.W., and the charge to the candidate delivered by Bro. G. P. Brockbank, Grand Stwd. Scotland, I.P.M. and Secretary of the lodge.

Bro. John Morris, Charity Representative, reported that he had attended the annual meeting of the East Lancashire Masonic Institution and detailed the opinions then expressed by the Prov. Grand Master as to the method to be adopted to expand and enlarge the usefulness of the institution. Bros. Brockbank and Freeman, Life Governors of the Charity, advocated the claims of the institution upon the brethren of this and other lodges, especially enlarging upon the fact that the premier lodge of the province should show an example and encourage the Prov. Grand Master. Bros. Booth, W.M.; Mills, P.M.; Harcastle, S.D.; and Morris, P.M., gave in their names to the Secretary as Life Governors of the Charity.

A portion of the ancient rules and charges was read by the S.W. and the lodge closed in peace and harmony.

#### GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry

(No. 48).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 28th ult. at the Industry Masonic Hall, when there was a good muster of members and visitors. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. John Moulton, assisted and supported by the following brethren: Bros. J. G. Smith, I.P.M.; John Wood, P.M.; R. Whitfield, P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M., Treas.; R. F. Cook, P.M.; R. Wightman, P.M.; M. Garbutt, S.W.; J. Dinning, as J.W.; W. M. Pybus, Sec.; E. Shewbrooks, S.D.; A. Simpson, as J.D.; W. Brown, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; W. Raeburn, S.S.; T. Thompson, J.S.; and J. Curry, Tyler. Amongst the members and visitors were Bros. J. Patterson, W. Whitfield, S. Jopling, J. Bulmer, H. F. Dryden, J. W. Porter, W. F. Brown, W. Stafford, J. T. Harrison, T. Graham, E. Liddell, R. Tate, J. T. Corking, H. L. Russell, W. Richardson, G. H. Cawthorne, C. R. Gourlay, C. McNamara, I.P.M., 97; R. de C. Yeld, I.P.M., and F. Armstrong, of 80; T. Spedding, 1643; C. B. Ford, P.M.; J. Duckett, P.M.; J. Spearman, P.M.; T. Dinning, S.W.; F. Leddicot, and W. Mathieson, all of 481; Edwd. Potts, S.D. 1676; T. V. Smith, P.M. 991; J. Taylor, 1342; T. S. Wraith, P.M.; H. Nixon, and T. Pearson, all of 424; J. W. Robson, 1342; and others.

Bros. H. F. Dryden, J. W. Porter, H. S. Russell, and G. H. Cawthorne received the reward of merit in the First Degree, and were afterwards passed as Fellow Crafts by the W.M., the S.W. explaining the working tools. The other business of the evening consisted of reading the names eligible for the chair, the nominations for Treasurer, Finance Committee, Organist, and Tyler, and proposals for initiations, &c.

The lodge was duly closed, when the brethren adjourned to the refreshment board, and the remainder of the time was pleasantly occupied in harmony and the usual toast list. It was understood that the lodge would be represented by about 20 members at the Special Prov. Grand Lodge at Durham, on Wednesday last, in honour of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, who was the guest of the Prov. G.M., the Marquess of Londonderry, at Wynyard Park.

#### IPSWICH.—St. Luke's Lodge (No. 225).—

The usual monthly meeting of this old and prosperous lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th ult., when the annual festival of St. John was held. Bro. J. L. Brook, W.M., was in the chair, supported by the officers as follows: Bros. G. Abbott, P.P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; W. Fisk, S.W.; J. D. Cook, J.W.; A. Barber, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., Sec.; Jas. Napier, Prov. G.J.D., D.C.; H. Buckingham, S.D.; T. Noble, J.D.; E. Scrivener, I.G.; W. Leathers and Sergt. Morley, jun., Stwds. The Past Masters of the lodge present were Bros. J. Talbot, G. Garwood, J. Whitehead, P. Whitehead, T. Prentice, and about 50 other brethren and visitors, the latter including Bros. Dr. Casley, W.M. 114; N. Tracy, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; H. Sidney, P.M., Sec.; W. B. Jeffries, P.M.; A. Bennett (P.M. 950); J. Staddon, P.M.; E. Buckham, W.M.; J. King, S.W.; J. Franks, J.W.; F. Bales, S.D.; and J. Hunt, J.D., all of 376; A. Raphael, P.M.; E. Robertson, P.M.; S. Snow, W.M.; J. White, S.W.; Sherman, J.W.; A. Trew, S.D.; C. Cook, Org.; and D. D. Steel, all of 959; J. Hunt, P.M. 507, Prov. G.S.D. Norfolk; and C. Young, P.M. 13.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. A successful ballot was then taken for Bro. James Price as a joining member. Mr. Curtis, previously balloted for, was then initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the I.P.M., who also gave the working tools, Bro. Joseph Whitehead, P.M., giving the charge to the candidate. Bro. C. Making was then passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft by Bro. Whitehead, P.M., the candidate also receiving the working tools from Bro. Whitehead. Bro. James Price having been invested by the W.M. with the collar of Organist to the lodge, it was decided that the proceeds of the "broken column" be appropriated to the "Masonic Hall Trust Fund," in order to assist in paying off the debt still existing. Several letters of apology having been read from various brethren for non-attendance, and "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors present having been expressed, the lodge was closed in the usual form.

The brethren then adjourned to banquet. After the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual toasts. Bro. Jeffries responded for the Past Prov. Officers as did also Bro. Napier for the Present. The W.M. in responding to the toast of his health, thanked Bro. Abbott and the lodge for their good feeling towards him, and assured them that nothing should be wanting on his part to keep the lodge in its present state efficiency. He then proposed the toast of "The I.P.M.," Bro. G. Abbott, and spoke in high terms of his energetic and faithful working of the ritual, which had done much towards placing the lodge in its present prosperous state. Bro. Abbott suitably returned thanks. Other toasts followed, a very happy and enjoyable evening being participated in by the members of the lodge and their visiting brethren.

#### BRIXHAM.—True Love and Unity Lodge (No. 248).—

The annual installation meeting was held on the 22nd ult., at the Freemasons' Hall. This lodge was warranted under a charter dated 1782—thus being probably

the senior lodge in the province of Devon—signed by Sir Charles Warwick, Warwick Bampfylde, Bart., at that period the Prov. G.M. of the county of Devon and city of Exeter, and issued under the sanction of the Duke of Manchester, then M.W. Grand Master. This old charter was very naturally the object of considerable interest and curiosity to the visitors; and the old lodge-room bears equally the marks of antiquity in its structure and interior appointments. The roof is waggon-shaped, embellished with some very crude Masonic representations, whilst the walls are adorned with ancient oil paintings of the veterans who figured prominently years ago in behalf of the Craft in Brixham. It will be recollected that on the lodge attaining its centenary, two years ago, a very large gathering attended from all parts of the province, and the event was one of a very festive and interesting character. Owing to the very stormy weather on the present occasion, the attendance was unavoidably much smaller than might otherwise have been expected. Lodge was opened under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. C. James, who was supported by Bros. T. W. Atherton, W.M. elect; J. Johnson, P.M.; W. Brown, P.M., acting as S.W.; John T. James, J.W.; S. Woolley, P.M., Treas.; A. Kendrick, Sec.; the Rev. R. B. F. Eltrington, Chap.; J. F. Grove, S.D.; J. Wheaton, J.D.; G. C. Searle, D.C.; T. G. Lovell, Org.; J. G. Scivill, I.G.; J. Lane, P.M. 1402; G. J. Pepprell, W.M. 1402; C. Atkins, P.M. 27; W. C. Johnson, A. Wotton, J. P. Putt, R. Hosford, F. W. Baddeley, J. James, J. Cranford, T. Williams; G. Cole, Tyler; and others. Amongst the invited brethren were Bros. Brooks, Org. 1358; A. T. Blamey, P.M. 1402, etc.

After the usual formalities, Bro. T. W. Atherton was installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year, by Bro. Charles Atkins, P.M. 27, who is also a member of the Board of General Purposes, whose rendering of the ceremony of installation elicited the warmest expressions of approbation. The charges were delivered by Bro. C. G. Searle, whose working in this portion of the rite, as well as in the general direction of the ceremonies, was deservedly applauded. The newly-installed Worshipful Master then invested his officers for the year, addressing a few remarks to each; and the applause which followed the bestowal of each collar showed that he had made a suitable selection: Bros. C. James, I.P.M.; J. T. James, S.W.; A. Kendrick, J.W.; the Rev. R. B. F. Eltrington, Chap.; S. Woolley, P.M., Treas.; J. F. Grove, Sec.; J. Wheaton, S.D.; J. G. Scivill, J.D.; Henry May, I.G.; T. C. Smith, Org.; and G. Cole, Tyler.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren subsequently dined together, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M. After the cloth had been removed the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. C. Atkins responded suitably to the toast of the officers of the Grand Lodge. The I.P.M., in proposing the health of the new Master, alluded to the zeal and assiduity with which Bro. Atherton has worked for the promotion of the best interests of the lodge, and the excellent manner in which he had discharged his duties in the various minor offices through which he had passed. Although non-resident in the town of Brixham, he had been a constant attendant at the lodge, no matter how inclement might be the weather; and he had thus testified most zealously his love for the welfare of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, who was most cordially received, thanked the brethren for the hearty reception which they had accorded to the toast. He could hardly expect that during his term of office he should be equal to many of those who had preceded him in the excellence of his work; but he should endeavour to emulate their good example, and to prove himself worthy of the confidence they had reposed in him. If therefore he did not accomplish all that he could desire it would not be his fault. Masonry involved the highest and loftiest duties, and it should ever be his aim so to carry them out as to elevate and refine the minds and aspirations of those over whom he was called to preside in this lodge, and so to elevate the love of Masonry generally. There was one matter to which he desired to draw the attention of the brethren more especially at this moment, and it was his sincere wish that they should do something in the future, much more than they had done hitherto, in behalf of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. That institution was doing a great and inestimable work in behalf of the poor orphan children of Masons in the province, and as such it should receive the utmost encouragement and support of all who professed to admire the principle of charity, which was one of the distinguishing characteristics of a Freemason's heart. Although the great benevolent institutions of which the Craft so justly boasted in this country were the object of their solicitude, as they were also the admiration of the world, yet the Devon Masonic Educational Fund had claims upon them which should not be disregarded. And he regretted to say that Fund had not hitherto received the support it ought to have done from the members of this lodge. He should have liked for them to have been present at the installation meeting of the Hauley Lodge, at Dartmouth, and have heard the remarks of one of the Provincial Grand Officers as to the state of the funds of that charity. He was convinced that institution was doing an immense amount of good in the province, and ought to be very much more liberally supported. He was exceedingly anxious that during his term of office something should be done on the part of this lodge to aid the funds of that charity. If the brethren would only forego some little pleasure, some personal gratification, they could, without any serious inconvenience to themselves, do much to help forward a charity which was in every way deserving of their support. By subscribing six guineas, as the brethren at Dartmouth did, they might secure a governorship of six votes; and then, in case of the death of a brother, leaving a widow and family in not very affluent circumstances, they would have the power of recommending one of the children for the benefits of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. It was rather unfair for them to expect such advantages unless they subscribed to the necessary funds of maintenance. He should be very happy to render what assistance he could to the formation of such a lodge fund. He then alluded to the inadequate accommodation afforded at the old Freemasons' Hall, in which they were then assembled, and hoped some scheme might be devised during the year by which they could secure a more suitable place of meeting. He again thanked them for the kindly manner in which they had received the mention of his name.

Bro. J. F. Grover proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," in doing which he said it was a toast that



eminently deserved a hearty recognition at their hands. Bro. Atkins was comparatively a new comer amongst them in Brixham, but he hoped that brother might remain long amongst them and continue that assistance which he was so well qualified to give to the lodge, and of which an evidence had been afforded that day. The manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation had given great pleasure to the brethren present; and they would all agree with him that in securing Bro. Atkins as a member of the lodge they had made a valuable acquisition. He had been ably assisted in the discharge of the important duties of that day by Bro. D. Searle, whose name he should be glad to associate with the toast.

Bros. Atkins and Searle suitably acknowledged the compliments which had been paid to them.

Other toasts followed, including "The Visitors," "The Past Masters of the Lodge," "The Treasurer, Bro. S. Woolley, and Secretary, Bro. Alfred Kendrick; and the other Officers of the Lodge." Admirable replies were made, and a very harmonious and agreeable evening was brought to a close in a befitting manner by the Tyler.

**NEWTON MOOR.**—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 461).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held and the St. John's festival celebrated on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the White Hart Hotel, when there were present Bros. W. Chatterton, W.M.; Thos. Harding, I.P.M.; Dennis Barlow, S.W.; J. Firth, J.W.; J. A. Hodgkinson, S.D.; W. Barker, Sec.; Chas. Brooke, I.G.; W. Fitton, P.M.; Tyler, R. L. Barker, P.M.; H. Booth, P.M.; Aaron Houghton, P.M.; J. Aldred, F. Broadsmith, P.M.; Jas. Shenton, E. Dibley, H. Cottam, J. B. Sharples, J. Hudson, W. Brooke, J. Burkenshaw, J. Wilde, J. Hyde, G. Stafford, Joshua Robinson, and John Robinson. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Roberts, P.M. 1322; W. Kenworthy, P.M. 89; J. Roberts, W.M. 361; J. Hartley, P.M. 1126; P.P.G. Purst; W. T. Jackson, W.M. 89; W. Ramsden, P.M. 1166; J. R. Kenworthy, J.W. 89; John Wood, P.M. 361; F. Drinkwater, P.M. 361; John Holt, S.W. 89; W. Birch, W.M. 320; J. Barley, I.G. 361; Mark Stafford, P.M. 361; J. Holroyd, 324; J. Bottomley, 324; Joseph Roberts, 324, Prov. G.S.B.; Robt. Bentley, S.D. 1408; and R. R. Lisenden, J.W. 317 (*Freemason*).

After the minutes had been read and confirmed Bro. Frederick Broadsmith, P.M. 461 and 1161, P.Z. 361, took the chair, by permission of the W.M., and installed Bro. William Barker in the chair of K.S. in a faultless manner, and fully bore out the reputation which he enjoys for his good delivery and unostentatious manner. Bro. Walter Kenworthy, P.M. 89, invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. James Shenton, S.W.; J. A. Hodgkinson, J.W.; James Shenton, Treas.; John Burkenshaw, Sec.; Joseph Hudson, S.D.; Charles E. Brooke, J.D.; Edward Dibley, I.G.; William Fitton, P.M.; Tyler; George Stafford and Walter Brooke, Stwds. The installing Master, Bro. F. Broadsmith, delivered the three addresses, and concluded the ceremony with prayer. When "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the numerous visiting brethren the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the festival of St. John with a banquet, the preparing and serving of which drew forth the highest terms of praise from all present towards Bro. Wilde, the host. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to after the banquet, and a pleasant evening seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by the brethren, which was largely contributed to by some excellent glees, choruses, and songs admirably rendered by Bros. Mark Stafford, R. Bentley, J. Holroyd, and J. Bottomley. During the evening we noticed our enthusiastic Bro. Hodgkinson busily engaged in collecting donations towards the Cheshire Educational Institution, and, judging from what we saw, his solicitations were cheerfully responded to by the brethren.

**DEVIZES.**—Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity (No. 663).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall on Friday, the 18th ult., the ceremony at the request of the W.M., Bro. G. S. A. Waylen, being performed by Bro. W. Nott, P.M. 663, P.P.G.J.W. Wilts. The newly-installed Master was the S.W. for the past year, Bro. S. M. Badham, and he appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. G. S. A. Waylen, I.P.M.; W. H. Bush, S.W.; F. S. Hancock, J.W.; D. A. Gibbs, P.M.; Treas.; W. Nott, P.M., Sec.; T. C. Hopkins, S.D.; H. A. Canning, J.D.; W. L. Tucker, I.G.; W. H. Burt, P.M.; D.C.; H. Howse, W. B. Bouverie, and W. H. Lush, Stewards; H. J. Johnson, Org.; and C. R. Barnes, Tyler. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. G. F. Tuckey, P.M. 326, P.P.G.D. Bristol; E. Eyres, P.M. 626, P.P. G.P. Wilts; G. J. Farrington, S.W. 1271; F. Barton, J.W. 1271; and A. F. Breton, J.D. 1271.

After the conclusion of the business, and the closing of the lodge, the brethren dined together at the Bear Hotel. Bro. S. Watson Taylor, of Erlestoke Park, with his accustomed liberality, providing a supply of venison and game for the banquet.

**PETERSFIELD.**—Friendship Lodge (No. 928).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th inst. at the Masonic Hall, when the W.M., Bro. J. Wodehouse, presided, being supported by his officers as follows: Bros. I. Swan, S.W.; E. Nayler, J.W.; W. B. Edgeler, P.M., Treas.; M. P. Creedon, P.M., Sec.; W. Smoker, S.D.; A. Marshallsay, J.D.; R. Pocock, I.G.; and Knight, Tyler. The members of the lodge also present were Bros. Shalden Smith, P.M.; Cole, P.M.; Hyde, Pearson, Wells, Duddy, Ball, Eaton, Wright, and Roach, together with the visitors: Bros. M. E. Frost, P.M. 1069, Prov. G.S.W.; R. J. Rastrick, P.M. 1069, Prov. G. Treas.; Powell, P.M. 903, Prov. G. Purst; Lyon, 309; Buck, W.M. 342; Outridge, W.M., and Rae, 487; T. D. Askew, W.M., and J. Collings, S.W., 804; Brunwin, P.M. 903; Lealey and Jones, 1883; Walker, 914; and P. H. Emanuel, 1069 (*Freemason*).

After the confirmation of the minutes of previous lodge, the ballot was successfully taken for Messrs. Patrick Shanks and W. S. Drayton, who were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the working tools being explained by the J.W. and the charge by the S.W. in a very impressive manner. The brethren having ceased from labour, and resumed again after half-an-hour's interval, Bro. J. Swan, the W.M. elect, was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Creedon, P.M., who delivered the charges in a way to elicit the encomiums of all present. The W.M.

appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Wodehouse, I.P.M.; Nayler, S.W.; Smoker, J.W.; Edgeler, P.M., Prov. G. Supt. of Wks., Treas.; Creedon, P.M., Sec.; Marshallsay, S.D.; Pocock, J.D.; Burley, P.M., D.C.; Wright, Org.; Wells, I.G.; Pearson and Hyde, Stwds.; and Knight, Tyler. Bro. Edgeler presented in the name of Bro. Wodehouse, Prov. G.S.B., a very handsome banner for the use of the lodge. The W.M. then presented Bros. Edgeler and Wodehouse each with P.M.'s jewels, and referred to their very many services rendered for the benefit of the Order in general, and the Friendship Lodge in particular. A vote of thanks having been accorded to Bro. Wodehouse for his handsome present to the lodge, Bros. Edgeler and Wodehouse returned thanks to the lodge for the jewels which had been presented to them. The lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel and partook of a dinner, after which loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**SALFORD.**—Lodge of Harmony (No. 935).—The installation meeting was held and St. John's festival celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Adelphi-street, on Thursday, the 24th ult., on which occasion there were present Bros. J. W. Baldwin, W.M.; W. Ollier, I.P.M.; Frank Wibberley, S.W.; J. H. Clarke, J.W.; Thomas Hall, Treas.; W. H. Malkin, S.D.; A. Avery, J.D.; J. West, I.G.; T. Southern, P.M.; Benj. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.T.; H. Holder, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; James Sodom, Thos. Grotorex, J. M. Graham, John Davies, James Daniels, Luke Tims, F. N. Lean, R. Thomas, A. B. Ballantyne, and R. Robinson. Visitors: Bros. W. Corner, jun., W.M. 1345; Thos. Mottershead, I.P.M. 1011; J. L. Hine, P.P.G.S.W.; R. Timperley, P.M. 204, 993, P.P.G.D.; Joseph Senior, W.M. 103; J. C. Whittington, P.M. 999, P.P.G. Org.; J. Illingworth, 852; Alfred Taylor, 1213; W. Williams, P.M. 645; Thos. Oliver, S.W. 999; T. P. Nelson, W.M. 993; and R. R. Lisenden, J.W. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The balance sheet was then reported upon by one of the Auditors, Bro. J. N. Lean, and after some discussion adopted, with one exceptional item. Bro. Benj. Taylor, P.P.G. Treas., was unanimously elected Treasurer for the ensuing year, as was Bro. H. Holden, P.M., to the office of Tyler. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of installation commenced. Bro. Benj. Taylor acting as Installing Master. The W.M. elect, Bro. Frank Wibberley, was duly presented by Bro. Thomas Southern, P.M., and inducted into the chair of K.S. with all due rite and ceremony, and the W.M. having been proclaimed and saluted, the following brethren were invested officers for the year by Bro. Benj. Taylor: Bros. J. H. Clarke, S.W.; J. M. Graham, J.W.; Jas. Sodom, Chap.; Benj. Taylor, Treas.; W. Ollier, Sec.; F. N. Lean, S.D.; A. Avery, J.D.; T. Southern, P.M.; D. C. C.; W. H. Malkin, I.G.; Henry Holder, P.M., Tyler. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. Benj. Taylor, and to the Wardens and brethren by Bro. Thos. Southern, P.M. The ceremony finished, "Hearty Good Wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John, and on the conclusion of the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. Benj. Taylor proposed the health of "The W.M.," which was heartily drunk by the brethren, and responded to in a few appropriate sentences. The W.M. proposed the health of "The I.P.M., Bro. Baldwin," and presented him on behalf of the members, with a handsome Past Master's gold jewel, which had been manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester. Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**URMSTON.**—Umston Lodge (No. 1730).—The annual installation meeting was held on the 28th ult., at the Lord Nelson Hotel, a fair number of brethren and visitors being assembled on the occasion. In consequence of (being suddenly called away to attend a patient, the W.M., Bro. Dr. Fiddes, was unavoidably absent and the I.P.M., Bro. J. B. Seel, officiated in his stead. The other officers present were Bros. A. H. Sansom, S.W.; E. L. Littler, J.W.; Wm. Goodacre, P.M., P.G. Reg., Sec.; Heaton, S.D.; J. Slyman, J.D.; and E. Gittins, I.G.

The lodge having been opened the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Wm. Goodacre then occupied the chair of K.S. as Installing Master, whilst Bro. Wm. Bowden, P.M. 1213 and 1814, P.P.G.S.B., filled that of S.W., and Bro. James Andrew, P.M. 1213, P.G. D.C., that of J.W., when, after the usual preliminaries, Bro. A. H. Sansom, W.M. elect, was with all due rite and ceremony inducted into the chair of K.S. with Bro. Wm. Goodacre's well known care and correctness, and when he had proclaimed to the Master Mason's that Bro. Sansom's installation was "un fait accompli," they saluted him in the usual manner. The following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing 12 months, and they were invested by Bro. Goodacre, Bros. E. L. Littler, S.W.; P. Heaton, J.W.; Rev. E. H. Coote, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; Chap.; Thomas Royle Higginson (by proxy), Treas.; William Goodacre, P.M., P.G. Reg., Sec.; J. Slyman, S.D.; E. Gittins, J.D.; M. A. B. Wheeler, I.G.; G. R. Lloyd, and A. M. Mohbat, Stwds.; and Chevalier, Tyler. After the customary addresses the ceremony of installation was concluded with prayer. "Hearty good Wishes" having been expressed by the visitors the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, which was all that could be desired and included some of the choicest delicacies in season. After dinner the toast list was proceeded with. The I.P.M., Bro. Dr. Fiddes, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was heartily drunk and duly responded to. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Dr. Fiddes," which was also responded to. "The Healths of the Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. Heaton, J.W., and responded to by Bros. William Bowden, P.M. 1213, 1814, P.P.G.S.B.; James Andrews, P.M. 1213, P.G.D.C.; and J. J. Lambert, P.M. 1387. Several other toasts were honoured and an enjoyable evening was spent by the brethren.

**CHURCH.**—Leopold Lodge (No. 1775).—On the 30th ult. the brethren of this lodge held their annual installation and festival in the lodge rooms at the Commercial Hotel. A good muster of visitors assembled from Accrington, Darwen, Clayton-le-Moors, and Ramsbottom. Bros. Grime and Almond, Past Prov. Grand Officers, were present from Darwen. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. John Wardley, P.M. 381, who

afterwards invested the officers as follows: Bros. James Grime, I.P.M.; E. Walsh, S.W.; W. Lloyd, J.W.; J. Pickles, Sec.; T. Briggs, S.D.; S. Ridehaigh, J.D.; J. Brown, Org.; R. Gastall, I.G.; J. Bullock, Tyler; W. H. Gastall and Wm. Bury, Stwds. The concluding address was given by Bro. E. Knowles, P.M. After the installation the festival was held in the hotel, a most sumptuous dinner being provided by Bro. Kitchen, the proprietor. The proceedings usual to installation banquets were observed, and all present thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

**SHANKLIN (I. of W.).**—Chine Lodge (No. 1884).—The annual meeting took place on the 31st ult., at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. F. Cooper, S.W., was installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year by the outgoing W.M., Bro. F. Newman, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., who carried out the impressive ceremony in masterly style. After the installation Bro. Cooper invested his officers in the following order: Bros. F. Newman, I.P.M.; J. Bailey, S.W.; A. Greenham, J.W.; G. Humby, Sec.; F. Newman, Treas.; W. Judd, S.D.; F. Rayner, J.D.; C. H. Moorman, I.G.; J. B. Middleton, Steward; and W. J. Mew, Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Newman, in recognition of his services to the lodge.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to Daish's Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served under the superintendence of Mrs. Tizard. Amongst the company, in addition to the brethren already named, were Bros. Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.P.G.S.W.; G. Burt, P.M.; A. Scott, P.M.; A. Hargrove, P.M.; Brown, H. L. Hunt, Gregory, S. Shilling, G. Paybody, F. Freeman, W. Waterworth, H. C. Rembridge, G.W.S. Withers, W. Kensay, A. J. Firth, and others.

## INSTRUCTION.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst. The W.M., Bro. Eastgate, was supported by Bros. Maseloff, S.W.; Mount, J.W.; Tonkin, S.D.; Lovegrove, J.D.; Chapman, I.G.; Hunt, Bassington, Treas.; Cobham, Skinner, Collens, Mason, Von Joel, G. F. Edwards, Masch, Bottle, Goffin, Jas. Chapman, Orpe, Chretien, Cross, Sec.; Edmonds, and Dairy.

Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Orpe being the candidate. Bro. Jas. Chapman then took the W.M.'s chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Mason being the candidate. Bro. Eastgate then resumed his position as W.M., and opened the lodge in the Third Degree, which was afterwards resumed to the First. Bro. R. H. Goffin, 1272 and 1395, was elected a member of the lodge. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting, the officers being appointed in rotation. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had conducted the business of the evening. The Preceptor, Bro. Cottebrune, was unable to be present through illness. All Masonic business being ended lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Masonic Charities' Association was then held, and a ballot for £5 ss. resulted in favour of Bro. Chapman.

**BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902).**—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at Bro. Austin's, 25, Charterhouse-street, E.C., and we are pleased to say was exceedingly well attended, among those present being Bros. Bundy, W.M. elect of the mother lodge, W.M.; Salter, S.W.; Cross, J.W.; Cooper, S.D.; Castell, J.D.; Field, I.G.; Frost, P.M., &c., Preceptor; and Batty, Sec. The W.M. very ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, and Bro. Frost, Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture in the First Degree.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th inst. at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. F. Swain, W.M.; C. S. Mote, S.W.; A. Hardy, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas., Preceptor; H. Dehane, I.P.M. 1543, Sec.; C. Brietbart, S.D.; W. Middleweek, J.D.; H. Purdue, I.G.; C. J. Humfress, Stwd.; M. E. Speigel, P.M. 188; Capt. A. Nicols, I.P.M. 1974; W. Game, P.M. 1139; W. A. Vincent, W.M. 1139; W. Craig, P.M. 1425; D. Gellion, P.M. 1425; W. H. Chalfont, W.M. 1425; G. Dickinson, C. H. Wood, W. J. Mason, C. J. Morse, F. Chandler, W. C. Wilson, C. Dopson, M. J. Green, J. Cruttenden, J. Webb, C. R. Wickens, J. M. Chapman, and H. Robinson. Visitor: Bro. C. Vandyk, 1828 and 1017.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was called off and on, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cruttenden being candidate. The W.M. invested the officers. The First and Second Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren, and the Seventh by Bro. Speigel. Bro. Vandyk was elected a joining member.

**WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).**—At the meeting held on the 30th ult., at the Adam and Eve, Palmer-street, Westminster, there were present Bros. J. Greening, W.M.; W. Brindley, S.W.; H. White, J.W.; F. J. Wray, P.M., Preceptor; J. Gibson, Treas.; and S.D.; H. Green, J.D.; J. Holmes, I.G.; Lewis, Stwd.; H. Bond, P.M.; C. Taylor, P.M.; R. Payne, P. Coughlan, G. Perugia, Butler, J. Hiel, W. Balchin, W. Power, H. Polson, and T. W. Harris.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed with Bro. Bond as candidate. Bro. Payne answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. R. Payne as candidate. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree. Bro. R. Payne, S7, was admitted a member of the lodge. Bro. W. Brindley, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and a vote of thanks was unanimously ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for his able conduct of the lodge for the first time. The lodge was then closed. A ballot for a life subscribership was taken during the evening.

At the meeting held on Wednesday last Bro. W. Brindley presided as W.M., and was supported by Bros. J. Gibson,



S.W.; P. Coughlan, J.W.; J. Gibson, Treas.; G. Mussen, Sec.; Grist, S.D.; Poulson, J.D.; Power, I.G.; Lewis, Tyler; Wray, P.M. and Preceptor; Albert Hayes, Adams, Balchin, Swingle, McCullagh, Heil, Newby, Glynn, and Greenway. The lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Balchin candidate. The First and Second Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Wray, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of raising was also rehearsed, Bro. McCullagh candidate.

**EARL OF LATHOM** (No. 1922).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on the 31st ult., at the Station Hotel, Camberwell, there being present Bros. Smith, W.M.; Sims, S.W.; Parkhouse, J.W.; Johnson, Preceptor; Paton, Sec.; also Bros. Eidmans, Thomson, Sutton, Palling, Lecquire, Treacher, and Gill.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Johnson, worked the Second and Third Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Paton acting as candidate. Bro. Lecquire, 1669, was admitted a joining member of the lodge, and Bro. Sims was elected to fill the post of W.M. for the ensuing meeting. Bro. Sims replied, and was pleased to appoint officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had fulfilled his office. Bro. Smith replied and hoped that on some future occasion, when he might be called upon to fill the chair of K.S., he might give the brethren more satisfaction than he felt he had done on that occasion. Bros. Sims and Eidmans were appointed Auditors, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in perfect peace and harmony.

### Royal Arch.

**UNION WATERLOO CHAPTER** (No. 13).—The installation meeting of the above chapter took place on the 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, and was one of the most successful that has taken place for some years past. The grand ceremony of installation was performed by Comp. A. Penfold, P.Z., and P.P.G.P.S. Kent, and under his guidance Comp. J. Scott Mutch was placed in the chair of Z.; J. Wilkins, H.; and G. Kennedy, J.; Comp. R. Gooding was appointed S.E.; Comp. E. West, P.Z., was elected Treas.; Comps. T. Ovensden, S.N.; G. Spinks, P.S.; W. Rickey, 1st Asst. S.; and J. Bilton, 2nd Asst. S. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Penfold for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Officer, and was ordered to be entered on the minutes, and after Comp. Penfold had returned thanks, the chapter was closed in due form.

The companions then adjourned to Comp. De Grey's comfortable hostelry, the Freemasons' Tavern, opposite the Dockyard Station, where a superbly appointed banquet awaited them. Amongst the companions present, besides those above enumerated, were W. Gamble, P.Z.; W. Weston, P.Z.; Col. Richardson, R.E., P.Z. 1331, and P.P.G.R. Herts; R. Pidcock, P.Z. Harlingham; W. B. Lloyd, P.Z. 913; T. Hanlin, P.Z. 1572; R. Edmonds, J. 913; T. R. Richardson, 913; J. Aillud, 829; R. Hodgkinson, H. S. Syer, Rev. C. H. Reilly, W. McInnery, T. West, H. Kerridge, and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The cloth having been cleared, the M.E.Z. gave the usual loyal and Arch Masonic toasts, which were drunk with honours. Comp. West in graceful terms, proposed the health of the M.E.Z. He said they had seen Comp. Mutch in all the minor offices do his work most admirably, and with credit both to himself and the chapter he cordially wished him success and prosperity in his office.

The toast having been drunk with heartiness, Comp. Mutch thanked the companions for the kind manner in which they always received him, and for assembling around him in such numbers that day. He thanked the officers for their attendance, and also the visitors for their hearty support. He re-echoed the kindly wish of Comp. West that they might have a good and prosperous year. There had been a great amendment of the affairs of the chapter during the past year, and he saw every prospect of still further improvement. He trusted that they should be able to do something handsome towards the Charities of the Order. He again cordially thanked the companions, and resumed his seat amid applause.

The M.E.Z. in giving the toast of "The Second and Third Principals," said he felt sure the interests of the chapter were safe in the hands of Comps. Wilkins and Kennedy.

These companions having acknowledged the toast, the health of "The Installing Officer" followed, and in proposing it the M.E.Z. spoke in eulogistic terms of the masterly style in which Comp. Penfold had installed the Principals. He wished him most cordially long life and prosperity.

Comp. Penfold considered it but a part of his duty as a member of the chapter to carry out any work entrusted to him. He was very glad to see the old chapter prospering. It would have been in existence just 57 years on the 7th inst.; and they might imagine that 57 years ago some few companions were cogitating the ways and means to bring it into existence. Comps. Clark, Taylor, and Johnston were the first Principals of the chapter, which had had many vicissitudes of fortune, but he looked forward for the coming year to bring back some of its ancient lustre. The antiquity of a lodge or chapter was generally an evidence of importance, position, and dignity, but sometimes of senility; and he thought they would agree with him that the latter term did not apply to that chapter, for there in that antique chapter they had evidence of both life and vigour. They had an excellent set of Principals and officers, and he wished them every success and prosperity.

The next toast was that of "The Visitors," and in giving it the M.E.Z. deeply regretted that illness prevented their esteemed companion, Captain Eugene Sweny, from attending. He coupled the toast with the names of Comps. Colonel Richardson, Mason, and Pidcock, who severally returned thanks.

The other toasts were "The Past Principals," "The Officers," and Janitor's toast.

Comp. De Grey was complimented upon his excellent catering, and briefly returned thanks, and then the companions adjourned, after a most enjoyable reunion.

**SUNDERLAND.—De Lambton Chapter** (No. 94).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street, on Tuesday evening, 29th ult., E. Comp. M. Frampton, P.Z., presiding. The election of officers for the ensuing year took place as follows: E. Comps. W. Brandt, Z.; J. Hudson, H.; J. R. Smart, J.; T. Henderson, S.E.; Frampton, P.M., Treas.; Comps. J. Rainbow, S.N.; J. C. Moor, P.S.; and J. Brown, Janitor.

**YORK.—Zetland Chapter** (No. 236).—The election meeting of this chapter took place on the 30th ult. There were present E. Comps. A. Buckle, M.E.Z.; Rev. W. Valentine, H.; W. H. Gainforth, J.; J. Todd, P.Z.; T. B. Whytehead, P.Z.; McNay, P.Z.; G. Kirby, S.E.; M. Rooke, S.N.; J. S. Rymer, P.Z.; and others. Two exaltations were effected, after which the election took place, Comps. Rev. W. Valentine, W. H. Gainforth, and M. Rooke being elected to the chairs, and J. Todd, P.Z., to the Treasurership. On the motion of the latter companion, the chapter voted £1 15. to the "Hughan Testimonial Fund."

**YORK.—Eboracum Chapter** (No. 1611).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., when there was a good attendance of members. The chapter having been opened, Comp. T. B. Whytehead, P.Z., proceeded to install Comps. J. T. Sellar as Z., and Geo. Simpson as H. Comp. J. S. Cumberland, P.Z., then installed Comp. M. Millington as J., after which the companions were admitted, and the officers invested as follows: Comps. J. Kay, S.E.; A. T. B. Turner, S.N.; J. S. Cumberland, P.Z., Treas.; W. B. Dyson, P.S.; S. J. Dalton and W. Lackenby, Asst. Sojs.; and P. Pearson, Janitor. A successful ballot was taken for Bro. George Lamb, 1611, and that brother was thereafter exalted by the late Z., Comp. C. G. Padel, the mystical lecture being given by Comp. T. B. Whytehead. Comp. W. Brown, Philanthropic Chapter, 304, was elected a joining member, and Comps. J. Blenkins, W.M. 1611, of the Zetland Chapter, 236, and B. L. Mills, of the Cannongate Kilwinning Chapter, 56 (S.C.) were proposed as joining members. The chapter voted a guinea to the Hughan Testimonial Fund, and the Auditors' report was read, showing a balance in the Treasurer's hands.

After the close of the chapter the members met at supper under the presidency of the M.E.Z., and spent a pleasant evening.

**NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT** (No. 1471).—A convocation was held on Thursday, January 31st, at the Alwyn Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, when Comp. Dean filled the chair of Z., with Comp. Kidder as H., and Comp. Knight as J.; Ratcliffe, S.N.; and Lister, P.S. The chapter adjourned to Thursday, the 14th, owing to the complimentary banquet to Comp. Preceptor T. C. Edmonds at the Holborn Restaurant, on Thursday last.

### Mark Masonry.

**WHITEHAVEN.—Fletcher Lodge** (No. 213).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 25th ult., for the purpose of installing Bro. Thos. Atkinson as W.M. and investing the officers for the ensuing year. After the minutes were confirmed and a candidate had been balloted for and accepted, Bro. Atkinson was installed, and afterwards invested the following as his officers: Bros. Ed. Tyson, Prov. G.J.W., I.P.M.; J. Rothery, S.W. and Sec.; P. Sutherland, J.W.; W. Bewlay, M.O.; Jas. Ramsay, S.O.; J. Moore, J.O.; W. B. Gibson, P.M., P.P.G. S.W., Treas.; B. Grey, S.D.; W. Holloway, J.D.; J. Mills, I.G.; and Thos. Richardson, Tyler. After a vote of thanks had been passed to Bro. George Dalrymple, P.M., G.A.D.C., for acting as Installing Master, the lodge was closed.

### Australia.

[FROM OUR MELBOURNE CORRESPONDENT.]

#### THE GRAND LODGE QUESTION.

In Victoria generally, and Melbourne especially, the Grand Lodge question is now at a standstill, and will remain so pending the receipt of important official communications from England, Scotland, and Ireland. Of course I refer to the present positions of the District and Provincial Grand Lodges, holding under the mother Grand Lodges, two of which are practically without a head. The English district, it is true, has a Grand Master in prospect, in the person of Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Victoria under the Irish Constitution, inasmuch as H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master some months ago offered the post to the popular Victorian baronet, who will be only too happy to accept the same providing his chief, the Duke of Abercorn, be agreeable. Intimation of the latter fact is what we are all anxiously and patiently waiting for; but there is another phase of the question, which I dare say has here been broached amongst the supreme authorities of the old country. It has been urged that, seeing the lodges under the Irish and Scotch Constitutions—the latter, by the way, without a head, also—are so small in numbers, as compared with the English lodges, it would be to the interests of the Craft were some arrangement come to whereby the lodges under the two sister Constitutions amalgamated with England, under one head, and that head Sir William Clarke. There is only one difficulty in the way that I know of, and that in the status of Masters and Past Masters of Scotch and Irish Lodges. Under our English Constitutions an Installed Master belonging to another Constitution has no standing; I mean that he could not be elected to the chair of an English lodge till he had served the office of Warden. And yet, with this disability, a Scotch or Irish Past Master out here is practically on the same footing as an English Past Master; that is to say, he is allowed in all Boards of Installed Masters, whilst every W.M. of a sister Constitution is always accorded the usual honours and courtesies as though he belonged to an English lodge, and the ritual is precisely the same under all three. This, therefore, is our present situation in Victoria, and the universal opinion and hope is that the whole of the English, Scotch, and Irish

lodges may, before long, be welded together under one harmonious whole of the English Constitution.

I should not omit to mention a very significant and graceful act in connection with the opening of a new lodge a fortnight ago. The place is Romsey, a small town about 30 miles from the metropolis, and in the centre of Sir W. J. Clarke's landed possessions. The promoters of the new lodge, by way of compliment to Sir William, suggested that it should belong to the Irish Constitution, he also being one of its founders, but waiving any claim of the kind, the R.W. brother preferred that the dispensation should come from the present acting head of the English district, which was accordingly done, and the Romsey Lodge was consecrated by the English District Officers, in the presence of a large assemblage, inclusive of Sir Wm. Clarke. No fewer than 25 candidates were subsequently initiated into the Craft, under dispensation, so that the new lodge, making the seventy-third under the English Constitution in Victoria, commences most auspiciously. This one circumstance will go far to show the extent of Sir Wm. Clarke's sympathies with a proposed and not at all improbable united English District of Victoria.

We hear very little of the so-called "Grand Lodge" of Victoria just now, and those most likely to know predict that the first year will see the end of a brief and inglorious existence. There are also not wanting signs of some of the "Grand" Officers "clearing out" at the end of their term. They are not by any means a happy family.

At the recent Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Victoria, E.C., a Past Master who went over to the illegally formed grand body was expelled the Craft. His offence consisted in retaining the warrant of a lodge that had not been working for three years, and thus defying the authorities of his district. The lodge in question was the one solitary English lodge that was claimed to have thrown in its lot with the seceders. "Verbum sat."

The District Grand Lodge of Victoria, E.C., has increased the salary of its W. Secretary from £200 to £300 per annum. Seeing that Bro. T. H. Lempriere commenced more than a score years ago at the former figure, and with only 27 lodges, it must be admitted that the increase is well merited.



Miss Minnie Palmer again has come to London after her enormous successes in Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Brighton, and she certainly cannot find any fault with her reception at the Strand. The performances "Our Little Sweetheart"—as she delights to be termed—gave at Islington last September have not satisfied, but only whetted the appetite—if we may use the term—of the London playgoers for more of her. It was rumoured there would be an organised opposition to her at the Strand, owing to some unpleasantness caused at another theatre where a similar entertainment is given, and at first it seemed as if it were true, a slight disturbance taking place owing to the audience being kept waiting half-an-hour for the rise of the curtain. At last, however, the curtain went up, and that to loud and deafening cheers, which continued throughout the evening without any abatement. There can be but little doubt that her 20 weeks at the Strand will be 20 weeks of the finest successes this charming little lady has ever had either in England or America, and we think we are not saying too much when we aver that Miss Minnie Palmer is likely to remain in this country for a long time to come. When she was at the Grand we felt justified, whilst admiring her magnificent talents, still to find fault with some of her mannerisms. We notice with pleasure she has dropped all little vulgarities and yet has not lost any of her sprightliness, but rather increased her hold on the affections of her audience and electrifies them. It is not in her moments of gravity she is seen at her best, but they are few, for liveliness and fun are her forte, and then "she is as beautiful as a peach, dances like a fairy, and sings like a canary." "My Sweetheart" is not a piece it is necessary to describe, but we like it better at the Strand, where the company supporting Miss Palmer are stronger than before, not the least of whom is Miss Eleanor Bufton, the wife of Bro. Arthur Swanborough, who was greeted with loud applause on her appearance on the stage. Mr. Philip Ben Greet produced roars of laughter, and Mr. Hawkins, "a broken down Sport," is another of the popular characters; but Mr. Arnold it is who takes rank next to Minnie Palmer. His singing is delightful to hear either as a soloist or in his duets with "Our Little Sweetheart." The piece is mounted in a tasteful way, the music is pretty, and for this class of amusement nowhere could one go to spend a pleasanter evening. In a word Miss Minnie Palmer has taken the town and almost every one will flock to see her.

Bro. Kendal and Mr. Hare have brought out at their pretty little house—the St. James's—"A Scrap of Paper," which it may be remembered was originally produced by them at the Court in 1876, and again played there in 1879. The cast differs somewhat now, but its interest is as great and its reception quite as enthusiastic. The plot of "A Scrap of Paper" will be, probably, too well known to our readers to need a description here. Bro. Kendal, as originally, plays Colonel Blake, and in this character is the same as ever, manly, amusing, and interesting. Dr. Penguin is rendered by Mr. Hare, and is chiefly to be noted because Mr. Hare is the impersonator, and on account of his wonderful make up, but the comedy gives no opening for the display of the talents of this distinguished and popular actor. Mr. Boucicault, jun., as Archie Hamilton, is the weakest character. He does not seem to grasp what boy love is. He is too artful, instead of being frank and genuine. Miss Linda Dietz, as Lady Ingram, sustains the name she has made here for herself in "A Scrap of Paper;" she has lost none of her charm. But the best character we mention last, for Mrs. Kendal draws one with her tenderness and true womanlike ways of diplomacy. The mounting of the comedy is—as all St. James's pieces are—on an elaborate and tasteful scale. Perhaps the second act is the finest for stage mounting. We hear no rumour of a change of programme at present, but we recommend our friends to see the comedy before the rush of the London season. The Prince and Princess of Wales witnessed the performance on Wednesday evening.



Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, P.G. Chap. Middx., has been re-appointed Examiner at Harrow School, a position which he has now held since 1869.

Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., has been elected Vice-President of the Strangers' Friend Benevolent Society, established in 1785, for visiting the sick and destitute in their own homes.

The North London Chapter of Improvement attached to the Islington Lodge, No. 1471, now meets at the Alwyn Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, every Thursday Evening, at 8 o'clock.

Bro. M. Maybrick was, last evening (Thursday), installed W.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John Messent, P.M., P.G.S.B., was also presented with a beautifully illuminated address. We hope to give a report in our next.

Bro. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, who was accompanied by the Princess Edward and Director-General Dr. Crawford, and attended by a brilliant staff, distributed the prizes at the close of the winter session of the Army Medical School, at Netley, on Monday.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., has accepted the invitation of Lieutenant-Colonel Hozier, commanding the 3rd Kent (Royal Arsenal) Artillery, to distribute the regimental prizes to that corps, at Woolwich, on the 12th inst.

A performance will be given by the Momus Amateur Dramatic Club in aid of the Irish stew dinners of the London Cottage Mission, on Saturday, the 1st prox., at the International Theatre, High Holborn. This deserving charity, which feeds about 800 ragged and starving children every week, deserves the support of all.

An especial Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland is to be held at Marlborough to day (Friday), for the purpose of consecrating a new lodge, to be called the Granite Lodge, No. 2028, of which W. Bro. the Rev. W. Langley, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., is the W.M. designate.

An entertainment to the Old Folks, very kindly provided by Bro. Dr. Strong, was given at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on Thursday, the 24th ult., in honour of the Warden's (Bro. Norris's) birthday, in which Miss Dubois, Miss Owen, Miss Terry, Miss Strong, and Bros. Beckwith, Drummond, Dr. Strong, Everest, Oliver, and Wildman took part. Bro. Tilly and his daughters were also present and kindly assisted. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

The Sheriffs have already gone into training for the efficient performance of their difficult duty of presenting petitions from the Corporation at the Bar of the House of Commons, and can be seen any Saturday morning, from ten to eleven, in the Aldermen's Court Room, practising walking backwards and making the three necessary bows, and going through the usual formula—so trying to a thoroughbred cockney—of saying aloud, "We are desirous to present to this honourable House," without making a muddle of the aspirates.—"Gobemouche" in the City Press.

From "The Life-Boat Journal," the quarterly publication of the Royal National Life-Boat Institution, we gather that the Albert Edward, the Freemasons' life-boat stationed at Clacton-on-Sea, rescued 14 men from a wrecked barque on the 2nd September last; and rendered great assistance in saving two vessels that had gone ashore on the West Gunfleet Sands on the 3rd October and 6th November respectively. We have already referred to the unfortunate occurrence by which the boat lost two of her crew on the 23rd January last. The Prince of Wales has forwarded £5 as a contribution towards the fund now being raised for the relief of the families of the two men drowned.

The members of the Denison Lodge, 1248, Scarborough, are to be congratulated on securing the services of so many eminent Craftsmen as lecturers. The last open lecture, in the Grand Hotel, by Bro. Col. Sir Charles Warren, R.E., on "Palestine" was a great success, and the audience was numerous and most attentive. The collection on behalf of the Palestine Exploration Fund realized £12, and the votes of thanks to Bro. Warren for his able lecture, to Bro. H. J. Morton, I.P.M. 1248, for his energetic services as the medium of the efficient arrangements and attractive programmes, and to Bro. S. Middleton for the use of the oxygen lantern, were all exceedingly well deserved. To other lodges we say "Go, and do thou likewise."

The Godson Lodge of Mark Masters is to be consecrated at Kidderminster on Monday, the 18th inst., by Bro. Augustus Frederick Godson, W.D. Prov. G.M. Warwickshire, assisted by V.W. Bro. Rev. W. Randall, M.A., P.G.C., and R.W. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.W., G. Sec. The three chief officers are Bro. George Taylor, W. Clement Green, and J. W. C. Chadwick; and as the W.M., Bro. Taylor, is the esteemed Prov. G. Sec. of the Craft for Worcestershire, it is quite clear that a prosperous future is before No. 330 on the Roll of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, &c. Sixteen brethren are to be advanced on the day of opening, and certainly if zeal, intelligence, and perseverance can, as it often does, command success, Bro. Taylor, as Master, will have a most prosperous term of office.

The following are the dinners, &c., held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the present week:—Monday, Feb. 4th—City of London Lodge Ball, Lodge of Unions, Caxton Lodge, Urban Chapter, Joppa Lodge. Tuesday, 5th—3rd City of London Rifle Corps Ball, Royal York Lodge, Albion Lodge. Wednesday, 6th—Old Concord Lodge Ball, New Holborn Quadrille Assemblies, Grand Chapter Club, Thursday, 7th—Old Acquaintance Smoking Concert, Bees Cricket Club Ball, St. Andrew's Lodge (I.), St. James's Chapter, Victoria Rifles Lodge (I.), Linnean Club, Westminster and Keystone Lodge. Friday, 8th—Holborn Circus Cricket Club Ball, Britannic Lodge (I.), Bedford Lodge. Saturday, 9th—St. James's Soiree, The Ship Brokers' 2nd Annual Dinner, Duke of Cornwall Lodge, Kildare Bicycle Club Ball.

Bro. L. B. Henderson was on the 31st January appointed Deputy Chief Constable of the County of Sussex (West).

A complimentary banquet to Comp. T. J. Edmonds, Preceptor of the North London Chapter of Improvement, took place yesterday (Thursday) at the Holborn Restaurant, a goodly number of Craft as well as R.A. Masons being present to do honour to our worthy companion.

The Countess of Lathom has had to undergo a severe operation in consequence of an accident to the knee that has confined her to her bed for the last month. Lady Lathom is now progressing towards recovery, but will not be able to move for a long time.

The Pennsylvania Grand Lodge is devising means for reducing the cumbersome nature of its legislative body by requiring a Master of a subordinate lodge to serve for two years before securing permanent membership in the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Geo. Abbott, Superintendent of the Cannon-street Terminus, presided at the second annual dinner of the general committee of the Railway Guards' Universal Friendly Society, at the Holborn Restaurant, on Monday last. Bro. Abbott is the senior past chairman of the society, a post he has held for five years.

At a special meeting of the Newbury Corporation on Monday the Mayor proposed "That the Earl of Carnarvon be invited to accept the office of Lord High Steward of the borough, rendered vacant by the decease of the Earl of Craven." The motion was carried unanimously, the mayor and others speaking of the generous feeling always manifested by Lord Carnarvon towards the town.

The proceedings of the Masonic Veterans of Connecticut, for which we are indebted for a copy to the President, William Wallace Lee, show that 82 were present at the thirteenth reunion at Hartford, June 27th, the oldest of whom was 88 years, and the one who had been longest a mason was made in 1818. There are older masons in the state who were not present.—*Masonic Token*.

The Masonic conversatione and exhibition, which we recently announced as about to be held in York in connection with the York College of Rosicrucians, will take place on Wednesday, the 20th inst. A very large number of interesting objects will be on view, and amongst the most important will be the ancient parchment constitution and minutes of the extinct Grand Lodge of all England, formerly held at York. Master Masons may be present by invitation.

Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke has received a deputation from Scotland appointing him District Grand Master of the D.G. Lodge of Scotland in Victoria. The appointment will be accepted upon the same terms as that to the English Constitution, viz., that the Grand Lodge of Ireland, of which Bro. Clarke is the head here, will approve of his holding the three positions. No reply has yet been received from Ireland, so the matter is not yet finally settled.—*Victorian Freemason*.

An American paper has the following: A circular from Archbishop Lynch was read to-day in all the Roman Catholic churches stating that he had received a letter from Rome asking if it were true that the Freemason Society was recruiting large numbers of Catholics in this province, as reported in the *Freemason's Journal*, and that he had answered that very few Catholics had joined that society, and those only who had neglected their paschal communion and were otherwise irreligious, looking only to worldly gain and not to the eternal salvation of their souls. The circular pointed out the penalties for joining that forbidden society.

We hear from Australia that the Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine have authorised Em. Sir Knight W. F. Lamonby, P.S. Dykes Conclave, No. 36, Cockermouth, to introduce the degree in Melbourne. As he is the only member of the order in the Victorian metropolis, the Council have empowered him to install a sufficient number of Master Masons, after which a petition for a warrant to open a conclave will be sent out. We believe that the title of the conclave will be the Combermere, after the Craft lodge, Royal Arch chapter, and Mark lodge of that name in Melbourne. Up to now the Red Cross degree has been unknown in Australia, although there are several conclaves working in New Zealand. We have little doubt the Combermere Conclave will succeed, and we tender knightly greetings to its promoter.

Our esteemed contemporary *The Keystone*, in an interesting article on the longevity of medical men, somewhat humorously remarks that "judging from the great age of the survivors of the battle of Waterloo, participation in that battle was the surest means of longevity which an Englishman of that day could take. Of course this resource is no longer open to persons desiring to live beyond three-score years and ten, but such persons can accomplish nearly as much by becoming doctors. Twenty-six eminent physicians and surgeons have died in England during the last four years, all of whom were over 80 years of age, and nine of whom were over 90. The two who had attained the greatest age died at 95, and began their profession as army surgeons. These two may possibly have laid the foundation of their longevity at the battle of Waterloo, but however this may be, the fact that English medical men live to a great age is sufficiently established."

One of the principal features in the Evacuation procession in New York was the presence of what is known as the "Old Washington Bible," on which General Washington took the oath of office in Federal Hall on April 30, 1789, as the first President of the United States. This historical relic has since that date remained with, and is now in possession of, St. John's Lodge, No. 1, New York City, it being the oldest Masonic body in that state. The oath of office was administered to Washington by that distinguished jurist and eminent citizen, Chancellor Robert R. Livingston, who at the time was Grand Master of Masons in New York state. St. John's Lodge generously placed this interesting relic at the service of the Continental Guards, composed of the boys of Grammar School No. 68, who, arrayed in Continental uniforms, carried the Bible in the procession, guarded by a committee from the lodge consisting of R. Worshipful O. G. Brady, Worshipful Brothers McDougall, Rose, Corbett, and Brothers John Lowe and Hurd.—*Philadelphia Chronicle*.

Sir Sydney Waterlow, M.P., and Lady Waterlow, who have been making a tour of the world, are now on their way home from India.

On Wednesday evening, at the Guildhall, the Lady Mayoress presented the prizes to the successful competitors among the corps of the Post Office Volunteers.

Bro. W. E. Farrington was installed W.M. of the Brixton Lodge, No. 1949, by Bro. H. Lovegrove, on Saturday last. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., was the outgoing Master. A report will appear next week.

An Exhibition of motors, machinery, tools for artisans, and agricultural implements is to be held at Pesh in 1885. The time for application for space has been extended to the end of April, 1884.

The Grand Master of Virginia was recently asked "What are the duties of a lodge or its members towards a brother who is sick?" Instead of patiently answering the question in a page and a half, he replied by sending a copy of the New Testament to his correspondent.

Bro. Lord Waveney opened the new municipal offices in Ballymena, Ulster, on Saturday last. In the course of his address he said there were not wanting even at the present time indications of a return of peace and prosperity to Ireland.

The "City Press Purse Calendar," 1884, is unique, attractive, and so small as to be easily carried in a purse or pocket-book. The figures are printed boldly in two colours. It may be had gratis upon application to the publisher of the *City Press*.

A donation of £1000 towards the new South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital at Plymouth was received on Wednesday from Sir Massey Lopes, M.P., being the third subscription of the like amount which he has given during the past two years. A sum of £9000 is still required.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has extinguished its Masonic Temple debt, and only owes about 5000 dols. on other accounts. The body named is now moving toward the restoration of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, and its increase to 100,000 dols. This is laudable, and should prove successful.—*Voice of Masonry*.

The Indian papers state that the volcanic dust with which the islands of the Indian Archipelago were so thickly covered by the recent terrible eruptions has proved to possess highly fertilising properties, inasmuch that the crops in general in the islands promise to be extraordinarily productive. It is further stated that the properties of the dust are to be made the subject of careful analysis by experts.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed in the Star Lodge of Instruction, 1275, at the Five Bells, New Cross-gate, S.E., on Saturday, the 23rd inst., by Bro. J. Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, P.P.G.J.W. Herts., P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, &c., Secretary R.M.B.I. The lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock precisely, and brethren are to appear in Craft clothing and morning dress.

It has, I hear, been finally settled that Her Majesty will be present at the marriage of her grand and god daughter, Princess Victoria of Hesse, eldest daughter of the late Princess Alice. The Queen will probably leave Windsor for her villa at Baden-Baden about the third week in March, and will go to Darmstadt on the 15th April, the day fixed for the wedding, returning in the afternoon to Baden-Baden. Among other Royal guests who will be present at the nuptials are the Prince and Princess of Wales, the German Crown Prince and Princess, the Duke and Duchess of Albany, and the Duke of Cambridge.—*Court Circular*.

The actual danger to American Masonry originates from internal causes of an entirely different nature and primarily among them stands non-affiliation and the rigorous and unjust measures assumed for its repression. The Grand Lodge may melt into insignificance or degenerate into contempt, still rest assured it can never be made to explode. That we as Blue Masons are on the road to insignificance and contempt no one can deny, when our Grand Officers discard our ancient and honourable clothing to dazzle the public eye in the borrowed plumage of mock knighthood and of self-fabricated royalty. When the Grand Master of Masons of this State condescends to play second fiddle to a puerile caricature of Frederick the Great, he not only sacrifices the dignity of an exalted position, but brings upon his head the contempt of his Masonic peers in other lands.—*Corner Stone*.

Speaking of the London water supply, the *Sanitary Engineer* (New York) says:—"According to the last monthly return, the average quantity of water supplied to the metropolis per day was 136,525,250 imperial gallons. One-half of this was pumped from the Thames, 35 per cent. was obtained from the Lee, and 12 per cent. from wells in the chalk. The pumping-stations of the companies on the Thames are situated from five to eight miles above Richmond. The average dry-weather flow at this point is about 600,000,000 gallons per day, the lowest volume gauged in one day being 360,000,000 gallons. The maximum volume which the companies have power to abstract from the river is 110,000,000 gallons per day. The area of the Thames basin above the Hampton in-takes is 3676 square miles, and it contains a population of about 1,000,000 persons. The River Lee, which falls into the Thames at Blackwall, has a water-shed of 500 square miles, an average flow of 109,000,000 gallons, and a dry-weather flow of 46,000,000 gallons per day. The two companies which take water from the Lee appear to have the right to appropriate the whole of this volume. It is not probable that the medical and chemical professions will be allowed to decide the fate of the Thames and Lee as sources of supply until they can pronounce with greater unanimity and certainty upon the conditions which determine the suitability of water for potable purposes. The question will rather be settled by a practical and comprehensive view of the history of the water, of the physical characteristics of the river basins, and of the sanitary arrangements which obtain in the villages and towns."

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# METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS, For the Week ending Saturday, February 16, 1884.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

- Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall  
 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.  
 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot., High Holborn.  
 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.  
 1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.  
 1670, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.  
 1789, Ubique, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.  
 1790, Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath.  
 1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow.  
 1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington  
 Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.  
 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 Mark 173, Temple, Green Dragon, Stepney.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.  
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.  
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 West Smithfield, Clarence Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.  
 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.  
 Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.  
 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, FEBRUARY 12.

- Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.  
 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.  
 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.  
 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
 834, Ranelagh, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W.  
 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.  
 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.  
 1614, Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly.  
 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
 1668, Samson, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.  
 1769, Clarendon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.  
 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tav.  
 255, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond.  
 Supreme Council 33, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
 K.T. Precept. 140, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

## LODGES 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.  
 Varborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.  
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.  
 Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.  
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.  
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.  
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.  
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.  
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head Tav., Essex-rd., N., at 8.  
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.  
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.  
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.  
 West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.  
 Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.  
 Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.  
 Mount 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  
 Earl of Carnarvon Chapter of Improvement, Ladbroke  
 Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

- General Committee Benevolent Institution, at 4.  
 Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.  
 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.  
 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.  
 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth.  
 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse.  
 1228, Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
 1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.  
 1305, St. Marylebone, Langham Hot., Portland-pl., W.  
 1306, St. John, City Arms Tav., St. Mary Axe.  
 1349, Friars, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.

- Lodge 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav.  
 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., U. Norwood.  
 1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Oakley-st., Chelsea.  
 1718, Centurion, 8, Air-st., Regent-st., W.  
 1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hot., High Holborn  
 Chap. 857, St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
 1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Mark, Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 Supreme Council 33, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
 Rose Croix Chap. 1, Grand Metropolitan, The Criterion, Piccadilly.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., S.  
 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, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, S.  
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.  
 La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.  
 United Strength, Hope Tav., 179, Stanhope-st., Regent's Park, at 8.  
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.  
 Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel Road, at 8.  
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.  
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.  
 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.)  
 Creation, 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 S.  
 Camden Chapter, Boston Hot., Holloway, at 3.30 p.m.  
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.  
 Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at S.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

- Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.  
 206, Friendship, Ship & Turtle Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
 238, Pilgrim, F.M.H. (worked in German language.)  
 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.  
 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., W.  
 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury, N.  
 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.  
 1708, Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley.  
 1791, Creation, Freemasons' Hall.  
 1804, Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow.  
 1987, Strand, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden.  
 Chap. 554, Varborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.  
 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Ha., Notting-hill.  
 Mark 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.  
 K.T. Precept. 117, New Temple, Inner Temple, London.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
 Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.  
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.  
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.  
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.  
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.  
 Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.  
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.  
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate, S.W., at 8.  
 Great Northern, Berwick, Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
 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.  
 Lonsborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.  
 Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.  
 North London Chap., Alwyn Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.  
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

- Board of Stewards Benevolent Festival, Freemasons' Hall, 4.  
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-st., St. James's.  
 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.  
 1704, Anchor, Cannon-st. Hot.

- Lodge 1962, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 Chap. 92, Moira, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 Rose Croix Chap. 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
 K.T. Precept. 45, Temple Crossing, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.  
 Robert Burns, North Pole, 387, Oxford-st., W., at S.  
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at S.  
 Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.  
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at S.  
 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 S.  
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at S.  
 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 S.  
 Ubique, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30.  
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.  
 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 S.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.  
 1641, Crichton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.  
 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.  
 Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.  
 Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at S.  
 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 LAN- CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, February 16, 1884.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

- 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, Fernor, 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, FEBRUARY 12.

- Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.  
 293, King's Friends, Lamb Inn, Nantwich.  
 322, Peace, Warren Bulkeley Arms, Stockport.  
 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, Lion, M.R., Birkenhead.  
 Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

- Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
 323, Concord, Florist Hot., Stockport.  
 430, Fidelity, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.  
 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.  
 1140, Ashton, Victoria Hot., Withington.  
 1356, Toxteth, M.R., North Hill-street, Liverpool.  
 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.  
 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
 1715, Arthur John Brogden, M.H., Grange-over-Sands.  
 Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Mark 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.  
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

- 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 M.H., Liverpool.  
 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.  
 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
 Mark 268, Lathom, M.H., Southport.  
 Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Antient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

- Lodge 1357, Cope, Brooklands Hot., Sale.  
 Mark 105, Egerton, Rock Hot., Rock Ferry.

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