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WE remarked in our last issue that many of the provinces were not yet represented as Stewards for the Girls' School. We beg to urge on all provinces and our readers generally the propriety and duty of strengthening the hands of the authorities of the Girls' School, and increasing the numbers of the Stewards. Let all our good friends who feel an interest in our most admirable Institution *send in their names at once* to Bro. HEDGES. "Bis dat, qui cito dat," is a familiar adage, and no one can realize, except those "behind the scenes," the intense help it is to the Secretaries to receive names as soon as possible, and not at the last moment, amid a thousand pressing calls on their time, thoughts, and energy, to have to accept the tardy announcement of some good brother, who sends in his name at the eleventh hour, and thinks he is in "capital time," and wonders why the Secretary, generally so affable and communicative, has little to say to him, and evidently does not mean to say more than he can help. We therefore beg to press on the many readers of the *Freemason* that, if they are thinking of becoming Stewards, and of supporting a popular young nobleman and a very good cause, let them cease to think, and act. Let them write to the office without further delay, and their courteous consideration will be duly appreciated by one of their hard-worked brethren. When we think what the Secretaries of the Institutions did 30 years ago and what they have to do now, we are lost in admiration.

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THE provincial movement for the support of our Charities has become a great fact, and must be a still greater "factor" in the future of our striking charitable Institutions. Some of us who were privileged to see its initial steps practically have watched the onward progress of that truly Masonic effort with pleasure and with pride. No more truly Masonic endeavour ever was made on higher principles or with a better aim. And it has been justly successful; and as nothing is so successful as success, it becomes a source of gratification and feature of encouragement to us all alike. Let us take, for instance, what West Yorkshire has done in this direction, and we shall be glad to publish the returns of other provinces in succession. The present West Yorkshire Charity Committee was formed in 1859-60, being an extension of a small Committee in 1849, after Bro. J. SYMONS and Bro. J. HORWOOD's visit to Sheffield, by the joint motion of Bro. R. R. NELSON and Bro. A. F. A. WOODFORD. From that time, despite some peculiar difficulties it had at first to contend with, until 1871 it sent up to the Charities £8700. In an official publication of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee of 1870 it would seem that up to that date £1836 12s. had been sent to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, of which about £600 in round numbers had been forwarded from 1842 to 1860, leaving £1200 as the result of the work of the Charity Committee for 10 years. During the same decennial period £6174 had been sent up to the Girls' School, of which certainly £5500 had come from the Charity Committee of 1860. £2415 had been sent to the Boys' School from 1860 to 1870, of which sum nine-tenths was contributed during that period. Thus the formation of the Charity Committee had wonderfully increased the support of the province to the Metropolitan Charities. From 1871 to 1883, since Bro. H. SMITH has been the active Secretary, it has forwarded as follows: Benevolent Institution, £8757 9s.; Girls' School, £7505 16s.; Boys' School, £8722 12s.; in all, £24,985 17s. If we add to this £24,985 17s., the sum of £8700 from 1860 to 1870, we make the remarkable amount of £33,685 17s. in 24 years. And though the previous amounts from 1842 to 1849 down to 1860 were not to be altogether forgotten, and might reflect in some sense the status and efforts of the Order generally then, the result since 1860 must be admitted to be most striking, most salutary, and most commendable.

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WE think it right and seasonable for special reasons to call attention to what in our view constitutes a mournful craze for "ineffable degrees," and for the wonderful terminology and nomenclature of the rites of Memphis and Mizraim. Latterly two works have come under our notice, namely, "Le Sanctuaire de Memphis ou Hermes," by E. J. MARCONIS DE NEGRE, and

the "Rameau d'Or. d'Eleusis," by the same author, T. E. MARCONIS. A cursory or a fuller study of these works must convince the Masonic Student that despite the claim of oriental wisdom or Hermetic antiquity the works are essentially modern in idea, in verbiage, and in developement, and that they constitute simply, as far as we can safely predicate of anything, an arrangement and adaptation of the eighteenth century. Whether the rites of Mizraim and Memphis are one and the same thing, or slightly altered and modified by differing and antagonistic Hierophants, is a matter we leave to be settled by those who are interested in such controversies. But one thing is clear, (and if any doubt us, as editing a Craft newspaper, let them open the *Masonic World* of Boston, U.S., an organ of the Rite of Memphis), both these Rites are doing much mischief by the ceaseless quarrels they are cultivating, the door they have opened to impostors and charlatans, to those who trade on spurious degrees, and, above all, by the painful manner in which they play on the weakness and vanity of Masons in high titles, magnificent rank, and tinsel decorations. We do not affect to contend that the Rites of Memphis or Mizraim may not lawfully exist; but there is so much mystery as to their creation and continuance, so much doubt as to their reality and history, that we really think they are doing more harm than good, at any rate, especially if the *Masonic World* of Boston is to be taken as a true exponent of their system and proclivities. We always wish to be fair and tolerant, to "live and let live." We never quarrel with the views or tastes of others, because our "doxy" is not the "doxy" of others, and we dislike greatly any proceedings which savour of bigotry, tend to exclusiveness, or end in anathemata and excommunication. Having said this we leave the matter where it is. We are ourselves inclined to think that if High Grades are to exist and flourish, as they most undoubtedly do just now, they have a legitimate head and governing authority in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and we regret to note the very unjustifiable manner in which that very peaceable and friendly body as amongst us in England is attacked constantly in publications which profess to express the sentiments of dissident organizations, and which are neither marked by consistency of logic, or sentiments of charity, or the commonest teachings of Masonic sympathy and goodwill.

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THE *Canadian Craftsman* complains of our English "justification" for the recent invasion of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec by the Grand Mark Lodge of England, that said Mark Lodges are only for English Masons. Suppose the Grand Lodge of New York warranted a lodge in London for American gentlemen who desired to be brought to light, or the Grand Encampment of the United States issued a charter to certain American Knights Templar in Toronto or Edinburgh for American Royal Arch Masons, would that prove a *justification* for such a flagrant breach of Masonic etiquette and courtesy? We must observe, in the first place, that there is no analogy between the cases; they are not "on all fours." The Montreal lodges held their position by virtue of an open and deliberate "Concordat," which cannot be repudiated, and as there are lawful English Masons in Canada holding to the English system, the English Grand Mark Lodge is simply, really, and truly following out the English system, which is more approved by these English brethren than the Canadian system in respect to the Mark, &c. As we have said before, unless "estopped" in a court of Masonic law and honour, by the special terms of the recognition, there is nothing illegal or unreasonable under all the facts of the case in the English Grand Mark Lodge seeking to carry out the English Mark system for English Masons lawfully existing in Canada. We are sorry to read all the "talutin" and "bunkum" about indifference to colonial Masons and antagonism to colonial interests. The able remarks of our GRAND REGISTRAR in respect of the so-called Grand Lodge of Victoria are an answer complete and clear to all such unfounded allegations. If the English lodges in Victoria or elsewhere approve of the "independent" theory, the Grand Lodge of England will not, it is clear, any longer "stop the way." We rejoice to note our GRAND REGISTRAR's crushing exposure of the absurdity and hollowness of the "three lodges" theory.

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WE note that our veteran and amiable friend Bro. ROB MORRIS has delivered his views on the Quebec question. We take from it these three salient passages: "I thank you for the proclamation. Of course the Quebec Masons are right according to 'the American theory,' which indeed is the only one that is fraternal and Masonic and will hold water. Our transatlantic companions hold on as tenaciously as snapping turtles to their claims. Those of us who remember the Canadian-English quarrel of 1855-57 see the same theory revived now. But the English will have to give way, for we Americans far outnumber them, and our jurisprudence is far ahead

of theirs." We must all be amused by the quiet dogmatism of our distant brother. But we cannot find it in our heart to do more than "make a note of it." With all our admiration for our American brethren, we should not have said offhand that their "jurisprudence"—Masonic is meant of course—is their strong point. We are rather inclined to think that more amusingly contradictory enunciations might be collected from their GRAND MASTERS' decisions than from any similar body of men. And so it will be until they have a national and final Court of Appeal. We see that our brother concludes with a prophetic declaration—"You may be sure that every Grand Chapter in the United States will endorse Quebec, and that, too, very promptly." Is it too presumptuous in us to doubt this effective prophecy? Yet we do. And even if it were so, we are still of opinion that the question at issue is utterly worthless in itself, and had far better be left to the silent efflux and solemn influence of Time.

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WE so heartily agree with the remarks of our able contemporary, the *Graphic*, on one of the crying evils of the hour, the work and outcome of so-called special agency, that we are glad to transfer to our pages, for those who do not see the *Graphic*, words as forcible as they are most timely: "Private Inquiry Offices now play so large a part in our social arrangements, that in cases of this sort our indignation must be directed rather against the persons who misuse these institutions than against the agencies themselves. There is competition in this as in other trades; and the private detectives are, after all, no more unscrupulous than those who employ them. A man goes to the Private Inquirer, pays for information, and expects to get it promptly, without troubling himself as to how it will be got. Generally it is information not easy to procure, or it would not be paid for; and often the purchaser knows quite well, from having made some bungling attempts of his own, that it cannot be obtained in any legitimate manner. But to be mean, untruthful, or treacherous vicariously, appears to some men to be no sin at all. It is a queer sort of conscientiousness, and reacts upon the detective who, by a comfortable process of reasoning, comes to think that a lie is no lie if he has been paid to tell it."

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WE shall all be deeply saddened by the news from the Soudan, though proud of the unconquerable gallantry of our soldiers and blue jackets. It is, however, lamentable to realize how many noble lives have been thrown away in a struggle in which there is no glory, and in warfare which seems to have no aim. If this loss of life had occurred in recovering Europeans or suppressing the slave trade, the feelings of all Englishmen would be very different, but as it is, it is, and must be, with most mournful sentiments and regretful sympathies we sum up the long and awful list of killed and wounded.

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NOT long ago we in the *Freemason* reviewed a remarkable work of Mr. ELTON, now member for Somersetshire, on the law of "Gavelkind." He has long been known to be one of the greatest authorities extant on the land laws. At his first "debut" in the House of Commons he spoke four times in one night, and was well received, patiently listened to, and heartily applauded. He has, therefore, taken a place amidst our legislators, and we hope from time to time to hear his voice. The House listened to him evidently because he knew what he was talking about. We congratulate him upon his well-deserved success.

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UNFORTUNATELY just now we read of persons taking up the public time and putting the SPEAKER'S patience and courtesy to a severe strain, who not only do not know what they are talking, but have nothing worth saying, nothing to instruct or edify a human being. It is appalling to note the waste of precious hours, it is afflicting to realize the sufferings of those who assemble for business, not mere "talkee talkee." The windbags are many, moonshine abounds, and time is wasted in our great "Talking House." There is a story told in one of our contemporaries of an ingenious "Frenchman" who is "trying to make a donkey talk." But the commentator adds, and adds truly, "what we want now are those who will teach donkeys *not* to talk."

### BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice-President, in the absence of Bro. Joshua Nunn, presided. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, took the chair of Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., that of the Junior Vice-President. The other brethren present were

Bros. F. R. Spaul, G. P. Britten, Henry Garrod, Geo. P. Gillard, Edward F. Storr, John Noble, Charles Dairy, Henry J. P. Dumas, Charles F. Hogard, Thomas Cull, H. O. Aveline Maybery, Wm. P. Brown, R. Payne, J. P. Fitzgerald, F. T. C. Keeble, E. G. Lewis, T. Tomsett, John Chadwick, J. Hart, A. H. Lilley, J. Arthur Allison, W. M. Bywater, R. J. Rastrick, Henry Cox, Henry Dalwood, W. G. Daniels, A. J. Vanderlyn, John L. Mather, E. T. Budden, T. W. Ockenden, Edwd. Witt, Thos. Harper, W. M. Amoe, A. Nicols, L. A. Hart, Wm. Hamlyn, W. Fielder, W. H. Honey, T. Drew Bear, L. G. Langdon, Samuel Patey Spiers, George Jno. Moorcroft, Edwin Walker, F. Flodden, Charles Kempton, David D. Mercer, C. Breden, C. E. Peaker, Edward Bridges, W. J. Spratling, Thos. Bull, John H. Southwood, Wm. Ball, J. H. Taylor, E. Squirrel, and Thos. Gardener.

The Board first confirmed recommendations made at the February meeting to the extent of £245. The new list contained no less than 40 cases, including five deferred from previous meetings. Fifteen of these were from London lodges, one from Rotterdam, one from Bombay, one from Montreal

and one from Malta. The remainder were from the English provinces. Seven of these cases were deferred, not being complete, and one case was dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total of £890.

The Board sat nearly four hours.

### THE COMING GRAND LODGE FESTIVAL.

The Grand Stewards for the year are energetically making preparations for the Grand Festival on the 30th proximo, at which it is hoped the Pro Grand Master will preside. In the able hands of Bro. J. W. Fuller, of No. 1 Lodge, as President; Bro. H. N. Mills, of Lodge 2, as Treasurer; and Bro. Abner Torkington, of Lodge 60, as Secretary, the duties of executive will be thoroughly carried out, and we shall look forward to a most successful gathering. The following six brethren have been unanimously elected to serve the office of ladies' Grand Stewards: Bros. F. W. Smith, 58; J. D. Mackenzie Von Dadelzen, 29; E. H. Burnell, 197; Thos. Francis Peacock, 21; H. Truman Wood, 99; and J. R. F. J. Claridge, 6.

### STEPHEN MORIN.—A STUDY.

Of Stephen Morin not much is known actually, except that he is said to have been a Hebrew, and to have received a commission in 1761 from a High Grade body at Paris, or two bodies conjointly. He is said to have died at St. Domingo, where he was alive in 1790. There was a family of Morin at Bordeaux, but little is positively known of its antecedents or its subsequent pedigree. It is very doubtful whether Morin was a Hebrew at all. He was admitted into the "Rite of Perfection" at a time when it was rigidly Christian and Trinitarian, and there is no available evidence of the fact. The statement seems mostly used "in invidiam." His famous patent was given to him not by the Grand Lodge of France, not by the Council of the Emperors of the East and the West, not by these two conjointly, or any two conjointly, as some French writers allege, but simply by the "Grand and Sovereign Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem," &c., and which has been most unwisely confounded with the Grand Lodge of France by Findel, Thory, and later writers, without any reality or historical evidence whatever, except the mere use of the words "Grand Lodge." It is no doubt true that all the persons who signed Stephen Morin's patent were at one time members of the Grand Lodge of France, (which body professed to govern only the three Degrees of Symbolical Masonry), but at this time the Grand Lodge of France was in confusion and practically "en sommeil." The Grand Lodge of "Perfection" had been formed about 1758-59, and professed to be the sovereign head of all regular lodges of "Perfection." There is a statement constantly made that in 1766 the Grand Lodge of France cancelled the patent delivered in 1761. But the statement is positively unfounded and absurd, for these reasons. The Grand Lodge of France could not cancel a patent which it did not issue, and an American assertion that the Grand Orator of the "Grand Orient," which was not formally proclaimed until December 17th, 1772, could verify minutes of a body in 1766, from which he had seceded, and which that body had never issued at all, is one of those absurd illustrations of Masonic "muthos" and overhanded inaccuracy which seem sometimes to give point to Mr. Hallam's allegations, that "mendacity" too often distinguishes Masonic writers, whichever side they take. The matter is so ridiculous that we had better leave it where it is.

There is, undoubtedly, a great deal of uncertainty and confusion about the true history of French High Grade Masonry. But this one thing is clear. Stephen Morin's patent is the legitimate patent of a lawful body, was never revoked, and is the foundation of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in America and England and elsewhere. The 25 degrees which Stephen Morin took out with him were expanded, it is said, as between 1761 and 1801. But this assertion rests on the argument and theory, which are now proved to be erroneous, that Stephen Morin received his patent from the Council of the Emperors of the East and the West, whereas he only received it from the G. and S. Lodge of Perfection. The words of his patent are "tous les grades parfaits et sublimes," and as the nomenclature of the grades under the Council of the Emperors was not necessarily identical with that of the Grand Lodge of Perfection, we could never see, we cannot now see, any real difficulty in the policy and fact of expansion and developement, readjustment and rearrangement. All the attacks on Stephen Morin and his patent, and the results of his mission, proceed either from partizan or hostile writers, animated with the most bitter feelings against the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and anxious to palm of their high-sounding titles or meretricious wares on the credulous, the ignorant, and the vain. I wish it were possible to say more about Stephen Morin, but though much has been written, very little is known; and I have preferred to put down the real for what is imaginary, the fact for what is fiction.

LIBRARY.—The importance of a lodge library has long been realised by all Masonic students. Unfortunately, for some years this need has not been felt in English Masonry; but latterly a movement has happily begun to establish Masonic libraries. Our German and American brethren are ahead of us in this respect, for our Grand Lodge has no library worthy of the name, and those of our lodges are few and far between. We are glad to remember a recent effort at Sheffield under the zealous direction of Bro. S. B. Ellis, a rising Masonic archaeologist, to establish a library for the distinguished lodges of that well-known town; and similar institutions in Leicester, Hull, &c., we are pleased to hear are flourishing. The library of the S. G. Council 33°, of London, we are told, is a very fine and valuable one, estimated, at least, at £2000.—*Kenning's Cyclopadia of Freemasonry*

## AN ORATION

DELIVERED BY BRO. THE REV. R. J. SIMPSON, P.G.C.,  
AT THE CONSECRATION OF THE ABBEY LODGE,  
WESTMINSTER, NO. 2030, MARCH 4TH.

Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren,—We meet to-day in this City of Westminster under not only very auspicious, but interesting circumstances. The noble and venerable pile from which this lodge takes its name, and around which crowd so many national and sacred memories; this hall in which we are met, uniting such skill and beauty in design, adorned with the scenes of other days so exquisitely and panoramically grouped around us—the honoured and historical name borne by the first Master of this lodge, associated as it is not only with the dignity and prosperity, but with the religious progress and bountiful Charities of Westminster; a name munificently and eloquently illustrated by the noble lady who has so gracefully addressed us to-day; and last, though not least, the ancient as well as the modern landmarks of our Order, which mark the Masonic history of this city, all supply us with a chain of auguries, by which, as by so many golden links, the glorious past is bound to the happy present, and point, as I trust in God may prove to be the case, to a prosperous future for the Abbey Lodge. As our Masonic forefathers worked for us, so let us work for ourselves, as well as for those who shall succeed us when we have fallen asleep, and who shall rejoice in this lodge, so happily situated in every way, as in a model home of English Masonry. A home—a sacred home—where our holy rites may be duly performed in the solemn repose of a holy place, set apart for such high purposes; a home which shall be a type for the lodges of England, and which, while in no way preventing the happy social intercourse that I trust may ever mark our festive gatherings in their proper place, shall secure a sacred enclosure for those most solemn and beautiful ceremonies which have regard to that Grand Master on High, whom Jacob adored at Bethel and Solomon worshipped on the hill of Zion.

And as in the material, so in the moral and intellectual world we hope to do our part in our generation. It has been well observed by an eminent writer that, "subject to certain cycles of partial revolution, every generation of man is a labourer for that which succeeds it, and makes an addition so that great sum total of achieved results which may in commercial phrase be called the capital of the race." Every generation of men as they traverse the vale of life are bound to accumulate new treasures for the race, and thus leave the world (as far as they are concerned at least) richer than they found it. Of the mental portion of this treasure no small part is stored. The Greeks perhaps had the largest ideas upon the training of man, and produced samples of our race with gifts unsurpassed. But the nature of man, such as they knew it, was scarcely at all developed; nay, it was stunted in its supreme capacity in its relations to the Great Architect of the Universe and the Father of Spirits. Hence, as in the visions of the Prophet so upon the roll of history, the imposing fabrics of ancient civilisation have never endured. Greece has bequeathed to us her ever-living tongue and the undying labours of her intellect. Rome made ready for a later age the germs of polity and law; but the bright collection of endowments which goes to form civilisation having no root in itself could not weather the storms of time and change. But there is a community that has weathered all these storms. Taking its rise in the earliest ages, founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue, it has pursued an onward course from age to age, a 3000 years' tale not yet full told. But there was light along all its course; a light to those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, guiding their feet into the way of peace, and pointing the pathway to a happier land.

Yes, brethren, Freemasonry can boast not only a most remote origin, but a most glorious career; like a golden thread in some texture of beauty, it has run through the varying fabric of human thought, and, like the great river of Egypt, it has wound its devious way through many a land, overflowing and fertilising the nations in its course; meeting with various forms of religious belief and civil government, it has allied itself to all in proportion as each system was disciplined by order, practised in virtue, and founded on truth. Breaking through the fetters of mere human systems, it has ever boldly proclaimed those great cardinal truths which cherish virtue and point to Heaven. Salted with perpetual life, it has passed through the terrors of heathen darkness, mediæval corruption, and modern Atheism. It has kindled true freedom of thought.

"That freedom of mind which no vulgar dominion,  
Can turn from the path a pure conscience approves;  
Which, with hope in the heart and no chain on the pinion,  
Holds upward its course to the light that it loves."

Hence it is that Freemasonry has had to encounter many formidable foes; hence especially has our Order been denounced by superstition and been persecuted by intolerance; but like the granite promontory it stands unmoved among the wild ravings of fanaticism which surge around it, only to be hurled back into their native foam. Unhappy is he who in his morose bigoted self-sufficiency can see nothing but evil in the history of humanity, and who overlooks all those conceptions of truth and of good—all those kind and beautiful affections which God has interwoven with our frame, and which throw almost a divine glory over the most clouded features of the history of our kind; or who beholds only in that varied and wonderful history the traces of a ruined being, and to pray as its noblest consummation that all its future pages may exhibit the aspiring faculties of human genius, bound down under one narrow system of contracted thought, and the natural flow of human affections creeping on in one dull and artificial channel! Nor does the blood of the natural man freeze in the veins when the sublime principles of faith are impressed upon the soul, but continues to flow as before through their multiplied windings; neither is it meant that these principles of a higher character should impede one rush of genuine affection—an legitimate employment of our intellectual powers—or even one innocent play of fancy; but that they should guide them all to right ends and guard them with the shield of their own peculiar sanctity. Freemasonry rejoices in these principles, it addresses itself to every description of men, and hides the poor under the shadow of its wings from the ills and injuries of life. It is equally suited to the north, the south, the east, the west—all are interested in its beautiful lessons of brotherly love and all treasure its contemplations of immortal life.

Ours is indeed a glorious fabric! founded in strength,

ordered by wisdom, and adorned with beauty! For, say, brethren, what institution can have a firmer foundation than the volume of God's sacred law? And why is this so, independent of its own claim? Because it sanctions all that experience teaches us respecting the natural powers of the mind. It leads us up in grateful thoughts to Him who bestowed the principles of life at the first, and who continues to impart them through successive generations. It enhances its value by asserting and proving its immortality. It renders the man useful to society by cherishing the love of goodness and encouraging hatred to vice, by unveiling the future destination of the spirit to eternal happiness as the reward of piety, or to eternal misery as the just judgment of sin, and thus affords a more powerful guard of virtue and barrier against vice than all the laws society could impose. He then that is an enemy to sacred truth is an enemy to himself. He is extinguishing so far as he can the light which is sent to guide him home and to absorb the feeble rays of reason and of nature, and he is refusing the only cup of consolation which is a true antidote to the bitterness of sorrow. But he is an enemy to mankind, for he is robbing society of the cement which holds it together, of the source of its intelligence, its happiness, its glory. And he who is the enemy of the Man is the enemy of God; for He is the Parent as well as the Architect of the Universe—He stamped human nature with his image, and He loves it still. Yes, brethren; this sacred volume is our foundation-stone, which, while it records a thousand blessings for the present, points out to every wandering child of Adam "the path of life." And if truth lies at the foundation, wisdom has raised the superstructure of our house. No one of thoughtful mind and who has studied Freemasonry to any extent can have failed to "observe the connection of our whole system as well as the relative dependence of its several parts," the great objects brought out in the various implements of art, the lessons taught by our traditional histories, the significance of every ornament that adorns our lodges, all these are striking emblems of blessed verities—outer things mutely symbolising the highest duties of social life, and the deepest truths connected with our inner life. Never can we witness a brother raised to the degree of a Master Mason without feeling a divine call to a higher life—without at least being deeply moved by the solemnities of a ceremony which for impressiveness and instruction is second to none in this lower world.

And is not our house not only strongly founded and wisely built, but beautifully adorned? Are not purity of thought, integrity of life, benignity of manner, and, above all, sweet charity, the beautiful garments with which a true Mason is invested? Oh! how lovely is this charity! It constitutes the highest dignity of human nature, it elevates and refines our feelings, it calms the storms of passion, it causes men to look with kindness on each other, and to view no one as a stranger whose joys we can heighten, whose wants we can supply, or whose sorrows we can soothe. No distinction of rank will affect its operation; it will consider no object as beneath its notice that can be benefited by its exertions, and no task to be mean by which it can promote human happiness. Where would be the boasted dignity of reason if employed only to promote narrow selfish views? Where the glory of that knowledge which never of itself advised or comforted another? And where the honour of that power which never promoted indigent merit or wiped a tear from the mourner's eye? A fiend may possess a higher degree of reason, more knowledge and more power than the wisest and best of men; destitute of charity he is the more to be dreaded, not revered. Who would esteem the man of rank whose haughty selfish spirit could never smile on modest worth? Of what avail is wealth imprisoned in the rusty coffers of the miser, or wantonly squandered away in the dissipation of the prodigal? Who would value our influence if never employed in promoting the prosperity of others? If such gifts are made subservient to personal advantage, they only show that we want the spirit and inclination to enjoy that greatest of all luxuries—the luxury of doing good. And do not the tenets of our venerable Order ever point in this direction? Are not our glorious Charities practical illustrations of these truths? Yes!

Brethren, to bind up the broken hearted, to extricate the willing worker from misfortune's grasp, to rescue the helpless and the orphan from the prospect of want or ruin, to comfort the widow in affliction's hour, and to afford a peaceful home to the aged and deserving, in the evening of their days; these are objects worthy of the regard of every Mason who values the delight of blessing others, the respect due to himself, the honour of the Craft, and, above all, the approbation of God. And, as the child is father to the man, let us as Masons give special diligence to foster education in its highest sense, and while storing the mind and exercising the intellect, ever remember as men, as Englishmen, or as Masons, that there are weapons and an armour still more necessary for the battle of life, and that it is not so much in what we have as in what we are, that our true greatness consists.

Let us educate the child, that when in future days he feels himself alone among the crowd, when he is for a moment disheartened by that difficulty which is the rude and rocking cradle of all excellence, when he is conscious of the pinch of poverty and self-denial, he should be conscious too that a sleepless eye is watching him from above; that his honest efforts are assisted; that his prayers are heard; that all things are working together for his good. Is not this the life of faith, of hope, of duty, which light up for us the cheerless world, and transfigures all that we encounter (whatever be its outer form) with hues brought down from heaven and finally leads us through the valley of dark shadow "to shine as the stars for ever and ever."

If thus, brethren, we hold to the great principles of our Order, "adding to our faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge temperance, to temperance brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity," then shall we hand down something in our generation to bless and enrich our Craft, our country, and our kind. Systems may change, customs may vary—nay, empires may rise or fall, we shall still, keeping in view the ancient landmarks and "the bright morning star," go on our way rejoicing; rejoicing in the spread of truth, of virtue, of charity; rejoicing in the diffusion of that peace and goodwill which shall really conduce to the brotherhood of nations; rejoicing in the mitigation of human suffering, in the alleviation of human sorrow, in the elevation of human thought; then, having passed through the apprenticeship of human discipline, having had fellowship in the work of restoration, having mastered the lower passions and affections of human nature, having, in fact, finished the work given us to do, we shall exchange these lodges or tents we now inhabit for eternal "mansions"

not made with hands, which the Great Architect has prepared; and we shall enter on the possession of that promised land, where the good and faithful workman shall rejoin the companions of his former toils, shall rest from his labours, and shall receive his "great reward."

## THE CHARGE OF THE BLUE BRIGADE.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH MARCH, 1884.

Half a step, half a step,  
Half a step onward.  
All through the ante-room,  
Pressed the Six Hundred.  
Forward the "Blue" Brigade!  
Charge for the keys, they said:  
Into the vestibule  
Strode the Six Hundred.  
Forward the "Blue" Brigade!  
Was there a hot tirade?  
Not tho' the "huge mob" knew,  
The "Purple" had blunder'd:  
Theirs not to deign reply,  
Theirs not to stultify,  
Theirs but to reason why:  
Into Freemasons' Hall  
Strode the Six Hundred.  
Collars to right of them,  
Collars to left of them,  
Collars in front of them,  
Dazzled unnumber'd;  
Seats all fill'd up so well,  
Boldly they came pell-mell;  
Till, with no pause for breath,  
Eager the ranks to swell,  
Stood some three hundred.  
Flash'd all their jewels rare,  
Flash'd their white gloves in air,  
Scaring the "big guns" there,  
Charging a caucus, while  
All the "churls" wonder'd:  
"Marshall" the name they spoke,  
Ground to the right they broke,  
Faction and Renegades  
Reeled from the scathing stroke  
Scattered and sunder'd.  
Then they strode back, but not—  
Not the Six Hundred.  
Craftsmen to right of them,  
Craftsmen to left of them,  
Craftsmen behind them,  
Shouted and thunder'd;  
Storm'd at with scoff and yell,  
While hoarse, as all can tell,  
They that had done so well,  
Came, after pause for breath,  
Back from the wrestling spell,  
All who'd not left of them—  
Left of Six Hundred.  
When can their vict'ry fade?  
Oh! the grand change they made!  
All the Craft wonder'd.  
Honour the charge they made!  
Honour the principle sav'd,—  
Loyal Six Hundred.

N. B. HEADON.

## PRESENTATION TO A PRECEPTOR.

The members of the Wanderers Lodge of Instruction, No. 1604, met at the Adam and Eve, York-street, Westminster, last week, for the purpose of presenting the Preceptor (Bro. F. J. Wray, P.M. 1604,) with a testimonial, to mark their appreciation of his services, which have brought the lodge up to its present position of second to none. A good and substantial repast was served up by the host, Bro. Balchin, at which Bro. Boulton, P.M. 1604, presided, and after the usual loyal toasts, presented Bro. Wray with a watch and chain. Bro. Boulton in making the presentation alluded to the eminent services rendered by Bro. Wray to the Wanderers Lodge of Instruction, to which Bro. Wray responded in a very feeling speech. The health of the committee was proposed by the chairman, Bro. J. Greenway, as chairman of the committee, replied. The health of the chairman was then proposed in a very telling speech by Bro. F. J. Wray. Bro. Boulton replied. The excellent playing and singing of some of the members rendered the meeting very enjoyable, which was not brought to a close until a late hour.

THE LATE BRO. GEORGE BUCKLAND.—We are able to furnish our readers with the following particulars of the career of Bro. Buckland, which had not reached us at the time of going to press with his obituary notice last week. He was 63 years of age at the time of his death, and was upward of 30 years at the Polytechnic Institution, and previous to this at the Coliseum giving musical sketches, &c. He was initiated in the Lodge of Industry, No. 168; one of the founders of the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, which was consecrated Nov. 7th, 1870, filled all the offices and installed W.M. Nov. 4th, 1878, and exalted into Royal Arch Masonry Feb. 17th, 1879, having filled the minor offices, and being J. at the time of his death. His loss is felt by a great number of his brethren. He leaves a widow totally unprovided for. Bro. Buckland had been ailing for the last two years, his voice gradually failing him, the result being a loss of his professional engagements. A committee of friends were getting up a testimonial for him; but he having died before it came off, they have determined to continue it for the widow. The benefit takes place at St. George's Hall on the 26th inst. He was buried at Highgate on the 14th inst. A large number of brethren of the Asaph Lodge were present, besides many musical, theatrical, and literary friends. Amongst the carriages following were three containing the W.M., Past Masters, and Wardens of the Asaph Lodge. The wreaths of flowers not only covered the whole of the coffin, but many were carried by the mourners.

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appear in our next week's issue, and the narrative will be  
continued regularly week by week until it is completed.

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

Derwent, 40; Vitruvian, 87; Caledonian, 204; Friend-

ship, 206; Fortitude, 281; Affability, 317; Highgate,

1366; United Military, 1536; Stirling, 1989.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, 141.

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The York Masonic Exhibition.

Ball of the Lodge of Israel, 1502, Liverpool.

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

"Jewish Chronicle," "Citizen," "Broad Arrow," "Anales

Masónicos del Grand Orient del Colombia," "Hull Packet,"

"Freemasons' Repository," "Bye-laws of the Jerusalem Chapter,

Philadelphia," "Rough Ashlar," "Fishing Gazette," "The Tri-

cycling Journal," "Freimaurer Zeitung," "Proceedings of the

Annual Assembly Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of

Massachusetts, 1883," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Court Circular,"

"City Press."



SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 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 BIBLE AND THE DUTCH FLAGON.**

*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,

Permit me a small space in your valuable journal

to refer to your remarks on the exhibition at York. The

Bible you mention was never the property of the old Grand

Lodge. It was for many years on sale by its owner—it was

duly inspected by brethren well qualified to judge of its

value, and its whereabouts and history pretty well known,

and the offer declined, some years before the Eboracum

Lodge was ever thought of. The writing of an inscription

in a book is no evidence or its parentage. A lodge used

to meet at Howard's, and many of the members belonged

to the old Grand Lodge, but the Bible never belonged to

Grand Lodge.

The Flagon was brought from Hull to York for sale

because the Hull collectors would not bite. The Flagon

came from Hamburg, and like many other continental

odds and ends, was brought over by a ship captain. In all

probability it is of Bavarian origin. When I first saw this

Flagon there was nothing about it to give it a Masonic

character, and I think it is not very complimentary to the

Craft to ascribe the use of such a thing to them.

As many of the brethren who visited York may indulge the

idea that they have seen what they have not seen, perhaps

you will be good enough to insert this note, for errors con-

tinually repeated often assume the semblance of truth.—

I am, yours fraternally, **R. W. HOLLON, P.M. 236.**

**OUR APRIL ELECTIONS.**

Dear Bro. Kenning,

I am afraid many of your readers will deem me

belonging to one of the "mendicant orders" when I ask

them, if they can spare any Girls' and Boys' votes, kindly

to remember,—Very fraternally yours,

March 17, 1884. **A. F. A. WOODFORD.**

**THE EASTER VOLUNTEER REVIEW.**

*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,

As many of our brethren support the profession of  
arms by membership in the Volunteer Army, and as a  
large number will probably be strangers to Portsmouth,  
the Committee of the borough of Portsmouth Freemasons'  
Club have decided to accord the privilege of honorary  
membership during the Easter holidays to those volunteers  
who are subscribing members to Masonic lodges, and  
whose names are forwarded to me through the Secretaries  
of their lodges, on or before Good Friday next. I shall  
feel obliged if you will give publicity to this in your valuable  
journal.—I am, your fraternally,

**E. S. MAIN, P.M., P.Z., &c.**

Secretary.

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Portsmouth.



**THE FREEMASONS' LIBER MUSICUS.** Edited by  
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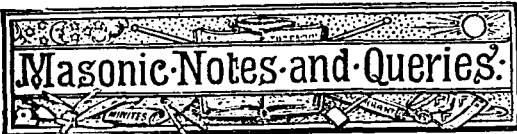
This is a more compact and cheaper edition of a well-  
known and very useful work for lodges and brethren. For  
some time past a tendency has been happily increasing  
amongst us to develop and utilize the elevating and  
sympathetic influences of music in our lodge ceremonials  
and lodge gatherings. We feel sure, after a long appren-  
ticeship, that our very effective ritual can be rendered still  
more striking and impressive, if under due carefulness and  
proper control, we employ the always beneficial aid of  
the soft influences of harmony, alike symbolical and  
realistic. It is undoubtedly true from the happy and  
appropriate "morceaux" which still survive amongst us,  
that music was once cultivated, more than it has been in the  
present century at any rate, in our Masonic meetings.  
Abroad most certainly, and we are inclined to think in  
England, music was a valued adjunct alike to our cere-  
monial assemblies and our social circle. Mozart wrote  
some very touching pieces for his Masonic brethren, and  
though in England it may be that in accordance with the  
taste and temper of the age, say 100 years ago, this  
Masonic harmony was principally confined to glees and  
catches and madrigals,—and the ceremonial chants and  
compositions were few and far between; yet still some  
undoubtedly exist to attest a very edifying practice, and  
to remind us of a very imposing accessory to the celebra-  
tion of our mystic rites. We, therefore, much commend  
this fresh attempt to popularize Masonic melody, to  
introduce the anthem, the chorale, the chant, where it is  
practicable. We were excessively struck with the musical  
portion of an installation ceremonial at the Sphinx Lodge  
some time ago, and we should like to see a cautious and  
seasonable introduction of musical services. We say  
"cautious," because we must never forget that brethren  
are sometimes apt to grow weary, whether with the length  
of the anthem or oration; and we use the word "season-  
able," because sometimes the music selected has not struck  
us as being the most judicious or the most befitting. We  
wish, however, every prosperity to so reasonable a move-  
ment, and we trust that this little literary venture will turn  
out to be a great success. If every lodge will purchase a  
copy of the work such success is at once achieved, and the  
lodge organist will always have wherewithal to attract and  
gratify his hearers. There are many collections of old  
Masonic glees, catches, madrigals, which deserve study by  
Masonic musical amateurs and professionals. Kloss  
gives a large number of musical works, some  
by distinguished authors, and of a high order.  
As it is known, some of the greatest musicians  
have been Freemasons, and many a gem of Masonic  
melody still remains neglected and forgotten, requir-  
ing only to be brought to light and knowledge to be ap-  
preciated and admired. In "Hale's Social Harmony" we find  
no less than nine Masonic glees, catches, songs, mostly un-  
known to us, such as "Arise gentle muse," by Orme;  
"Begin, oh! ye gentle muses," Ridley; "Comus, away,"  
Hayes; "Come, here's the good health," Cesar; "Des-  
cend Urania," Hayes; "Great ruler," Green; "Guardian  
genius," Orme; and "Hail, British Isle," Green, together  
with "Tis to Masons," attributed in the collection to Han-  
del. As we write, we have before us several works of Dutch,  
German, French, and English Masonic melody, and we  
therefore trust that this first attempt to revive the laudable  
taste for Masonic harmony and the more general introduction  
of music in our lodges will meet with the approbation of our  
Craft, and obtain the successful results it really merits.  
The "Liber Musicus" is so well known to many in a larger  
form that it requires no eulogy of ours; but we shall all  
concede the fact, that Bro. Spark has discovered, adopted,  
and adapted numerous most effective and charming  
melodies, which will linger on "attuned ears" for many  
a day, and will add distinctly to the dignity, beauty, and  
simplicity of our old and cherished ceremonial.

**THE MASONIC WORLD, Boston, U.S.**

(Second Notice.)

We have received the February number of this periodical,  
and have read the conclusion of Bro. Sotheran's paradoxical  
defence of Joseph Balsamo. We repeat "paradoxical,"  
because Bro. Sotheran's expressed view that Balsamo was  
a "martyr" is just one of those absurd propositions  
which sometimes take with Masons who have not an intimate  
knowledge either of the facts of the case, or the stern reali-  
ties of history. In the first place, he was not Count Alex-  
ander Cagliostro at all, and could not be; he was simply  
and truly "Joseph Balsamo." He was undoubtedly an  
"Illumina," and sought to introduce into France and else-  
where, and swell the number of his dupes, that "Aphrodisiac  
worship," which, under different names and in different  
forms, then existed, and still exists, in the world, as in India  
and elsewhere, even at the present hour. There can be no  
doubt that his life was the life of a charlatan, and what the  
French call an "escroc." He was always mixed up with  
ignoble men, like the Prince Bishop of Strasburgh, and  
was the head of a semi-unbelieving, revolutionary, andro-  
gyne, licentious association, of which, happily for the world,  
the existence was not long. The friends Bro. Sotheran  
claims for him are none of them likely to do him much

credit, and some quoted by Bro. Sothoran never saw him in the flesh. His recognition by King Louis XVI. and his injured and calumniated Queen and the Parliament of Paris was simply an affair of the High Police, which body drove Balsamo eventually out of Paris in ignominy and penury. One remarkable feature of this great man was, which in itself is not always a recommendation to sober-minded and well-conducted people, that wherever he went, it did not matter where, before long he was always "wanted by the police." We are sorry to see Bro. Sothoran's undoubtedly able pen employed in thus enforcing legendary and unsafe theories on his hearers. If ever in the just Nemesis of offended society, of outraged public opinion, an "hostis humani generis," as a confirmed rogue, and hypocrite, and "vaurien," was properly punished, it was in the case of Joseph Balsamo. His name is one which every Freemason should regard with scorn, and the verdict of his contemporaries is that of our own generation, that he deserved the fate he experienced. If the Inquisition had never done anything else than shutting up Balsamo, putting an end to his system of trickery, robbery, and "filthy living," trafficking on the virtue of the young, and appropriating the funds of confiding proselytes, it positively would have deserved well of the world. But thus it is that it is sometimes attempted to write "history" even to day. We can only deplore such wasted powers such unreliable assumptions, and such idle and useless efforts.



### Masonic Notes and Queries.

#### 311] COUNT BALSAMO.

On reading your excellent observations on the "Masonic World" and their "chum" Balsamo (such is his name on the engraving you mention, not Balsano), I may say the engraving, as you state, is extremely scarce, and the subject of which is a scene during refreshment. The Master of the lodge is giving a recitation in satirical doggerel verse on the character and reputation of Dr. Balsamo and his wonderful balsam, holding up a bottle of it for the count to gaze upon. I gave this with several other old Masonic engravings to the York Lodge for their gallery, where, by the courtesy of the Worshipful Master, the curiosity of any brother may be gratified. R. W. HOLLON.

#### OPENING OF THE COBORN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1804.

The inauguration meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, on Monday, the 17th inst., under circumstances which augur well for its future success, it being one of the most brilliant meetings held in the neighbourhood for many years. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. J. Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, P.P.G.J.W. Herts, P.M. 228, &c., Sec. R.M.B.I.; W. Clarke, P.G. Purst.; A. Buck, P.P.G.S.W. Essex, P.M. 453; R. Logan, W.M. 1804; G. C. Serrell, W.M. 1457; T. L. Kennett, W.M. 1716; L. P. Canbro, W.M. 1365; T. Tyer, W.M. 1306; J. Taylor, P.M. 753; J. M. Taylor, P.M. 1421; L. Potts, P.M. 1716; R. H. Blatchford, P.M. 496; W. C. Young, I.P.M. 1716; E. Thorlander, P.M. 1457; J. W. Wardell, P.M. 95; C. Brown, P.M. 1804; W. Holloway, P.M. 1158; A. Peterken, P.M. 1349; J. W. More, P.M. 49; A. Bianchi, P.M. 49; E. Brown, S.W. 1685; J. T. Austen, S.W. 1457; C. J. Tizon, J.W. 1804; and others.

The ceremony of consecration was rehearsed by Bro. Terry, and the installation by Bro. W. Clarke. Bro. Terry's working is so well known that it is only necessary to say that on the present occasion it was rendered with his usual ability, and will no doubt be long remembered by the brethren, as the ceremony evidently produced a great impression upon them. Bro. W. Clarke then assumed the chair, and worked the installation ceremony in his usual masterly manner; indeed, we think the members of the lodge of instruction may congratulate themselves upon two such distinguished brethren being present to work the ceremonies on the first night of its career. Bro. Tizon, J.W. of the parent lodge, must have felt gratified that his efforts in starting this lodge of instruction had met with such support and so hearty a response from the brethren in the neighbourhood and also the Province of Essex. The lodge was honoured by the presence of Bro. A. Buck, P.P.G.S.W. Essex, who during his year of office as a Prov. G.S.W. was called upon to assume (pro tem.) the office of P.G.M., owing to the lamented death of Lord Tenterden. The lodge is also indebted to Bro. Wm. Graves, Organist of the Guelph Lodge, who with the assistance of several brethren conducted the musical portion of the ceremonies, and in no small degree added to the impressiveness.

The officers invested for the evening were Bros. R. Logan, W.M.; J. T. Robey, S.W.; A. Peterken, J.W.; C. J. Tizon, Treas.; A. Souch, S.D.; T. D. Birch, J.D.; W. Graves, Org.; T. F. Tyer, I.G.; E. Brown, acting Tyler; and J. Taylor, Preceptor. The names of about 50 brethren were announced as joining members of the lodge of instruction.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to a substantial supper prepared by Bro. Williams. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily received, that of "The Grand Officers" being responded to by Bro. W. Clarke; and "The Prov. Grand Officers" by Bro. Buck, who also proposed the toast of the evening, and in a humorous speech mentioned that the present lodge had no need to be ashamed of the infant whose birth they had that evening met to celebrate.

Bro. TERRY in reply to the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," stated that it was with considerable pleasure that he was present that evening, which was enhanced by the fact that he presided at the consecration of the mother lodge, and, adverting to the wide range of Freemasonry, enjoined the brethren of the lodge of instruction to do all they could towards that excellent virtue of the Craft—Charity—as it was in a great measure due to the assistance given by the various lodges of instruction that the Masonic Charities were supported.

The remaining toasts were that of "The W.M. of the Evening, Bro. R. Logan," and also "Bro. C. J. Tizon"; the Tyler's toast bringing a most enjoyable evening to a close.



### Craft Masonry.

#### UNION WATERLOO LODGE (No. 13).—

The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, Bro. R. A. Smith, W.M., in the chair. There was a crowded lodge, and among those present were G. Davis, P.M.; H. Syer, P.M.; S. Masters, S.W.; W. Akers, J.W.; T. Hutton, P.M., Treas.; N. Brown, P.M., Sec.; W. Bidgood, Org.; A. Cleal, S.D.; J. Milburn, J.D.; W. Taily, I.G.; G. H. Roberts, W.M. 700; G. Kennedy, W.M. 1536; T. Butt, P.M. 700; T. R. Embold, P.M. 426; J. Gaskill, P.M. 1076; G. W. King, 1437; E. W. Sinnett, 1566; E. Duffing, 753; J. Parsons, 1437; J. Bell, 898; A. D. Capon, 913; G. H. Hill, S.W. 1437; W. Maule, I.G. 1536; G. Lawrance, 913; E. M. Taylor, 913; R. Buckler, 1817; C. Gardner, 1536; C. Carter, 1472; C. Beds, 700; C. Jolly, J.W. 1472; and others.

The ballot was taken for Messrs. E. A. Oates, C. T. Foss, and J. Horne, and proving unanimous, those gentlemen were, with Messrs. H. Brook and J. Goddard (already balloted for) initiated into the Craft. The ceremony was performed twice, three in one batch and two in the other. Bros. Staples, Turner, and Dixon were then passed, and Bro. Crowley was raised; the whole of this heavy and arduous work being carried out by the W.M. and his officers in a style that won the hearty commendation of all present.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a slight refreshment in an adjoining room. On reassembling round the social board the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," and other preliminary toasts in good style, and Bro. Davis in briefly proposing "The Health of the W.M." said it would be superfluous for him to point out to the brethren the admirable manner in which the W.M. carried out his duties.

Bro. Butt in responding to the toast of "The Visitors" congratulated the W.M. and lodge upon what he called a "noble gathering;" and Bro. Kennedy paid a high compliment to the W.M. and officers, especially the junior ones, and considered it an honour to belong to such an ancient and noble old lodge.

"The Initiates" were toasted, and severally responded, and then the "Past Masters" received honours, Bro. Davis responding; "The Officers" and Tyler's toasts concluding an interesting and pleasant evening.

#### BEDFORD LODGE (No. 157).—A meeting

of this lodge was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Arthur Triggs, W.M.; W. Snowden, S.W.; John Super, J.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., Treas.; W. Liddall, P.M., Sec.; E. Clark, S.D.; F. G. Barron, J.D.; E. Jones, I.G.; S. Millis, Stwd.; G. Longstaff, Tyler; T. Hall, T. Walton, C. J. Turner, T. Cubitt, A. G. Creak, and J. Cox, P.Ms.; John Simpson, George Cox, and Arthur W. Toms. Visitors: Bros. H. M. Leslie, W.M. 187; Charles Turner, 91; and W. Wyatt, 45 (Canada).

Lodge having been duly opened the list of members was signed for the Clerk of the Peace. Bro. Arthur W. Toms was next duly passed to the Second Degree, and notice given of a motion to reconsider the byelaws at next lodge meeting. The sum of £5 12s. 6d. was voted from the lodge funds for Bro. Cubitt's list, raising same to £15 15s., as a contribution from the members of the lodge for the Benevolent Institution, conditionally that the votes for same are in the name of the lodge. A Canadian brother was relieved from the Benevolent Fund of the lodge and kindly offered employment by the S.D. Letters of condolence were ordered to be written on behalf of the lodge to the representatives of the late Bro. Joseph Lavender, P.M., for 35 years member of this lodge; and to Bro. Herman C. Merivale on account of his prolonged illness.

#### LODGE OF TRANQUILLITY (No. 185).—A

meeting of this lodge was held on the 17th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., Bro. Solomon Barnett, W.M., in the chair. There were also present Bros. A. E. Staley, I.P.M.; Boaz, S.W.; Peartree, J.W.; W. D. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; A. Myers, Hon. Sec.; H. Tipper, I.G.; Past Masters F. Cooper, J. Ross, T. W. C. Bush, J. D. Barnett, N. Gluckstein, E. Gottheil, and others. During the evening Bros. David and Michael Walter were raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. Thompson, Lochel, and Buchenbacher were passed to that of Fellow Craft. The sum of ten guineas was voted on the list of Bro. J. Croker, P.M., who will represent the lodge at the ensuing festival for the R.M.I. for Girls.

After ample refreshment the usual toasts were given and responded to, the remarks on all sides being distinguished by commendable brevity.

Bro. Capt. Nicols, P.M. 1974, took occasion to say that in a Masonic career of upwards of five and twenty years, during which time he had travelled in many countries, both in Europe and elsewhere, he could state without flattery that nowhere was his welcome more heartily cordial than among brethren of the Jewish persuasion. He had visited the Lodge of Tranquillity before, and had on that occasion made a similar statement. His appreciation of the kindness he had everywhere received from Jewish brethren was, however, so strong that he thought it a pleasure to tell the same story at every opportunity. He would only add that it had been his lot to listen to many able and talented Masters, and could assert that few surpassed the present W.M. in the manner in which the ceremonies were performed that evening.

Bro. Staley in giving "The Health of the W.M." endorsed the opinion of the foregoing speaker.

Bro. Algernon Sydney, one of the oldest Past Masters, replying for "The Past Masters," said although he did but seldom visit the lodge, yet his heart was always with them. He was delighted to observe the great prosperity of the lodge, whose prestige was well maintained by the number and high respectability of the members.

Songs by Bros. Reeves, Thompson, Bailey, Haines, and J. D. Barnett enlivened the proceedings, and after the Tyler's toast the brethren separated at an unusually early hour.

**NORTHERN BAR LODGE (No. 1610).—**This distinguished lodge held its installation meeting at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., when Bro. R. Luck, P.M., P.P.G.R. Durham, the W.M. elect, was installed in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed in a most eloquent and impressive manner by Bro. Buszard, Q.C., M.P., P.M., P.G.S. The following officers were invested: Bros. Edmund Macrory, I.P.M.; Edward Ridley, S.W.; James R. Mellor, J.W.; Rev. Canon Harford, Chap.; S. Pope, Q.C., P.M., Treas.; W. A. Meek, Sec.; W. C. Gully, Q.C., S.D.; P. H. Wormald, J.D.; W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., I.G.; T. H. Baylis, Q.C., D.C.; T. Threlfall, P.M., P.G.S., Org.; Rostron, Lockwood, Q.C., Bruce, Q.C., Butler, and Forbes, Q.C., Stwds.; H. W. Darling, Tyler. There were also present, in addition to the brethren already named, Bros. Victor Alexander Williamson, P.M., P.G.W.; the Hon. Justice Cave, P.M., P.G.W.; T. C. Tatham, P.M., P.G.S.; W. Potter, Q.C., P.M.; Sir Farrer Herschell, Q.C., M.P., Solicitor-General; and other brethren. Visitors: Bros. Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Sir Henry Edmund Knight, P.M., ex-Lord Mayor; John W. Mellor, Q.C., M.P., P.M.; Wm. Dalby, P.M.; G. R. Green, Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M.; R. A. Luck, P.M.; G. Findlay, P.M., P.G.S.; John Havers, P.G.W.; T. S. Soden, P.M., P.G.S.; R. P. Spice, P.M., P.G.S.; Alfred Strong, P.M.; Arthur Collins, Q.C., P.M.; Myles Fenton, Sir John B. Monckton, Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps.; Prior Goldney, Mark F. Napier, George Gumbleton, and other distinguished brethren.

Past Master's jewels were presented to Bros. Sir Farrer Herschell, Q.C., M.P., I.P.M., and Edmund Macrory, the retiring W.M. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal, Regent-street, where they were joined by several other brethren and spent an enjoyable evening.

#### COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at The Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 11th inst., there being present Bros. G. Coleman, W.M.; J. Jacobs, S.W.; H. W. Kedgley, J.W.; Ed. Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; W. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; T. A. Dixon, S.D.; B. Solomon, J.D.; J. Figgiss, I.G.; G. Reynolds, A.W.S.; W. H. Gulliford, I.P.M.; C. Kedgley, P.M.; J. Stacey, Org.; S. Ralph, Frank Gulliford, W. T. Ralph, Ed. Cousins, J. Woodward, L. Isaacs, J. Bellamy, J. Peart, G. C. Howard, G. H. Reynolds, and Bro. Wm. Roots, 1273, as a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bros. W. T. Ralph and J. Woodward were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the W.M. in a very admirable manner. Bro. J. Bellamy was passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary to the lodge of instruction, said that an association had been established in connection with the lodge of instruction, for the purpose of securing life-governorships of the Masonic Charities by the weekly payment of one shilling, and that the books and rules would be ready by the 20th inst. The W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitor, the lodge was closed.

#### CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—The first

meeting of this lodge under its new Mastership was held on the 13th inst. at Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bros. W. Williams, W.M.; D. Ferguson, S.W.; R. H. Rogers, J.W.; E. Thurkle, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Cattle, P.M., Sec.; E. Austin, S.D.; Cowell Helden, J.D.; C. R. Cross, I.G.; Col. J. Creaton, P.M.; R. G. Shute, I.P.M.; J. Williams, P.M.; J. Nielson, P.M.; W. Carrington, B. Brett, Gen. W. Anderson, J. Purnell, A. Solomons, H. D. Benton, J. Longden, H. Ridgley, A. J. Taylor, W. Russell, and others.

There was a great deal of work to do for a new Master; but in each degree and every part of the ceremony the W.M. acquitted himself well, giving every satisfaction to the brethren who were present. At the proper time Bro. H. D. Benton was presented for raising, and answered all the questions without dictation. It is a rule in this lodge all candidates must answer for themselves, the proposer and seconder being held responsible that they are properly taught. After being entrusted Bro. Benton was duly raised to the Sublime Degree. Bros. Gen. W. Anderson, A. Solomons, and J. Purnell were then presented as candidates for passing, they also answering the questions, showing they had not been neglected, and after being entrusted were admitted and passed to the degree of F.C. The W.M. then had to perform the ceremony of initiation, and Mr. Francis Toombs was duly admitted to the light of Freemasonry.

The business of the evening being ended the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a little but exceedingly pleasant dinner provided for them at the Holborn Restaurant. After the cloth was cleared the W.M. proposed the usual Masonic toasts in few but well-chosen words, saying he thought the brethren would derive more pleasure from the music and readings about to be placed before them than in listening to his talk. In speaking of the P.Ms. he thanked them for the assistance they always endeavoured to render the W.M.; also the Treasurer and Secretary, as without them he did not know what the lodge would do.

In replying for "The P.Ms.," Bro. William said it was always his wish to do the best he could for the lodge, and he thought the best way to do that was to do whatever he saw was required to be done.

The Secretary in responding thanked the brethren for the way they always assisted him in his duties, and told them in confidence the W.M. was preparing a treat for them at their April meeting, when he thought they would be asked to bring their wives, sisters, and sweethearts with them.

During the evening some excellent music was given by Bros. J. Kift, Arthur Thomas, and J. Ion Cattle; also recitals by Bro. W. G. Reynolds.

#### HONOR OAK LODGE (No. 1986).—The

installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak, on Wednesday, the 12th inst. The good repute of the lodge in respect of its working and position has become generally known during the past, which is also its first year and accounted for the excellent attendance of brethren on this important occasion. The lodge was opened promptly at four o'clock by W. Bro. Walter Hopekirk, P.M., W.M., and his officers, viz.: W. Bros. John Hammond, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx.

S.W.; Charles H. Phillips, J.W.; Henry Stokes, S.D.; J. W. Hartley, J.D.; Herbert Hooper, I.G.; A. Darch, P.M., acting I.P.M.; the Rev. J. W. Haffenden, Chap.; Edward Bye, Treas.; H. Maunder Williams, Sec.; R. Ralli Johnston, Org.; G. W. Knight, W.S.; and C. Thomas, Tyler. Amongst others present were W. Bros. James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., and T. C. Walls, hon. members; and Bros. Thomas Latchford, F. Wootton, W. Bartlett, A. F. Crofts, R. Neilans, E. Mordey, J. Fuller, J. H. Worstencroft, C. Longhurst, T. Cox, W. H. Simons, J. A. Gilbert, and others. The visitors were W. Bros. Frederick Binckes, P.G.S., Sec. R.M.I.B.; J. L. Mather, P.P.G.D.C. Herts; George Kenning, P.M. 192, 1657, P.P.G.D. Middx.; James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, 1426; A. R. Cranch, W.M. 1669; Thomas Moody, W.M. 1512; W. Pound, P.M. 19; A. Westcott, P.M. 1365; W. Hamblyn, W.M. 1622; C. W. Fox, P.M. 1326; and Bros. S. F. Hill, 1216; E. A. Francis, 1658; J. A. Prince, 902; J. A. Clench, 453; J. H. Hudipohl, 1669; C. A. Mackrell, 1728; J. F. Salmon, 917; T. Clarkson, 1223; and A. W. S. Hoare, 763.

The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees was resumed to the First, and ballots were taken for Bros. W. Bartlett and W. Cullen as joining members, and for Messrs. W. H. O'Reilly, G. R. Langley, C. E. Pearson, and A. Pitman for initiation, all of which proved clear. The four gentlemen approved of being in attendance were then duly initiated into the Order by Bro. Hopekirk. Bro. J. Hammond, S.W., having waived his claim, by rotation of office, to the chair of K.S., the brethren had at the previous meeting unanimously elected the J.W., Bro. Charles Henry Phillips, and, by the courtesy of the W.M., Bro. Hammond, as installing Master, now proceeded to install that worthy brother as W.M. for the ensuing year. At the request of Bro. Hammond the duty of M.C. was undertaken by Bro. Jas. Stevens. The interesting ceremony was most ably performed throughout by Bro. Hammond, who completed his work by the delivery of the addresses to Master, Wardens, and brethren in his customary effective style. The officers for the year ensuing were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. H. Maunder Williams, S.W.; H. Stokes, J.W.; Walter Hopekirk, P.M., Treas.; J. Hammond, I.P.M., Sec.; the Rev. J. W. Haffenden, Chap.; J. W. Hartley, S.D.; H. Hooper, J.D.; G. W. Knight, I.G.; A. Darch, P.M., D.C.; Thos. Aldwinckle, W.S.; F. France, A.W.S.; Hakim, P.M., Asst. Sec.; A. F. Crofts, jun., Org.; W. H. Simons, Asst. Org.; and C. Thomas, Tyler. The newly-installed Master addressed each brother on the nature of the duties relating to the office bestowed, and subsequently presented in open lodge a very handsome Past Master's jewel, voted by the lodge, to the outgoing Master, Bro. Hopekirk, who warmly acknowledged the honour thus conferred on him. The thanks of the lodge were voted to W. Bro. John Hammond as installing Master, and W. Bro. James Stevens as D.C., for their services on this occasion. Propositions for initiation were then received, and all Masonic business being ended, "Hearty good wishes" were given and the lodge was closed.

An admirable selection of music, performed by the talented members of the lodge choir, gave considerable importance to the installation ceremony; and the services of the same brethren at a subsequent period of the evening also deserve recognition.

The banquet which followed labour was excellent and well served, and whether as regarded quality or quantity, reflected great credit on the hostelry, of which Bro. Edward Bye is the proprietor. The toast list comprised all usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and these were introduced by the W.M. with commendable brevity. Members and visitors alike were much pleased with the replies of the several initiates, which were somewhat out of the common, and testified to the good effect of the initiation ceremony upon their minds.

The speeches of Bros. Binckes and Terry in response to the respective toasts of "The Visitors" and "The Charities" were also of great interest, and despite the frequent calls upon these worthy brethren to address lodges on the same subject they both found "something new" to descant upon.

Several capital songs were sung during the evening. Bro. Stevens held the attention of the brethren whilst reciting his favourite "Level and Square," and all too soon, for the inevitable last train for town was nearly due, the Tyler brought to a close a highly successful and enjoyable meeting, worthy of the past 12 months' progress, and bearing promise of grateful renewal in due season.

**QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 2021).**—The March regular meeting was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, Holborn, when there were present Bros. G. Lambert, P.G.S.B., W.M.; Strugnell, as S.W.; R. Payne, J.W.; C. Bellerby, Treas.; C. Coop, Sec.; H. C. Lambert, P.P.G.P. Herts, S.D.; Brotheridge, as J.D.; Alex. Jones, I.G.; Watkin Brown, Stwd.; and W. Bayley, D.C. Bro. Delevanti, W.M. 1319, again presided at the organ.

The lodge was duly opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. having thanked Bro. Delevanti for his services as Organist since the formation of the lodge, gave notice that it was his intention at the next meeting to propose that he be elected an honorary member of the lodge. Bros. Canning, Hunt, Merryweather, Kingdon, and Payne were duly raised to the Sublime Degree, the three former by the W.M., and the two latter by Bro. R. Payne, J.W., P.M. 1328. Bros. Girdlestone, Fowler, Godfrey, Currie, Russell, Rowe, Jordan, Walters, and Gibson were next duly passed to the Second Degree, and after several communications had been read by the Secretary, the lodge was closed in ancient and solemn form. There were present as visitors Bros. D. M. Dewar, P.M. 1415; R. Cross, P.M. 198; A. Steng, 141; and Delevanti, W.M. 1319.

**NOTTINGHAM.—Newstead Lodge (No. 47).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., Bro. C. Rogers, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following brethren: Bros. Geo. Chapman, I.P.M.; H. Vickers, S.W.; A. J. Barber, J.W.; H. E. Wilson, S.D.; J. Brown, J.D.; Mounteney, I.G.; J. Toplis, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; and G. Baxter, Sec. About forty brethren were present, including the following visitors: Bros. John Messent, P.G.S.B.; W. St. L. Chubb, 231; R. Fitzburgh, P.M. 411; A. Lawson, P.M. 1435, P.G.P.; Smith, P.M. 306; J. Prescott, P.M. 999, and others. The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees. Bro. G. Chapman, I.P.M.,

then took the chair and performed the ceremony of raising in his usual impressive and successful manner. The lodge was then lowered to the Second and First Degrees, and after "Hearty good wishes" from all quarters, duly closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, where a supper, which in its preparation reflected great credit on the stewardess of the hall, was duly served; after which the W.W. gave "The Queen and the Craft." This toast being duly honoured, he then in appropriate and felicitous terms gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Officers, Present and Past, of the Grand Lodge."

Bro. John Messent, P.G.S.B., in responding said it was one of the privileges of the Grand Officers to respond on such occasions as these for the distinguished toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, their Grand Master; the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, and he gladly availed himself of that privilege, because he felt that from the manner in which the toast had been received by that distinguished company it had not been regarded as a simple act of duty to be discharged, but as an act of compliment and pleasure in which all were glad to have part. He (Bro. Messent) could say little indeed as to their distinguished Grand Master which had not been better said. His Royal Highness was a bright ornament to, and an ardent supporter of their Order, and he was ably seconded by the noblemen who held the other chief Craft appointments. It was indeed a good day for Freemasonry when such names as he had referred to could be found on its roll. In regard to the rest of the Grand Officers he felt sure there was not one name on the long list of eminent brethren, now comprised in the title, who did not feel the importance of the post he held, and who did not desire to discharge the duties pertaining to it in such a way as to uphold its prestige and strengthen its character. He (Bro. Messent) was most glad to be with the Newstead Lodge that night. He desired as a martinet in Freemasonry to pay the members of the lodge, and the W.M. and officers especially, a compliment, which he believed was unusually well deserved, on the very correct and excellent working of the lodge. He had never seen the M.M.'s degree more impressively and rigidly given. He was no stranger to the lodge; but he was especially glad to be present that night to see his old and valued friend Bro. Geo. Chapman raise his son, Bro. F. W. Chapman, in the M.M.'s degree. He trusted father and son would continue to follow each other in the Newstead Lodge, and Freemasonry thus be transmitted from generation to generation.

The toast of "The Prov. G.M. and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge" was responded to by Bro. Lawson, Prov. G. Purst. He remarked upon the improved position of Masonry generally throughout the province since the appointment of his Grace the Duke of St. Albans to the office of Prov. Grand Master, which he attributed mainly to the care and attention bestowed by the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. J. Watson, in the first place, and also to the various officers who were from time to time appointed.

Bro. Geo. Chapman, I.P.M., then proposed what he no doubt rightly called the toast of the evening, viz., "The Visitors." He said that this toast always claimed precedence after the usual loyal toasts, for the Newstead Lodge never regarded a lodge meeting complete unless there was a fair show of visitors. That night they were honoured with the presence of several brethren of distinction in the Craft, some of whom had at last fulfilled long-standing engagements and were present for the first time, while others whose faces were more familiar were none the less welcome, and, as in the past, the Newstead Lodge had earned a reputation for unmistakable and cordial hospitality, so, no matter what brother sat in the chair, he hoped it would always be in the future.

Bro. Prescott, P.M. 999, responded in a most interesting and humorous speech. He said that having a great respect for the Newstead Lodge, and a strong desire to be present at the raising of his old friend Bro. F. W. Chapman, it had brought him all the way from Manchester. He not only congratulated Bro. F. W. Chapman, who, so far as principles were concerned, was a true Mason long before he was initiated into the Craft, but he also congratulated the lodge on the admission of such a brother. When on a visit there nearly 12 months ago he expressed his admiration of the very excellent working and management of the lodge, and he was pleased to find that the same efficiency he saw then had been fully maintained. Should the opportunity ever arise in the future for visiting them again he should gladly embrace it.

Bro. W. St. Leonards Chubb, 231, also responded. He said he came from London to fulfil a long-standing engagement with Bro. George Chapman, who had invited him to visit the Newstead Lodge more than a year ago; but circumstances had prevented his being able to accept the invitation until that evening. The way the work had been performed had greatly impressed him, and although he hoped that this, his first, would not be his last visit, yet he should always have cause to remember that evening with pleasure.

Bro. Messent, P.G.S.B., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master."

The Worshipful Master thanked the brethren for the kind and generous manner in which the toast had been proposed and received, and after a few suitable remarks concluded by proposing "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. George Chapman," who responded and proposed "The Healths of the Officers," which was responded to by Bros. Vickers, S.W. He said that it gave the officers great pleasure to know that any services which in the interest of the lodge they were able to render were not only accepted but appreciated. For himself, he joined Masonry with the determination to be a Mason, not merely a nonentity and known only by having his name on the roll, but to follow as closely as possible in the footsteps of those brethren who had gone before him, and had done so much for Masonry in general and the Newstead Lodge in particular. He felt proud of the appointments he had been privileged to hold, and regarded it as honour to serve the lodge in those offices, and while expressing his gratitude for the many kind things Bro. P.M. Chapman had said about the officers, he trusted that if their services had merited such recognition in the past they would command still greater commendation in the future.

The Tyler's toast brought a successful evening to a close. The singing of Bros. W. J. Adie, J. Jefferson, Sackett, A. Lawson, and A. R. Watson, added very materially to the enjoyment of the evening.

**DUKINFIELD.—Unanimity Lodge (No. 89).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 10th inst., at the Astley Arms Hotel. Bro. W. T. Jackson, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. John Holt, S.W.; John R. Kenworthy, J.W.; John Clayton, P.P.G.S.D. Cheshire, Treas.; W. Kenworthy, Sec.; John Rowly, S.D.; W. L. Canfield, I.G.; J. A. Barlow, Stwd.; Abel Darlington, Tyler; Hugh Kenworthy, Michael Coffey, W. T. Goddard, and Wm. Roe, P.Ms.; also Bros. James Bullen, John Henshaw, Joseph Jeffreys, J. A. Barlow, W. Blackwell, and Isaac Mellor. Visitors: Bros. Nathaniel Gee, 830; John Bottomly, 324; and Henry Payne, 430.

After the usual preliminary business, Mr. Thomas Hague was initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry by Bro. Goddard, the ceremony being performed in a most excellent manner. Bro. W. Kenworthy was appointed Secretary, vice Amos Ogden resigned, and the thanks of the meeting were voted to Bro. Ogden for his most assiduous attention to the duties of the office for a period of eight years. Bros. Clayton, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., and W. Kenworthy, P.M., were elected to represent the lodge at a meeting to be held at Birkenhead of the Cheshire Educational Institute. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed the lodge was closed.

**SOUTH SHIELDS.—St. Hilda's Lodge (No. 240).**—On Monday, the 10th inst., the ordinary monthly meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, when there was a large gathering of members and visiting brethren. The chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. Thos. Binks, W.M., who was supported on the dais by Bros. Thomas Coulson, P.M., &c., P.P.G.J.D.; T. G. Mabane, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; George Hardy, S.W., P.A.G.D.C.; William Wright, James Roddam, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. S. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. T. Wilson, P.M.; John Hinde, P.M., Treas.; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., assisted by Bros. George Robson, S.W.; A. E. Cowling, J.W.; Francis L. Pearson, Sec., &c. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Wm. Whitfield, Adam Hook Brown, Wm. Kelsey, and Wm. Smith, all of whom were declared to be duly elected. Messrs. Brown and Smith being in attendance were properly prepared and regularly initiated into Masonry by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Thos. Coulson, P.M., &c., the working tools being explained by Bro. Cowling, J.W. Bros. J. M. Smith, John Nedwell, and G. Borrowers, were then raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons by Bro. James Roddam, P.M., &c. A long discussion subsequently took place respecting the plans of the proposed new Masonic Hall, which had been furnished by Bro. J. H. Morton, P.M., and the formation of a Masonic Club for South Shields. Some objections was made to the expensive character of the plans. Eventually on the motion of Bro. Thomas Coulson, P.M., seconded by Bro. Thomas Gentles, it was resolved that the architect be instructed to prepare new plans, the cost of the building not to exceed £2000. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room.

**PEMBROKE DOCK.—Loyal Welsh Lodge (No. 378).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., in the Masonic Hall, when there present Bros. T. Scott Phillips, W.M.; John Henry, S.W.; Thos. Mason, J.W.; Arthur Trayler, Treas.; H. Crane, Sec.; G. Edwards, S.D.; J. Allen, J.D.; Benj. Thomas, D. of C.; Chas. Shaddick, I.G.; John Phillips, Stwd.; W. Guiliam, Tyler; Nathan John, P.M.; Geo. Tracy, P.M.; A. Trayler, P.M.; G. Stevens, P.M.; G. Ford, P.M.; W. G. Phillips, P.M.; M. Nicholson, P.M.; J. Henderson, G. Jamieson, B.; Thomas, H. Smith, G. Codd, S. Allen, E. G. Norris, T. Rogers, and S. Boltsketch. Visitors: Bro. A. Hills, 319, and a brother from Malta.

The lodge having been formally opened, and the usual preliminaries observed, the W.M. passed Bro. Smith to the Second Degree, and afterwards proceeded to present Bro. W. G. Phillips, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., with a jewel upon his retirement from the office of Treasurer after many years' valuable service. In presenting the jewel he said he had a pleasant, and still a difficult, duty to perform—pleasant, because he had to carry out the wishes of the brethren in presenting to a distinguished brother a mark of their respect and esteem upon his retirement from the post of Treasurer after many years' valuable service; difficult, because he felt unfitted to do justice to the great talents and worth of the brother in question, who as a Mason was distinguished by his extensive knowledge of the laws and ritual of the Fraternity, and whose zeal, tact, and amiability deserved their admiration and recognition; who as a citizen had been elected by his fellows to the highest office in their gift—that of chief magistrate; as a man noted for having every public and domestic virtue, a man whom to know was to esteem.

The Worshipful Master then pinned the handsome jewel of P.P.G.J.W. to the breast of Bro. Phillips, at the same time wishing him long life to wear it.

Bro. Phillips made an able speech, thanking the brethren for their mark of confidence, and stated that he would always wear it with considerable pride and pleasure.

After the customary questions the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

**SEAHAM HARBOUR.—Fawcett Lodge (No. 661).**—On Monday afternoon, March 10th, the installation meeting was held in the Masonic Hall. Bro. Joseph Scorfield, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. R. Candlish, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Forster, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Richardson, S. Cockburn, H. W. Emerson, T. Shepherd, and J. B. Wells, P.Ms. 661; C. McNamara, P.G. Std. Br.; J. J. Clay, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. Tonkinson, P.Ms.; J. C. Moor, W.M., 97; R. Kimmond, P.M. 80, P.G.P.; C. Cobham, W.M. 949, P.G.S. of W.; J. Dixon, W.M. 94; G. Porteous, P.M. 949, P.P.G.O.; and W. Liddell, P.M. 949, P.P.G.D.; M. Douglas, P.M. 80; E. Clarkson, P. Stabler, and W. Birch.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Edward Atkinson, S.W., was presented by Bro. H. W. Emerson to the installing master, Bro. C. McNamara, P.G. Std. Br., by whom the ceremony was performed. The W.M., Bro. Atkinson, afterwards invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Scorfield, I.P.M.; D. G. Smith, S.W.; T. C. Beatty, jun., J.W.; H. Wright, Sec.; J. Richardson, P.M. Treas.; the Rev. D. W. James, Chap.; J. R. Mitchell, S.D.; J. T. Holmes, J. D.; T. Richardson, I.G.; B.



Wells, S.S.; Woodman, J.S.; R. Candlish, P.M., and J. Ayre, P.M., Auditors; T. Taylor, Tyler. The usual donations to the Masonic and other Charities were voted, on the motion of Bro. W. Forster, P.P.G.S. of W. The meeting then terminated.

The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Station Hotel. The newly-appointed W.M., Bro. Edward Atkinson, presided, and was supported by Bros. R. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec.; R. Halfknight, P.M. 949; J. Sinclair, P.M. 661, P.P.G.P.; H. Wrightson, &c. The usual toasts were afterwards proposed.

**ALDERSHOT.**—Aldershot Camp Lodge (No. 1331).—This lodge met on Wednesday, the 12th inst., when there was a goodly attendance of the brethren. The lodge was opened by Bro. Robertson, W.M., supported by Bros. Barlow, S.W.; Norton, J.W.; Capt. Croisdale, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Clisham, P.M., Prov. G.S., Sec.; Todd, S.D.; Taylor, W.S.; Lewis, P.M.; Campbell, I.G.; Hill, Tyler; and others.

After the minutes of the last regular meeting had been read and confirmed the ballot was taken for Messrs. Stevens and Bain, who were candidates for initiation, which proving unanimous in each case, and both being in attendance, they were duly prepared and initiated by the W.M. in a most impressive manner. Bros. Smith and Richardson, of 434, were also balloted for as joining members and approved. Bros. Dodd and J. Smith were then raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. in grand style by Bro. Lewis, P.M. The sum of three guineas was then voted for the relief of a distressed brother. The Secretary read a letter which he had received from Devonport, announcing the sudden demise of Bro. Attwood. Bro. Capt. Croisdale said the brother whose loss they had that day lamented had been taken away by an unexpected stroke whilst in the prime of life and full of activity of manhood. It was unnecessary that he should say much of their late brother as a Freemason; they all knew that when he was quartered at Aldershot he was most attentive to his Masonic duties. Since he had left he had kept up his connection with the lodge, and had been most solicitous for its welfare. The death of their worthy brother had left a blank in the lodge; but how much more grievous must be the blank in the family of which he was the head. Their sympathy was with the widow in her sad bereavement, and whatever it was possible to do to soothe her distress or to promote her future welfare it was their duty to do, and he was quite sure they would do so with cheerfulness and alacrity. A vote of condolence was passed and entered on the minutes, a copy of which was ordered to be sent to the widow. There being no further business the lodge was closed.

**BUDLEIGH SALTERTON.**—Harmony Lodge (No. 392).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Rolle Arms Hotel, when there were present Bros. Thos. Hine, W.M.; W. Sidwell, S.W.; Jesse Sargent, J.W.; J. C. Palmer, Chap.; J. Griffin, Sec. pro tem.; W. Britton, S.D.; A. Cowd, J.D.; W. Please, D.C.; G. Coombes, I.G.; J. W. Noble, Stwd.; W. Pratt, Tyler; P.Ms. Bros. Parsons, Taylor, Strickland, Dunsford, Palmer, Pidsley, and Kingdom; and Bros. Bennett, Marker, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Mark Walter Madge as a candidate for initiation, and proving unanimous, he was initiated in an able manner by the W.M. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

**DUNMOW.**—Rosslyn Lodge (No. 1543).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 11th inst., at the Saracen's Head Hotel, when there were present Bros. Alexander Rattray, W.M.; G. D. Clapham, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.R., S.W.; J. P. Lewin, P.M. 276, P.P.G.S. of W., J.W.; Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.M. 1543, 276, P.P.G.C., Chap.; F. J. Snell, P.M. 1543, Treas.; F. W. Warner, Sec.; W. Rowe, J.D.; Fred Warner, I.G.; E. F. Ferris, Org.; R. Russell, Tyler; H. E. Dehane, I.P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; also Bros. C. Birt, W. de Vins Wade, and G. H. Williams. Visitors: Bros. W. R. Wilcocks, 51; and J. W. Smith, R.A.M., Org. 276.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Dehane assumed the chair and raised Bro. de Vins Wade to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Bro. G. H. Williams was passed to the degree of F.C. After it had been announced that the R.W.P.G.M., the Lord Brooke, M.P., would preside at the annual festival of the Girls' School a Steward was appointed to represent the lodge in the person of Bro. F. B. Shepherd (the father of the lodge). The lodge was closed in due form and in perfect harmony, and the brethren spent a pleasant evening after having been provided with refreshments. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with feeling and good taste.

**HAMPTON WICK.**—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—An excellent gathering of this very prosperous lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel, on the 10th inst. Among the numerous brethren we noticed Bros. J. Featherstone, P.G.S. Middx., W.M.; R. W. Forge, P.G.S. Middx., S.W.; W.M. elect; J. Piller, J.W.; the Rev. F. J. C. de Crespiigny, P.P.G.C. Middx., Treas.; T. W. Ockenden, P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.D.; F. L. Chandler, I.G.; W. Hammond, P.P. G.D. Middx., W.S.; A. Elphick, M.C.; Richer, R. Masters, A. Jobbins, C. Bonell, R. Drummond, H. Gerholt, T. Grant, T. J. Smith, W. T. Peat, J. J. Smith, E. Grafton, L. Plamböck, J. Gilbert, Tyler, and others. The visitors were Bros. Raymond H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M. Middx., A.G.D.C., &c.; Edwin Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., &c.; W. Carter, P.M. 141; Cousins, P.M. 209; W. Beard, W.M. 946; J. Noble, P.M. 975; Phillips, P.M. 975; Newens, P.M. 1044; J. G. Carter, P.M. 1044; A. Marvin, P.M. 1768; Golding, 975; Williams, 975; Scantlebury, 975; Clifford, 975; Springett, 1044; Newton, 1704; Austin, 1732; Goodwin, 1768; Simmonds, 1793; Porter, 1793; Deeks, 1793; Warner, 1793; Gaydon, 1889; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Messrs. R. W. Rice and C. V. Potter for initiation, and it proved to be unanimous in each case. Bro. J. J. Smith was raised to the Degree of a M.M. Bros. Grafton and Plamböck passed the Second Degree, and Messrs. Rice and Potter initiated, the three arduous ceremonies being ably performed by the W.M. After a short interval Bro. Forge, W.M., elect, was presented by Bro. the Rev. C. de Crespiigny, and

was duly and impressively installed into the chair of K.S. by the W.M., who appointed as his officers to assist him with the work Bros. Hopwood, P.M., as S.W.; W. Hammond as J.W.; R. Thrupp, P.M., as D.C.; and T. C. Walls, P.M., as I.G. The officers invested were Bros. Piller, S.W.; Walls, J.W.; the Rev. C. de Crespiigny, Treas.; T. W. Ockenden, Sec.; Chandler, S.D.; Worthington, J.D. (by deputy); Elphick, I.G.; Jobbins, D. of C.; W. Hammond, W.S.; Abbott (by deputy), A.W.S.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel having been presented to Bro. Featherstone, and a vote of thanks unanimously passed to him for his services as Installing Officer, the lodge was duly closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

After the removal of the cloth the customary loyal and Craft toasts were given. Bro. R. Thrupp in responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers" alluded to the rapid strides Freemasonry had made within the last few years. As a Grand Officer, he felt exceedingly gratified with the results of his visit that day to the Wolsey Lodge. It was very seldom that a W.M. had to perform the whole of the ritual of Craft Masonry in one day; but Bro. Featherstone had accomplished that feat in a manner that was very satisfactory and highly creditable to him. It was an example which he hoped would be followed by other officers who were coming on.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" having been proposed by the I.P.M., the Worshipful Master in response expressed a hope that his year of office would be as successful and as prosperous as his predecessors' had been. "The I.P.M." followed, and Bro. Featherstone returned thanks. "The Initiates," "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" followed, and brought the proceedings, which were admirably conducted throughout, to a conclusion.

**WHITSTABLE.**—Graystone Lodge (No. 1915).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Foresters Hall. The W.M., Bro. J. T. Reeves, opened the lodge in due form. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for the Rev. A. C. Graystone, Chaplain No. 1, who was unanimously elected a member. Bro. G. L. Croft was raised to the Sublime Degree, and Mr. W. Bartlett was initiated according to ancient form by the W.M. in his usual able and impressive manner. A most important event of the evening was the presentation of an illuminated address and a magnificent vase to Bro. R. Boughton Smith, Secretary, P.P.G.D. Leicester, &c., who assisted in the formation of this lodge and for the first two years occupied the chair, and subsequently has undertaken the duties of Secretary. The presentation was made on the occasion of Bro. Boughton Smith leaving the town on account of ill-health, and was given as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by the members of the Graystone Lodge.

## INSTRUCTION.

**HYDE PARK LODGE** (No. 1425).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 17th inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. A. Hardy, W.M.; J. Webb, S.W.; W. J. Mason, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas. and Preceptor; H. Dehane, I.P.M. 1543, Sec.; F. Chandler, S.D.; S. J. Humfress, J.D.; W. Middleweek, I.G.; W. H. Chalfont, W.M. 1425, Stwd.; M. S. Speigel, P.M. 188; W. A. Vincent, W.M. 1139; C. Breitbart, C. H. Wood, J. Crutenden, R. E. Cursons, J. Laurence, C. J. Morse, R. P. J. Laundry, W. R. Hatton, C. S. Mote, J. W. Curtice, D. Stroud, and J. W. Belsham. Visitor: Bro. G. A. Laundry, 188.

Lodge having been opened in due form the minutes of last lodge meeting were read and confirmed, lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Crutenden as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree and called off and on, and resumed to the Second Degree and opened in Third Degree, the ceremony of raising being rehearsed, Bro. Breitbart as candidate. Bro. G. A. Laundry was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. J. Webb was elected W.M. for next meeting. It was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the son of the late Bro. S. Smout. The lodge was closed in perfect harmony and adjourned.

**ISLINGTON LODGE** (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street. Present: Bros. W. Winnett, W.M.; Shurmer, S.W.; G. Ousey, J.W.; A. Millar, Sec.; C. S. Buck, S.D.; Liebmann, J.D.; Petch, I.G.; J. L. Mather, Preceptor; Tregaskis, Hepburn, Coffee, Boyles, F. Tyler, Couchman, Price, Coxon, Beale, Bilby, Petley, Thompson, Hunter, Goldney, Beadell, Scudamore, and F. Binckes.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Bilby acting as candidate. Bro. Goldney then answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree and was entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Goldney acting as candidate. Bro. Winnett then retired in favour of Bro. Millar, Sec., who took the chair and opened the lodge in the Third Degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Tregaskis being the candidate. On Bro. Winnett resuming the chair, the lodge was resumed to the First Degree. It was proposed by Bro. J. L. Mather and seconded by Bro. Hunter that Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.S., Secretary to the Boys' School, be elected a member of the lodge, which was carried unanimously. In returning thanks Bro. Binckes in a very able speech paid a high compliment to the lodge on its working, &c. After the usual minor business the lodge was closed, and the brethren parted after spending an enjoyable and instructive evening.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE** (No. 1614).—The usual meeting was held at the Cranbourne Hotel, Upper St. Martin's-lane, on the 6th inst., there being present Bros. B. Solomons, W.M.; Ford, S.W.; J. Jacobs, J.W.; L. Jacobs, S.D.; G. H. Reynolds, J.D.; J. Figgis, I.G.; W. C. Smith, acting Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; Bros. G. Coleman, W.M.; Dickenson, Stroud, Z. Mordecai, Frank Gulliford, H. W. Kedgley, W. H. Gulliford, P. M. Hyams, T. A. Dickson, and C. L. Cleaver.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the Second Section of the Lecture. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. G. Coleman, W.M. 1614, having taken the chair, Bro. Dickenson offered himself as a candidate for raising. He was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed that Sublime Degree. Bro. B. Solomons resumed the chair, and lodge resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the First Section of this Lecture, and lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Dickenson, 179, and Bro. Stroud, 53, were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. Ford, S.W., was elected W.M. for the meeting to be held on the 20th inst., and appointed his officers in rotation. Votes of thanks were passed to Bros. B. Solomons and W. C. Smith for their services that evening; also to Bro. Ford for his kindness in presenting a dais for the use of the lodge of instruction.

Bro. H. W. Kedgley brought forward his motion as to a Charitable Association in connection with the lodge of instruction being formed, and the following brethren were unanimously elected the first officers: Bros. W. H. Gulliford, President; G. Coleman, Treas.; W. H. Richardson, Ford, H. W. Kedgley, T. A. Dickson, and Fowles, Committee; and G. Reynolds, Secretary. The lodge was closed.

The supper in connection with the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, took place at The Criterion, Piccadilly, on Thursday evening, the 13th inst., when 52 brethren sat down in the Victoria Hall to a most sumptuous repast, provided by Bro. Madell. Bro. G. Coleman, W.M. 1614, occupied the chair, and Bro. W. H. Gulliford, P.Z. 188, P.M. 1017 and 1614, acted as vice-chairman, there being present besides Bros. Barfield, Prov. G.D. Hants, P.M. 1681; Ponsford, 25; Green, Carthew, S. Jacobs, P.M. 1614; Isaacs, W. H. Read, Antoine, Fowles, Ford, A. Harris, James Woodward, Holditch, J. Figgis, Higgins, 1381 and 1732; W. C. Smith, Brindley, J. Skinner, W. Roots, J. Jacobs, Pierpoint, 177; Honeyball, W.M. 1681; T. Wilson, E. Cleaver, G. Reynolds, Sec.; Frank Gulliford, Hyams, D. Mordecai, Renaut, B. Solomons, G. H. Reynolds, Jenkins, Wells, Z. Mordecai, C. Solomons, H. W. Kedgley, Shannon, Howard, Stacey, Org. 1614; Robins, P.M. 25; Wetherall, Wells, P.M. 829; Rumbello, 1638; E. Jacobs, P.M. 1614; Fenwick, W. Gulliford, 1017; Cousins, and others.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, a very pleasant hour was spent in recitations and songs by Bros. Robins, E. Jacobs, Renaut, H. W. Kedgley, Fowles, Chas. Solomons, Frank Gulliford, S. Jacobs, B. Solomons, and Green, after which Bro. Coleman proposed "The Healths of the Visiting Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. Barfield, who in response expressed his delight at meeting so many brethren in so good a cause.

Bro. Coleman then proposed "Prosperity to the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction," and called upon the Secretary, Bro. G. Reynolds, to respond to the toast, assuring the brethren that the success of this lodge of instruction was entirely due to the indefatigable exertions of the brother who had filled the position of Secretary during the last two years, ably assisted as he had been and supported by the esteemed Bro. W. H. Richardson, Preceptor, for whom all the brethren had a sincere affection, and whose absence through ill-health that evening they all deplored.

In reply Bro. G. Reynolds asserted that it was the greatest pleasure to him to help to administer the affairs of a body of brethren assembled for instruction who so cordially supported him, the lodge being upheld not only by the brethren of the mother lodge, but by many brethren noted in the Craft from other lodges who were kind enough to take an interest in its welfare, and whom he thanked heartily for their good fellowship. Bro. Reynolds took the opportunity of announcing that an association in aid of the Masonic Charities had been founded in connection with this lodge of instruction.

After another pleasant interlude of song, Bro. W. H. Gulliford proposed "The Health of Bro. Coleman, the Chairman of the evening," who had, Bro. Gulliford said, been Secretary of that lodge of instruction in past years, when it required great zeal and perseverance to keep it afloat, and who, therefore, deserved all thanks and honour from the brethren who now enjoyed its success.

Bro. Coleman responded in suitable terms, and after the healths of Bro. W. H. Gulliford and the Supper Committee had been proposed and responded to the brethren separated after a most enjoyable evening.

**SELWYN LODGE** (No. 1901).—The brethren of this lodge of instruction assembled at their lodge room attached to the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green, on Friday evening, the 29th ult., to celebrate their third anniversary. About 60 brethren were present, including Bros. Andrews, P.M. 879; Downing, P.M. 20; Basham, P.M. 88; Dilley, P.M. 147; Garton, W.M. No. 5, Wash-ton, U.S.; Taffs, P.M. 186; Corpe, P.M. 1839; Bott, P.M. 1839; Pritchett, P.M. 1622, P.P.G.O. Herts; Ledger, P.M. 1564, P.G.S.; Hook, P.M. 186, 1901; and Bellis, W.M. 1901.

The lodge was opened precisely at 7 o'clock by Bro. Bellis, Preceptor, as W.M., who appointed as his officers pro tem. Bros. Dilley, S.W.; Corpe, J.W.; Downing, S.D.; Wimble, J.D.; Dale, I.G.; Andrews, D.C.; Eagle, Sec.; and Hill, Org. The ceremony of installation was then rehearsed and faultlessly rendered by Bro. Bellis, who installed Bro. Taffs, P.M. 186, as W.M., who then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Burnett, S.W.; Powles, J.W.; Anderson, S.D.; Cattermole, J.D.; Dale, I.G.; Eagle, Sec. The ceremony was interspersed with music appropriate to the occasion, the solos being effectively rendered by Bros. Hook, White, Leonard, and Wallis. At the close of the ceremony several of the visiting brethren were unanimously elected members of the lodge, and expressed their appreciation of the manner in which the ceremonies had been conducted.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, and sat down to an excellent supper provided by Mrs. Gurney, the widow of the late esteemed Bro. Gurney. Bro. Taffs presided, and after the usual loyal toasts had been given and responded to, the healths of the chairman, Preceptor, visitors, and officers were proposed and cordially received; the Preceptor in replying stated that the lodge of instruction was in a flourishing condition and increasing in numbers, and pointed to the numerous assemblage on this occasion as an evidence of its prosperity.



The evening was enlivened with songs from Bros. Hook, White, Pritchett, Campbell, Leonard, and others, and the brethren separated with the simultaneous feeling of having spent a most enjoyable evening. The lodge and banqueting rooms were tastefully decorated with flowers, &c.

**EARL OF LATHOM LODGE (No. 1922).**—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at Bro. Sims's, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road. Present: Bros. Sims, W.M.; Johnson, Preceptor; C. Evans, S.W.; Sutton, J.W.; Paton, Sec.; Clarke, Edgley, Baker, Smith, Briscoe, Treacher, Gartley, Forster, Gardner, Fitzer, Spencer, Eidmans, Mackie, Finch, and Marsh.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Johnson worked the First Section of the Lecture. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the questions put to, and answered by, Bro. Gartley. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Gartley acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bro. Johnson worked the Second Section of the Lecture. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. Clarke, Finch, and Briscoe were elected members of the lodge. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Evans was elected Master for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, when it was proposed to invite Bro. R. J. Taylor, W.M. 1922, to rehearse the ceremony of installation on the 26th inst. Nothing further offering for the good of Masonry, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

### Royal Arch.

**LANCASTER.—Rowley Chapter (No. 1051).**—The installation meeting of this chapter took place on Monday, the 17th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. There were present Comps. Ellershaw, M.E.Z.; Hall, P.Z., as H.; Wilde, J.; Longman, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; Simpson, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; Stanton, S.E.; Bayley, S.N.; Gregson, P.S.; Stanley, Dewhurst, Garnett, Hartley, and others.

The minutes having been read and confirmed Ex. Comp. Wm. Hall, P.Z., regularly installed into the chair of M.E.Z. Comp. Wilde, after which Comps. Hall, P.Z., was placed into the chair of H., and Bayley into the chair of J. They were then duly proclaimed and saluted according to ancient form. The M.E.Z. then invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Comps. E. H. Garnett, S.E.; Gregson, S.N.; Stanley, P.S.; Hannah, A.S.; Dewhurst, A.S.; Simpson, Treas.; and A. K. Allinson, Janitor. The usual votes of thanks to the I.P.Z., Installing Officer, Treasurer, &c., were unanimously passed and ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

The chapter was then closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, where a very pleasant evening was spent under the presidency of the newly-installed Principals.

**ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Camp Chapter (No. 1331).**—The companions of this chapter met on the 10th inst. There were present Comps. Major Douglas, as Z.; Hall, H.; Clisham, J.; Capt. R. Croisdale, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., Treas.; Lewis, P.S.; Pardoe, Campbell, Hutt, Taylor, Russell, Robertson, Pomeroy, 723; Hickley, P.Z. 723; and Hill, Janitor.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The balance-sheet was then read by the Treasurer and passed. The chief business of the evening, the installation of Principals and investiture of officers, was then proceeded with. Ex. Comp. Hall was installed as Z.; Clisham as H.; Lewis as J.; and the other officers were invested as follows: Comps. Capt. Croisdale, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., as Treasurer (re-elected); Taylor as S.E.; Robertson as P.S.; Campbell, 1st A.S.; Russell, 2nd A.S.; Hitching, S.N.; and Hill, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel, as well as a P.Z.'s collar and collar jewel, was then presented in the name of the chapter to Ex. Comp. Major Douglas, in recognition of his services during the past year, for which he returned thanks in a few well-chosen words. In accordance with notice of motion, the M.E.Z. then proposed that ten guineas be voted from the funds of the chapter to the R.M.I. for Boys, and that this sum be placed on the list of M.E. Comp. Captain Croisdale, who had consented to act as Steward at the forthcoming festival, which was carried unanimously.

Ex. Comp. Capt. Croisdale in returning thanks said the R.M.I. for Boys was an Institution of which every Mason might be justly proud, and he considered it would bear comparison with any charity in the empire. He then proceeded to give some interesting statistics and details of the good work it was accomplishing, and expressed an earnest hope that the present year may witness a progress commensurate with the rapid growth of the Craft, and the consequent increased claims which may be expected to fall upon the Institution of which he was on that occasion the representative. He really could not too strongly urge the claims of the Institution to their sympathy and support, inasmuch as there never was a time when additional funds were more urgently required, and it was almost needless to add that he would personally have much pleasure in taking up to the festival on their behalf any sum they either individually or collectively might desire to contribute for so worthy an object.

After the transactions of other routine business the chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned for refreshment, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The usual loyal and R.A. toasts were duly honoured, the M.E.Z. proposing them in a few words, which went straight to the point, and showed much practical good sense in expressing all he had to say. Ex. Comps. Captain Croisdale and Major Douglas responded to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers," and Comps. Hickley, P.Z., and Pomeroy, H. 723, replied for "The Visitors," both of them strongly eulogising the working of the chapter, and expressing their appreciation and delight at the manner in which the installation had been conducted.

An economical working of the Parcels Post is, it is stated, to be tried. The letter-carriers are to be more largely employed in the delivery of small packages; the heavy carts are, as much as possible, to be dispensed with; and the whole organisation is to be brought into closer accord with the financial possibilities of the Post Office.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**MANCHESTER.—Palatine Chapter (No. 7).**—This chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Bro. Thomas Hargreaves, assisted by his officers, at the Queen's Hotel, on Wednesday, the 5th inst. Ill. Bro. Dr. Royle was unanimously elected M.W.S. for the ensuing year. Ill. Bro. C. N. Beswicke-Royds, S.G.I.G. 33°, I.G. N.W. Dist., was received and saluted. The M.W.S. on behalf of the members of the chapter presented Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G. 33°, and I.G. of the N.E. Dist., with an illuminated address, in book form, in most flattering terms, as a memento of their high appreciation and esteem for his great assistance and kind and courteous superintendence during the 11 years he had acted as Inspector-General of the Northern District, now divided into north-west and north-east.

Bro. Banister thanked the brethren for their great kindness to him for a quarter of a century, and for this further mark of their fraternal regard.

The banquet was all that could be desired. The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to and a truly happy evening spent.

**YORK.—Hilda Chapter (No. 23).**—The annual meeting was held on the 13th inst., when, in the absence of the M.W.S., Bro. Middleton, through illness, the chapter was opened by Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G. 33°, and I.G. N.E. Dist., who, by the request of the brethren, perfected Bros. Baldwin and Waddington to the 18°. The M.W.S. elect, Bro. Millington, was then presented by Ex. and Perf. Bro. Cumberland, P.M.W.S., to Ill. Bro. Banister, who installed him in the office of M.W.S. of the chapter with his usual care and solemnity. The M.W.S. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Turner, High Prelate; Simpson, 1st Gen.; Reynard, 2nd Gen.; Whythead, Recorder and Treas.; Brown, Raphael; McGasker, Grand Marshal; Banks, Capt. of Guards; and Cumberland, M.C. The chapter was visited by Ill. Bro. R. Wilson, 30°, P.M. W.S. of the Leodiensis Chapter, Leeds. After the chapter was closed the brethren dined together at the Queen's Hotel, under the presidency of the M.W.S., Bro. S. Middleton, and a very happy evening was spent.

**DARLINGTON.—St. Cuthbert's Chapter (No. 96).**—A meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on the 20th ult. The chapter was opened by Bro. R. A. Luck, M.W.S., assisted by his officers. One candidate was present and received the Degree, every officer performing his part with the greatest care. Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G. 33°, and I.G. of the N.E. Dist., who had been invited to attend this, the second meeting of the chapter, was prevented attending, much to the disappointment of the members. This new chapter, which is admirably worked under the guidance of the painstaking and excellent M.W.S., the brethren of which kept the Old Royal Kent Chapter well up to the mark, will shortly be one of the best Rose Croix chapters in the North Eastern District.

### Knights Templar.

**MOUNT CAVALRY PRECEPTORY (D).**—A meeting of this old preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, Holborn, on the 11th inst., when there were present Sir Knights Berridge, E.C.; Dr. Saunders, P.E.C.; Prelate; D. M. Dewar, P.E.C.; P.G.C. of C., &c., Recorder; Graveley, and Captain; Glenn, Expert; J. H. Dodson, Capt. of the Lines; H. J. Lardner, Herald; E. Baxter, P.E.C.; Charles Driver, P.G.A.D.C., P.E.C.; T. C. Walls, P.E.C.; Alfred Williams, P.E.C.; Stor, and others.

The minutes of the previous conclave having been read and confirmed and numerous communications read from absent members, the encampment was closed and the sir knights adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was partaken of in the Temple. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed and were given from the chair briefly but pertinently. The toast of "The Grand Officers" was coupled with the name of Sir Knight C. Driver, P.G.A.D.C., who responded in fitting terms. "The Health of the Past Eminent Commanders" was flatteringly proposed by the E.C., and was duly and ably acknowledged by Sir Knight Dr. Saunders. "The Treasurer and Recorder" followed, and in the absence of Sir Knt. Paas Sir Knt. Dewar did full justice to the toast. "The Health of the Officers," coupled with the name of Sir Knt. Glenn, terminated the proceedings.



Mr. Terriss will not go to the States for a second tour, but proposes during Bro. Irving's absence to take Toole's theatre for a space.

For Lotta a new edition of "The Marchioness" is being written, in which the sentimental part will be omitted and more prominence given to Mrs. Quilp and the Marchioness's tea party, affording Lotta much more scope than she has yet had. We believe to-morrow will end the present run.

To-morrow (Saturday), Mr. E. W. Royce will at an afternoon performance at the Gaiety appear (if able) in "Little Don Caesar." The public are requested to regard this as an experimental performance and not as a benefit. One thing we can foretell, that Mr. Royce will receive an oration and every allowance will be made for him. We hope he will soon be able to resume his profession after his long absence and terrible malady.

Bro. Henry Irving and Miss Ellen Terry on their return to the Lyceum will only be with us two months, having arranged for another American tour. The theatre closes in Holy Week, as Miss Mary Anderson never plays in that week. It is said she will spend the time in Rome. She will then go into the provinces, resuming her place at the Lyceum on the return of Bro. Irving to America. Miss

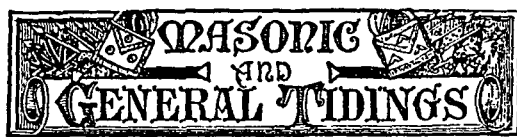
Anderson will then play "Juliet" and other pieces. Her fame not only does not diminish, but increases weekly, so that it is more and more difficult to book seats. Miss Anderson has handsomely acknowledged the services ably rendered by Mr. C. J. Abud as manager.

At the Globe Bro. Sims's "Member for Slocum" has been put on the boards, with Mr. J. L. Shine in his original character as Onesimus Epps, M.P. Miss Fanny Brough plays Miss Kate Lawler's part, that lady having retired from the stage on becoming the wife of Sir Edward Graham Moon's son. Originally produced at the Royalty four years ago this play is again doing well at its new home. A new travesty on "Dan'l Druce," entitled (we believe) "Daniel Traduced," will shortly be put in rehearsal for this theatre, with Miss Lottie Venne and Mr. J. L. Shine in the principal parts. A new comic opera, "Dick Whittington," may be expected at Easter.

In our notice last Saturday of the Haymarket, by an inadvertence (not a printer's error this time), we referred to Miss Lingard as playing in "A Lesson." We should have said Miss Calhoun. Miss Lingard is still at the Prince's. Bro. Bancroft has put Sheridan's "Rivals" in rehearsal, in which Bro. Lionel Brough will play, having been released, by the courtesy of Bro. Alexander Henderson, from "Nell Gwynne" for the run of the play. Mr. Edgar Bruce has written a letter, the purport of which is to apologise to Bro. Bancroft for some expressions he used relative to him in a letter last April. Mr. Bruce now acknowledges Bro. Bancroft's magnanimous dealing with him, of which he has but just become aware.

The Alhambra closes to-morrow (Saturday) on the withdrawal of "The Golden Ring," and will reopen on April 12th with "The Beggar Student" and a most efficient cast, which will include Mr. H. Leslie, Bro. J. G. Taylor, Miss Marian Hood, and Miss Irene Verona. Mr. Leslie will be warmly welcomed back after his tour in America and long absence from this popular home of amusement. Bro. A. Henderson had intended bringing out "The Beggar Student" at the Comedy in a series of matinées, which was already in rehearsal and far advanced. To his credit be it said, at the request of Messrs. Chappell, Bro. Henderson has abandoned his idea, so that the Alhambra will produce it to English people. The theatre will undergo some alteration and completions in upholstery during its closure, adding to the comfort of the house. Miss Constance Loseby, not having a part in the new opera, will go on tour, taking the title rôle in "Nell Gwynne."

It may not be a strong play, but it is an interesting one, which Mr. Edgar Bruce has lately presented at his new theatre—the Prince's—and it is acted by a most talented company. The dialogue is sensible, and the motive is sound, and might be real. "Breaking a Butterfly" is adapted by Messrs. Jones and Hermann from Isben's "Norah"; but we understand is very different from the Norwegian original. In it the heroine has been guilty of the crime of forgery. Flora Goddard, the wife of the banker, Humphrey Goddard, when her father was dangerously ill borrowed money from a clerk in the bank unknown to her husband, with the best intention—that of using it to send her father away for a change of air to save his life. Her husband at that time was only a clerk, too. She gave a promissory note for the amount; but, in order to have some security for its being met when due, the clerk, Philip Dunkley, insisted on having the name of someone else on the back, and the daughter, as her father was dying, thought there could be no harm in her writing his name on its back. This assumption that she does not know that her act is forgery constitutes one of the weaknesses of the play. This Dunkley is an unprincipled scoundrel, and when Humphrey Goddard becomes partner in the bank is discharged for drunkenness, but threatens Mrs. Goddard with exposure if she does not make her husband withdraw his discharge. The husband finds out there is some mystery between his wife and his clerk; but she denies it, instead of confiding in her loving husband. When Mr. Goddard insists on being rid of his good-for-nothing clerk, Dunkley informs him that his wife is a forger, and threatens in revenge to prosecute her. But the banker stands by his wife, and when she is accused he denies it, and says "No, it is I; I forged the signature." The curtain drops with the wife kneeling at her husband's feet, with shame and thankfulness at his love in shielding her and taking upon himself her crime. Up to this point the drama is most interesting; but the last act reveals weakness. To clear up matters a fellow-clerk, who on a shameful salary has yet managed to scrape together a few pounds, but has been swindled of them by Dunkley, with whom he lives, breaks open the scoundrel's desk, finds the promissory note, and triumphantly brings it to the banker just as Mr. Humphrey Goddard is expected to go to prison. In breaking open the desk, however, he commits a crime; but we suppose we are to believe the end justifies the means, as was the case at first with the wife forging her father's signature to save his life. The note is destroyed; Dunkley is paid the amount, and so ends the play. We never saw Mr. Kyrle Bellow, who represents the banker, play better. We hope he has forsaken for good his lady-killing rôle. As the grey-haired and sedate banker, earnest and affectionate, Mr. Bellow is to be congratulated in his new departure from the romantic and æsthetic style. It is to him the truthfulness of the dramatic situations are due; he plays with quite a firmness and pathetic touch we have never before seen him exhibit. Mr. Beerbohm Tree is Philip Dunkley, and is as always artistic and very effective. Bro. Maclean is the clerk who saves the family from shame, Miss Lingard, as the foolish wife, is well suited, whether in her light hearted moments when she dances the tarantella or in the anguish she assumes when discovered by her husband. Her hysterical assumption of gaiety, her mental punishment, and her endeavours to hide from her husband her crime—all these give Miss Lingard admirable opportunities of distinguishing herself. She in her emotional earnestness and finished style, together with Mr. Bellow in his quiet and impressive acting, react upon the audience, even though they may not wish it. The other parts are well filled by Mrs. Leigh Murray, Mr. Anson, and Miss Helen Matthews. "Breaking a Butterfly" is preceded by a pretty little comedietta, "The Marble Arch," far superior to most first pieces, in which Miss Tilbury (daughter of Miss Lydia Thompson) distinguishes herself. For personal comfort we commend the Prince's theatre to everyone.



Bro. J. D. Allcroft, Grand Treasurer, has contributed an additional four guineas to the Hughan Testimonial Fund.

The whole of the ceremonies were worked at the Highgate Lodge of Instruction, 1366, at the Boston Hotel, Junction-road, on the 13th inst.

Bro. T. W. C. Bush was installed W.M. of the Temple Bar Lodge at Anderton's Hotel on Thursday evening. We hope to give a report in our next.

The Patents Department of the Bethnal Green Free Library is now open for the free use of the public daily from 11 a.m. till 5 p.m., and from 6 p.m. till 10 p.m.

Bro. Chas. Henry Philips was, on the 12th inst., installed as W.M. of the Honor Oak Lodge, No. 1986, by Bro. Hammond, P.M., P.P.G. J.D. Middx., the S.W., who had waived his right to the chair in favour of Bro. Philips.

The Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, 1901, celebrated their third anniversary on the 29th ult. by a rehearsal of the installation ceremony, with musical accompaniments, followed by an excellent supper.

The members of the Wanderers Lodge of Instruction, 1604, have expressed their appreciation of the services of their Preceptor, Bro. F. J. Wray, P.M. 1604, by presenting him with a valuable watch and chain.

The new Book of Constitutions is now ready both in the 8vo. and smaller size. The latter has been somewhat widened to admit of marginal notes, which is a great improvement; but it is still a handy and portable volume.

A very pleasing ceremony took place last week at the regular meeting of the Blackpool Lodge, No. 1476. The esteemed W.M., Bro. E. Leigh, having had a son born on the 27th January last, the brethren of the lodge presented him with a handsome goblet in commemoration of the event.

Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough has so far recovered from his recent severe illness that he is expected shortly to resume his diocesan duties. A movement is on foot to give expression to the thankfulness that is felt for his lordship's recovery. This will take the form of a presentation to Mrs. Magee in the shape of a painting of her husband.

Bro. G. W. Speth, of Margate, England, an able critical Masonic student, and a clear and forcible writer, contributes this week a communication on the subject of the monks and lay brothers of the monasteries of the eleventh century, the "signs" in use by them, and their relation to those of Masonry. Bro. Speth antagonises the views of Bro. Fort, from whom we shall be glad to hear in reply.—*Keystone*.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, on Monday next, the 24th inst., at the Clarence Hotel, 88, Aldersgate-street, by members of the Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781, who have been invited to work them in the above lodge. Bro. G. H. Stephens, S.W. 1623, 1382, 898, will preside, with Bro. J. H. Pringle, Preceptor 781, J.W. 781, S.W., and Bro. J. Lax, W.M. 781, J.W.

The following are the dinners, &c., held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the present week:—Monday, March 17th—St. Patrick's Festival, Grand Masters' Lodge, British Lodge, Royal Albert Lodge. Tuesday, 18th—Cadogan Lodge, British Home for Incurables, Salisbury Lodge. Wednesday, 19th—Hackney Carriage Proprietors' Association, Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers, Grand Stewards' Lodge, Oak Lodge, Noviomagus, Buckingham and Chandos Lodge. Thursday, 20th—Old Acquaintance Musical Society, Linnean Club, St. Mary's Lodge, Universal Lodge, Globe Lodge, Great Northern Lodge. Friday, 21st—Jordan Lodge, Sunday Society Ball, Highland Society.

Lawyers' offices, as a rule, are not fitted up with Oriental splendour; but there are a few exceptions. One of the most notable of these may be found in the chambers of Bro. A. M. Broadley, who defended Arabi Pasha. He has chambers in the Middle Temple, London, which he has fitted up in a style to surprise guests who find their way through that dingy locality to his door. On opening the door a dim vestibule is encountered, hung with dark cloth but on leaving this the visitor enters upon a suite of apartments dazzlingly furnished and lit in Oriental style, the walls covered with embroidered velvet, the carpets those of Shiraz and Shirvan, and many unique Arabian and Turkish ornaments.—*Keystone*.

A specimen of bigotry and intolerance on the part of a section of the Christian (*sic*) Church in Adelaide has come under our notice. A brother belonging to one of the Adelaide Lodges of the English Constitution, a Roman Catholic, has just died; his friends and relatives are members of the Roman Catholic Church. A wish has been expressed by them that our late brother should be interred in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, side by side with his late wife and children. The priest, however, refuses to allow the burial to take place there, with the rites and ceremonies of the Romish Church, because the deceased was a *Freemason*; but the friends may have the option of laying him by the side of his dead wife and children as one would bury a dog, without prayers, rites, or ceremony—and this is a Christian country in the nineteenth century. . . . We believe that the friends of our late brother have determined that he shall be buried in the Church of England portion of the cemetery, where the officiating clergyman will not capriciously seek to know what his past life has been, but will assuage the grief of his sorrowing friends by telling them that, if he died repentant, he is laid in the grave with a sure and certain hope of a resurrection to everlasting life.—*Rough Ashlar*.

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Bro. James Pain, the pyrotechnist, of London, has been awarded a gold medal for his exhibits at the Exhibition which is being held at Calcutta.

It is now proposed, since the arch at Hyde Park Corner has been rebuilt, to reinstate the Iron Duke on his time-honoured pedestal.

The general anticipation that the promised reduction of the cost of an inland telegram to sixpence will take place in October next is not likely to be realised.

The annual supper of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, 1614, was held on the 13th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, and passed off most successfully, a large company being present.

Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S., has changed his private address from the Elms, Croydon-road, Anerley, S.E., to Clifton Lodge, Farquhar-road, Upper Norwood, S.E.

We are asked to announce that on and after the 4th prox., the Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, No. 453, will meet at the Loughton Public Hall on Friday evenings at 7.30 p.m., instead of at the Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, as heretofore.

Bro. A. Fisher, Secretary 1536 (United Military Lodge, Plumstead), was at the last meeting presented by the members of the lodge with a handsome testimonial, consisting of a massive silver tea service, suitably inscribed, on the occasion of his resigning his office in the lodge, he having been appointed Master Gunner at Malta.

Bro. J. E. Curteis, P.P.S.G.W. Devon, owner of the yacht *Talisman*, 99 tons, and the well known racing cutter "Quickstep," has been unanimously elected Rear-Commodore of the Plymouth Corinthian Yacht Club. Lord Francis Cecil is Commodore and Mr. W. S. Kelly Vice-Commodore.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales presided at a meeting of the Institute of Agriculture at the South Kensington Museum on Monday, at which a lecture was delivered by Mr. Henry Woods on "Ensilage." Bro. Lord Suffield was present in attendance upon his Royal Highness.

A History of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, by Bro. C. E. Ferry, P.M., is in the press, and will shortly be published. The edition will be limited to 125 copies only, and is being tastefully got up with antique type, ornamental initials, and head and tail pieces to each year or chapter. When ready it will be announced in these columns.

A warrant has been granted for another new Mark Lodge, which will bear the name of our esteemed Bro. Fred Davison, Grand Treasurer of the Mark Grand Lodge. The "Davison" will rank as No. 331 on the roll of Grand Lodge, and will hold its meetings at No. 8a, Red Lion-square, W.C. The Master and Wardens designate are Bros. Hy. Faija, W.M.; Jas. Inglis, S.W.; and R. A. Meyer, J.W. The day of consecration will be shortly arranged.

The *Citizen*, in its issue of Saturday last, propounds the following questions anent two economic problems that are attracting some considerable attention:—"Modern magic having accomplished so much, may we not hope that it will ere long stretch forth its wand to do two more highly desirable things? (1) To apply the force of the tides in some way to convey fish to the great towns twice daily, through tubes. (2) To return to the impoverished soil those materials that human consumption takes from it, and so turn a great nuisance, sewage, into an enormous benefit."

We hear that, under the title of "The Illustrated Dictionary of Gardening," a most elaborate work on gardening is about to be issued in serial form. It is to be in the popular and convenient form of a dictionary, and will give particulars of, and cultural directions for, all garden plants, including annuals, biennials, and perennials (both flowering and foliage), bulbs, shrubs, trees, and other subjects for the open border; fruit, vegetables, and herbs; greenhouse, hothouse, and stove plants of all kinds, including ferns, orchids, cacti, and other succulents, and palms; and information as to the various garden structures and implements, manures, soils, insecticides, and other requisites. Between 1500 and 2000 illustrations will be given, the publishers recognising the fact that an illustration is of the greatest service in making clear the description of a plant. The first part of the Dictionary is to be issued this week. It is published at 170, Strand.

If trifles make the sum of human things, it is no light trifle that secures comfort in a gentleman's dress and reduces personal irritability to a minimum. Dependent as all our brethren are upon the tailor for dress, his best exertions are often negatived; trousers do not fit or are uncomfortable, because that connecting band known as a brace is unsound in principle or badly constructed. A really sensible scientific brace should be constructed on some principles of support with equal gentle pressure upon the person, and of permanent elasticity. If braces be made of leather they become hard; if of silk or of webbing they either are without elasticity or it is lost by heat or necessary perspiration; and then a rigid band binds the shoulders like steel, and all personal comfort is lost. After a careful examination of the merits of a new brace called the Armstrong Brace, we have come to the conclusion that its simplicity of construction, enabling the wearer to walk, run, or ride with comfort, will render it the most popular brace yet presented to the public. It is properly balanced, adjustable, and pleasantly elastic, because its principle is based upon the sound common sense of practical manufacturers using strong spiral springs of incorrodible metal (silver) spreading the necessary give-and-take of elasticity over all parts of the person, from the shoulders downwards. Novelty, simplicity, and thoroughness are among its lesser recommendations.

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Bro. the Duke of St. Albans, with the Duchess, is cruising in the Mediterranean in his grace's yacht *Ceres*. Bro. Newington Bridges is the W.M. designate of a new Mark Lodge, to be held at the head-quarters of the 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-road, Camberwell.

The annual ball in connection with the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, will take place at the Cannon-street Hotel, to-morrow evening (Saturday).

Bro. R. J. Taylor, W.M. 1922, will rehearse the ceremony of installation at the Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction, on Wednesday next, the 26th inst., at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 8 o'clock.

In our notice last week of the Temperance Lodge Ball we omitted to mention that Baron H. de Worms was one of the patrons and also one of the principal supporters of the ball.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of North Wales will be held at Portmadoc on Tuesday next, the 25th inst. A large gathering is expected.

Bro. A. E. Fradelle, of 246, Regent-street, has issued an excellent cabinet portrait of the late Bro. George Buckland. It is a life-like and speaking likeness, and to many who, like ourselves, have enjoyed his acquaintance for a number of years, it will recall many pleasant memories of wit, humour, and song.

The Duchess of Connaught has contributed a beautiful altar cloth, with the Greek cross and lilies embroidered by hand, to the new parish church at Bagshot, Surrey, the foundation stone of which was laid in April last by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who has also presented a cross and candlesticks.

In our further notice of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival last week we incorrectly gave the number of the Friends in Council Lodge as 1382 instead of 1383. Perhaps our contemporary who copied the error as well as the paragraph generally will be glad to make the same correction.

The Stereoscopic Company have just published a photograph in cabinet size of General Gordon, in full dress as Pasha Gordan, Governor of the Soudan. It is said to have been photographed at Khartoum. The serene and firm but benevolent features of this remarkable man are faithfully reproduced, and we have no doubt many of his admirers will be glad to possess this latest portrait, produced as it has been under such exceptional and romantic conditions.

Mr. G. F. Winsor, of 72, Mark-lane, E.C., is supplying a very excellent blend of old Highland Whiskey, which is called the "Yachtsman's Blend." In these days it is somewhat difficult to find an agreeable and genuine whiskey, many are offered but do not gain much hold upon public estimation; we should not be surprised if the "Yachtsman's Blend" were to come boldly to the front and hold its position. The bottles being made square occupy a much smaller case, and add to safety in transit. The price is quoted case and bottles included.

We have much pleasure in congratulating Bro. Dr. Spark, of Leeds, on the success of his last composition, a song for bass or baritone, entitled "St. Paul's," the words of which are by Charles J. Rowe, the author of "The Raft" and other popular songs. We hear that Signor Folli has given Dr. Spark £50 for the copyright, and that the celebrated vocalist has affirmed that this last work by the author of the "Masonic Liber Musicus" is "without exception the most characteristic, clever, and effective modern bass song he had ever sung." Let us hope that the great basso's dictum will only prove too true, and that the composition will equal "The Raft" in popularity.

A new Mark Master Masons' Lodge was consecrated on the afternoon of Thursday, the 20th inst., by the style of title of the Boro' of Greenwich Lodge, No. 332, at the King William the Fourth, Trafalgar-road, East Greenwich. The ceremony was performed by R.W. Bro. the Rev. Thos. Robinson, Prov. G.M.M.M. Kent, who was assisted in his task by Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.W., G. Sec., and Bro. D. M. Dewar, P.G.M.O., Asst. G. Sec. The following were afterwards installed as the first Masters and Wardens: Bros. Ralph Gooding, W.M. Bon Accord Lodge, W.M.; E. S. Stidolph, P.M. 22, S.W.; and Wm. Kipps, J.W. Between 20 and 30 brethren were advanced to the Mark Degree on the same occasion. The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

Bro. Charles Du Val's entertainment at St. James's Hall continues to attract much of public patronage, and deservedly so. Bro. Du Val's career has been a very stirring one. His book, "With a Show through Southern Africa and Personal Reminiscences of the Transvaal War" (second edition, Tinsley Brothers), is well known, and has been much read and appreciated. He then volunteered for service, and joined a mounted force, and was attached to the personal staff of Colonel Gildes, the commander, and was mentioned more than once specially and favourably. He has since been before us as a successful caterer for the legitimate amusement of the public, and has shown much versatility and talent in the adaptation of character, rapid changes, and in minute and skilful representations, whether of speciality or idiosyncrasies. "Odds and Ends" deserves to be seen to be appreciated, inasmuch as it furnishes an unfailing theme for discriminating applause, and is a true provocative of hearty merriment. We have become so dull, so stupid, and so proper in these peculiar days, that to some there is a positive impropriety in wit, and even vulgarity in a shout of laughter. People sometimes go "simpering" as it were through life, not knowing what they are simpering at, hardly realizing a joke when it meets them in the way, and thinking that, as they do not and cannot see the point, others ought not either, and that therefore it is "bad form." Some of our young men's shirt collars are so tight and stiff that they positively cannot turn their heads and enjoy a thorough good laugh, and a general flatness and dullness pervades our social assemblies, and qualifies conversational intercourse. We think, then, that Bro. Du Val may do many of us good, old and young, and we recommend our readers to take an early opportunity of making the acquaintance of this very pleasant professor of social characteristics. Bro. Du Val will present (to-morrow) Saturday his 300th representation at St. James's Hall. A special programme will be presented, including a recital of the Irish ballad poem of "Shamus O'Brien, a tale of '98."