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THE fact to which Bro. GOLDNEY recently alluded with pardonable pride, that Masonic contributions to Charity during the 11 years of the popular régime of H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER amounted to £350,000, is a most striking one in its way, and deserves the attention both of the friends and foes of Freemasonry in this country. The only little defect in the statement is, that it understates rather than over estimates the full flow of Masonic beneficence. If everything was tottled up which has been raised and distributed through various channels and in different forms by English Freemasonry, during that period, the amount would certainly exceed half a million of money. We allude to this reality in no spirit of boasting, neither do we wish to raise needless questions, or "odorous" comparisons. But we think we are warranted in saying this, that our great English Jurisdiction stands out happily to-day from all others, in the extent and realism of its constant and warm-hearted efforts for the elevating and noble cause of Charity. And it is a matter of satisfaction to all English Freemasons, that eschewing all sectarian, political, and even social questions, our Order simply devotes itself to the developement of the true work and spirit of Freemasonry, a careful rendering of our ancient ceremonial, the agreeable arrangements of an amiable hospitality, and the untiring energy and munificent results of charitable endeavours, applied in the truest spirit of unselfish liberality for the happiness and help of the less prosperous members of our brethren, and the education of their orphan children. If any complain of Masonic Charity being confined to Masonic devotees and Masonic claims, all we can say is, "Go and do thou likewise, in your own sphere, and for your neighbours' good." Why is our liberty of goodwill to be judged by your indifference to a similar outcome, or even your want of appreciation of our motives and labours? As we said above, our friends may indeed take heart and rejoice when they know and remember how every decennial period witnesses of the advance, expanse, and growth, and utility, and open-handed Charity of English Freemasonry. As regards our foes, we say to them "si queris," as to what Freemasonry is and means, "circumspice." But that in 1885, in this a freeland, we should have foes who attack us and insult us, week by week, is matter to the thoughtful mind of marvel and regret. Were not the incriminations we read, and the views we hear of, so wickedly perverse and so cruelly unjust, instead of heartfelt anger and shame at the prevalence of such vulgar intolerance, they seem to us so grotesquely absurd that they are and can be matter simply for hearty laughter or unmitigated contempt. It is only a short time back that we read in an accredited Roman Catholic serial, written by a well-known professor, to boot, a long tirade against Freemasonry, which, admitting quite sufficient knowledge of its constitution and members to prove that such a deliverance was not an outcome of "invincible ignorance," wound up by declaring English Freemasons to be Pagans and profane, bound together for a ceaseless and destructive war against law and order, morality and Society; and this in the very face of the admitted reality, that there is no earthly Society at this hour which is so loyal, reverential, and law-abiding, or doing so much to assuage the sufferings, and aid the civilization of the world, as the Brethren of the "mystic tie" in this good realm of England.

THE "Bulletin du Grand Orient" contains an official report of a correspondence between the Grand Orient of France and our GRAND SECRETARY at the beginning of this year. It seems that the Grand Orient, tired of isolation, and thinking that a recent alteration in their own Constitutions had "mended matters," applied formally to our Grand Lodge in deprecation of exclusion from our lodges, and with a suggestion of Masonic intercourse, and a formal withdrawal of the prohibition of reception. It based its action on these two points, as it asserted,—(1) that its original change had been misunderstood, and (2), that by a recent alteration of verbiage, all had been conceded that the Grand Lodge of England had

to expect or desire. To this application our GRAND SECRETARY replied courteously, as is his wont, by order of the GRAND MASTER in effect, that the change alluded to had not removed the objection of English Freemasons to the revolution in the French formularies, which had been most unwisely and hastily brought about: that the name of God, the fundamental landmark of Freemasonry, had been, so to say, expunged, and that no professions of toleration, or solidarity, or anything else would supply this mournful and alarming defect. The GRAND SECRETARY might have gone on to say, had not his customary courtesy suppressed the fact, that despite this recent change in the Constitution, which says very little, and means even less, the position of the Grand Orient of France had gone down from bad to worse rapidly. Its best friends in France regard it with alarm and dismay, and even prophecy an eventual interference by the State, with its now admitted political and irreligious propaganda. It is practically, a secret political society, without any maintenance of Masonic landmarks, and it may well be doubted whether it can now be treated on account of its terrible and erratic departure from the great tenets of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry as a true jurisdiction, rather if it must not be regarded, as a body owing to its vagaries, "hors de la Loi," as regards Freemasonry proper. It has undoubtedly introduced many innovations and has rendered itself open to the charges of the French press, of M. ANDRIEUX, and others, of formulating unbelieving professions of individual faith, practising a ridiculous ceremonial, and developing a childish and fantastic outcome of personal politics. If the French Freemasons could retrace their steps none would hail them more warmly than the Grand Lodge of England. The position taken up under orders by our GRAND SECRETARY is, in truth, the proper, the safe, the constitutional one to assume, and from it we feel persuaded nothing will ever dispose the Grand Lodge of England to recede. We could wish it were otherwise. At present any "rapprochement" between us and the Grand Orient of France seems to be out of the question. We say all this indeed more in sorrow than anger. None have a better or a kinder feeling for the French Grand Orient than we have. We wish it well fraternally, but we desiderate for it a sounder mind. Knowing the difficulties of Foreign Freemasonry in Roman Catholic countries, and realizing as we do the unchanged "views" of the Ultramontane party everywhere, we had hoped that an "entente cordiale" might have been established between French and English Freemasonry. At present, as we have just observed, it seems hopeless and impossible. Let us only hope for a happier change and a brighter day.

THE Voting Papers for the Girls' and Boys' School will probably be out this week, and we understand that the polling is expected, as usual, to be very high. One lamentable fact is patent, that a large number of the Subscribers never vote at all. Votes are kept back each election which could secure and more than secure the election of one or more candidates, and we do urge upon all Subscribers to these useful and needful Institutions to be good enough to condescend to take the trouble to fill up their Voting Papers for some one good candidate.

AMONG many worthy brethren whose loss we regret week by week to record, we feel right to note our lamented and worthy brother, W. STEPHENS, P.G.P. A zealous and energetic Freemason, most devoted to the cause of Charity, he will be greatly missed by many friends, who admired his activity and recognised his worth.

THE first meeting of the Stewards for the Girls' School Anniversary Festival is fixed for Monday, the 16th inst. We hope that there will be a good muster, and that Bro. HEDGES may have, as usual, another good success.

IT has not often devolved upon us to announce such glorious news as is recorded in another part of our columns in connection with our two Schools. It is by no means an everyday occurrence that all the candidates from a particular school who present themselves at a particular examination should succeed in passing the ordeal prescribed. Yet this is precisely what happened in the case of our Masonic School at the Cambridge Middle-class Examinations in December last. The Girls' School sent up 14 candidates—four Seniors and 10 Juniors—all of whom satisfied the Examiners, while of the 10 Juniors one was awarded Second Class and three Third Class honours. The Boys' School sent up 16 candidates—all Juniors—and of these four took First Class, five Second Class, and three Third Class honours, the remaining four being awarded certificates of having satisfied the Examiners. We take the opportunity of congratulating not only the two Executives, but in an especial degree Miss DAVIS and Bro. Dr. MORRIS, on the very complete measure of success achieved by their respective groups of pupils at this examination.

We print elsewhere a short but important letter "Statuettes," from our esteemed Bro. C. E. KRYSER, of Hertfordshire. The appeal he makes is one, we venture to think, will not be made in vain to many true Freemasons amongst us. The Masonic pulpit at St. Albans is a matter of some just pride to all who realize the ancient traditions of English Masons, and as there are many Johannite Masons amongst us (pace Bro. JACOB NORTON), we feel sure that they will be glad to have the opportunity of helping to complete the good work by the erection of the two required and deficient statues of St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist. Anyhow, we venture to express the hope, alike in America as in England, that by Easter the pulpit will have become a perfect work.

LEEDS has been chosen as the place for the installation of Bro. T. W. TEW as Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire. Remembering another great gathering at Leeds some years ago for a similar purpose which has never faded from our memory, we have no doubt the selection of Leeds for this purpose is both politic and proper. A large gathering is anticipated, and the West Yorkshire brethren will we doubt not give a very hearty greeting to the distinguished brother H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER has appointed to rule over them.

THE important development which our Provincial Masonic and Educational Associations have taken during the last few years is remarkably illustrated by the last report of the East Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. So striking is that report, and so creditable to our good brethren in East Lancashire, that, having received it too late this week to do justice to its contents, we defer our remarks upon it until our next issue.

As a rule, everything connected with Freemasonry runs its course so smoothly, that those who feel inclined to belaud its doings are deterred from saying anything in the way of praise, lest it should savour too much of fulsome flattery. But circumstances occasionally happen which justify a word or two of laudation, as, for instance, when Bro. GIDDY, D.G.M. Griqualand, consecrated a new Masonic hall in the Diamond Fields, South Africa, on the 4th February ult., in respect of which it seems worth while pointing out that it has been erected by and for the use of the Sir Charles Warren Lodge, and that if it has no great architectural pretensions as a hall, it has been well and solidly built, while its interior is well filled and arranged. One of the rooms has been fitted up as a library; the books with which its shelves are furnished having been selected by Bro. SIR CHARLES WARREN himself when the lodge was established a few years since. Such a circumstance justifies our offering to the members of this lodge a few words of congratulation on so signal an evidence of their devotion to the Craft.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

We have very great pleasure in announcing to our readers that of the pupils of our Girls' School who underwent the Cambridge Middle-class Examinations in December last, every one, without exception, succeeded in satisfying the Examiners, while of the ten juniors four obtained honours. So complete a success as this must be highly gratifying, not only to the educational staff, to the excellence of whose training it is principally due, but likewise to the Craft, who must rejoice to have such indisputable evidence that the funds they so generously contribute towards this Institution are turned to such excellent accounts. We congratulate the Committee, Miss Davis and her able and zealous staff, and the Secretary, Bro. Hedges, on the result.

The following is a list of the pupils examined and the positions assigned them in their respective divisions:

SENIORS.—Satisfied the Examiners.—Mary Norrish, Mona Hennett, Eleanor Spurgin, and Clara Kingcombe.

JUNIORS.—Honours; Class II.—Julia Harvey.* Honours; Class III.—Alice Cecil,* † Edith Hicks, ‡ and Jane Taylor. Satisfied the Examiners.—Ellen Ward, † Amy Swaine, Mary Wyatt, Cicely Jardine, Ellen Senior, and Agnes Deeley.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

It is with an equal degree of pleasure that we announce a similarly satisfactory result in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Sixteen of the pupils went up for the Cambridge Middle-class Examinations (juniors) in December last, and while all of them, with not a single exception, passed, no less than 12 succeeded in doing so with honours. Evidence such as this of the value of the educational system pursued at our Boys' School is most valuable, and coming, as it does, concurrently with that furnished by the result at the same examination in the case of the Girls' School, will not fail to exercise a most beneficial influence among the Craft generally, who will be more than ever inclined to contribute aid to our Institutions when they find them so successfully conducted. We offer our hearty congratulations to the Head Master, Bro. Dr. Morris, the House Committee, and the Secretary, Bro. Fred. Binckes.

We append a list showing the classification of the 16, and the special distinctions awarded to sundry of their number.

JUNIORS.—Honours: 1st Class.—1. H. Bingham, distinguished for Mathematics and Latin; 2. W. R. Cooper, distinguished for Latin and French; 3. A. T. Howarth; 4. H. King, distinguished for Latin and French.
2nd Class.—5. J. Hurst; 6. A. J. Kennedy, distinguished for Latin; 7. S. W. Richardson; 8. C. B. Sharp; 9. W. Stanton.
3rd Class.—10. G. N. C. Keighley; 11. J. C. Potts; 12. A. Woon.
Satisfied the Examiners.—13. R. P. Deeley; 14. P. A. Gedge; 15. N. G. Southam; 16. J. Ward.

Sixteen candidates sent up; sixteen passed.
Honours, twelve. Satisfied Examiners, four.

* Distinguished in English subjects. † Distinguished in Religious Knowledge.
‡ Distinguished in French.

THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 6th inst. Bro. H. B. Marshall, Grand Treasurer, and Patron and Treasurer of the Institution, occupied the chair, while among those present were Bros. Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; J. Lawrence, S. J. Byng, J. Brittain, George Mickley, George Powell, Geo. E. Fairchild, W. Murlis, J. Boulton, Thos. Clark, J. J. Goode, G. Norrington, H. E. Dehane, Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; John Collier, H. McClelland, J. M. Chapman, T. C. Walls, Chas. J. Rich, Henry Mason, Alex. Mullord, and James Terry, Hon. Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, votes of thanks to the Board of General Purposes for the use of the Temple, and to Bro. Grand Secretary for having expedited the arrangements for its use, were passed with acclamation.

Bro. TERRY announced the result of the Festival as £17, 80s. 6d., there being lists still outstanding.

A vote of thanks was passed to R.W. Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Gloucestershire, for his kindness in presiding; after which followed the reading of a most complimentary resolution agreed to by the Committee of Management, in which the members of the Board of Stewards were individually and collectively thanked for their valuable services. A similar vote to the officers of the Board for the manner in which they had severally fulfilled their duties having been unanimously agreed to, and the Hon. Treasurer having received instructions to discharge the bills and close the accounts, the Chairman was thanked for presiding, and the Board dissolved.

Since the publication of the Returns in our issue of the 28th ult., there have been received four fresh lists, namely:—

LONDON.

Lodge 1679, Bro. J. Bagot Scriven	...	...	£24	3	0
" 1716, " Henry J. Hancock	...	...	54	5	0
" 1766, " Rev. H. G. Henderson	10	10	0

EAST LANCASHIRE.

163, Lodge of Integrity	42	0	0
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WEST YORKSHIRE.

Bro. Sir H. Edwards, Bart., P.P.G.M.,	21	0	0
and another, each ten guineas			

There have also been received various additions to lists as then announced, the most considerable of which are in respect of Lodge No. 65, per Bro. C. J. Rich, £10 10s., raising his total to £242 11s.; Lodge No. 1558, per Bro. Chas. Sims, £27 5s., raising his total to £202 12s.; Lodge No. 1732, per Bro. H. Stiles, increasing his to £61 7s. 6d.; and for the Province of Suffolk, per Bro. Major Dods, £26 5s., and so making his total into £246 15s.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, 1884.

The report of this Institution for the past year is, in all respects, satisfactory, and must be highly gratifying to its President, the Earl of Lathom, and its numerous well-wishers and supporters. Considering, indeed, the amount of good it has been able to confer on the children of poor West Lancashire brethren since its establishment in 1850, and that the amount of its investments is about equal to that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, we have good reason to be satisfied with this evidence of the zeal and generosity of the province, and the more so, as there can be no doubt whatever that a local Charity like this, which can dispose of so considerable an income, must exercise a very appreciable effect in lessening the pressure on our central Schools. However, we shall be doing the Institution a service which it deserves at our hands, and help it far more effectually than by dilating on its merits, if we give a brief account of its financial statement for the period dealt with in the course of this report. On 1st January, 1884, there was balance brought forward from the previous year of close on £1848, and the total receipts from all sources amounted to over £2319, of which nearly £1446 represent the donations and subscriptions, and £722 the interest on investments and deposit account at bank. This gives a total for the year on the Dr. side of the account of nearly £4167, which, we are told, is rather less than the amount for 1883; but the falling off, which is very slight, is explained as being due to the exceptional efforts made to provide the requisite sum for entirely maintaining certain of the children on the foundation. On the other hand, the amount expended for the special objects of the Institution is slightly in excess of £1525, which sum was disbursed for the "education, clothing, maintenance, and advancement in life of 161 children," in respect of two of whom the sum of £357 was handed over to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, being the amount fixed by law for two purchased admissions, so that no further payments will have to be made on their account. Of the four other children on the Combined Fund, two boys have been placed at a school near Preston, while arrangements have been made for the admission of the other two—both girls—into the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on payment of an annual sum as agreed upon.

However, we have here expended during 1884 by this local Charity in assisting 161 children no less a sum than £1525, the casual disbursements all told being a little within £57. Of the remainder, £2000 has been utilised in the purchase of a Swansea Harbour Trust Bond, and the rest, some £585, is the balance in bank and Treasurer's hands at the close of the year's transactions. The property of the Institution consists of over £17,878 invested moneys and the aforesaid balance at bank, &c., of £585, or together in round figures, £18,463. During the year 25 children were elected upon the foundation, and there were 19 approved applicants on the list for the election on the 6th inst., of whom three were for election on the Combined Fund, which, having regard to the benefits it affords, it is now proposed to increase. It is also very satisfactory to note that the support received from the lodges is now distributed over a wider area, there being fewer lodges than before with the words "no return" recorded against them in the statistics appended to the report. There is, it seems, still some room for improvement in this respect, and we unite with the Honorary Secretaries, Bros. G. Broadbridge and Robert Martin, in hoping that by the end of the current year it will have come to be recognised by all the lodges in West Lancashire that it is not only a privilege, but likewise a duty which is incumbent upon them, to support their Masonic Educational Institution. We are pleased beyond measure at a report so favourable, and offer our sincere congratulations to all, from the President downwards, who have had a share in securing the year's success.

MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

The Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, Liverpool, held its annual ball in aid of the Benevolent Fund connected with the lodge, at the Adelphi Hotel, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. This fund has been one of the most satisfactory in connection with lodges in the province of West Lancashire, which has for its object the relief of indigent members and the widows and orphans of members. The Israel members and their families always look towards this ball as not only one of the most enjoyable in the festive season, but also for the addition it usually makes to its funds, and thus enabling the Committee to relieve their necessities to a substantial extent. In the past year, unfortunately, distress has been active, and the Committee have boldly met the occasions; in one case the amount of £100 was voted, which, had it not been for the revivifying effects of this vote, the applicant would probably have succumbed to a nameless terror. Although this lodge looks so well towards its members and their families, yet it does not confine its charity to this one fund. The members of the Lodge of Israel are constant supporters of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, the Hamer Benevolent Fund, and has in the 11 years of its existence sent at least 10 Stewards to the London Festivals, so that, like the majority of members of the Jewish faith, they do not confine their charity to those in their midst, but cheerfully endeavour to extend their helping hand to all. Practically this ball was one of the most enjoyable of the series.

The company numbered about 150, and the arrangements were of a perfect character, thanks to the exertions of Bros. D. Gabrielsen, W.M., Chairman of the Ball Committee; A. A. Lyons, Treas.; A. Kirkpatrick, Hon. Sec.; Maurice Hart, P.P.G.D.C., who acted as M.C., assisted by J. F. Davis; M. Aronsberg, P.M., Capt. of the Stwds.; Wilcox, Asst. Capt.; R. Robinson, P.P.G. Reg.; H. Gabriel, B. Woolf, H. Defrece, Ehrenbocker, H. Ellis, and others. Among the visitors were noticed Bros. T. Webster, P.M. 823; S. Mattison, 1609; and others. An admirable supper was served under the supervision of the manager of the hotel, Bro. Ludlow.

MASONIC CELEBRATION AT ALTRINCHAM.

Monday, the 2nd inst., was a "red letter day" in the annals of the Stamford Lodge, 1045. On that memorable occasion it attained its majority, and, Masonically, we wish it "Many happy returns." Judging from the vigour it has displayed of late, there is every prospect of this being realised, a prospect upon which every good Mason in the province who has Masonry at heart will pride himself. The 2nd inst. was also memorable in that it celebrated the continuance in office of one of its oldest members, the now venerable Secretary, whom we wish a long and happy continuance. He was on that day presented with a portrait, painted in oils, of himself, as also an inkstand and other accessories, which will serve to remind him of his honourable connection with the Stamford Lodge. The portrait has been painted by Mr. D. Shoesmith, of Hale-road, Altrincham, and as an artistic production is worthy of the highest praise. Bro. Newhouse is represented in his regalia as a Provincial Grand Officer, but the admirable way in which the expression of the features has been caught is in every way creditable to the artist. Indeed, during the whole of the time the picture has been on exhibition has there been anything but commendation of it, and in addition it may be noted that the lodge has secured a duplicate which will be used at its various Masonic gatherings. The inkstand and accessories have been supplied by Mr. Eustace George Parker, George-street, Altrincham, and are of an elaborate and sumptuous character.

The St. John's Day of the Stamford Lodge also witnessed the installation as W.M. of Bro. Josiah Drinkwater, whose career has been one alike honourable to himself and the lodge. The ceremony was performed by Bro. S. G. O. von Sturmer, assisted by Bros. Baker and Siddeley. The following were afterwards invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. S. G. O. von Sturmer, I.P.M.; Charles Bosustow, S.W.; the Hon. Alan de Taton Egerton, M.P., J.W.; Rev. Richard Hodgson, P.M., P.G.O., Chap.; Jno. Siddeley, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., Treas.; Richard Newhouse, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., Sec.; Robt. H. Potter, S.D.; Frederick R. B. Lindsell, J.D.; Thomas H. Kirk, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; Joel Foden, I.G.; James Harrison, Tyler; Richard Baker, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; Hollins, Brierley, Whittaker, and Worthington, Stwds.

In making the presentation of the portrait, Bro. Kirk said he was exceedingly sorry that Bro. Heathcote was unable to be present to make the presentation, but he would endeavour to do his best, as he always had done in connection with Masonry. For the past 20 years Bro. Newhouse had done his work in such a methodical and efficient manner that it was only right and fitting that the brethren should present him with some little token of esteem and affection. This had taken the form of a portrait of himself, and he might go further and say that the brethren had so much esteem for Bro. Newhouse that they had secured a duplicate of it, which they intended to keep in their lodge, and this would keep his memory green amongst them for a long time to come. He hoped that Bro. Newhouse would be able to hand down that portrait to his children's children for generations to come, and that they would be able to look upon it and see that he had not gone through the world without making his mark in Masonry, and having an evidence of the deep feeling of regard, esteem, and affection in which he was held. Bro. Kirk concluded by reading an address, and stated that not a single member's name was absent from the subscription list.

Bro. NEWHOUSE, in reply, said that Bro. Kirk had drawn almost too flattering a picture in reference to himself in the past. He thanked them heartily. That day was of great importance in the history of the Stamford Lodge, it being 21 years since that day that it was constituted. Looking back he found there were 19 founders of that lodge, 14 of these had gone over to the majority—three were living, and members of the lodge, but not with them. He was sure Bro. Heathcote, had he been well enough, would have been glad to have discharged the duty which Bro. Kirk had so well done. They were proud of the progress of that lodge, for during that time they had had 140 accessions, and that they had initiated good men was evidenced by the fact that no less than 32 had been accorded provincial honours.

(Applause.) The Stamford Lodge, like many others, had had its periods of sickness; but under the good nursing of their Treasurer, Bro. Siddeley, they would all agree that the older it got the stronger it became. For the handsome present they had made him that day he heartily thanked them, and he hoped it would pass down as an heirloom to his son, who he hoped would follow the footsteps of his father in Masonry. (Applause.)

After the various ceremonies, the brethren sat down to the banquet in the Town Hall, which was provided in an unexceptionable manner by Mrs. Harvey, the hostess of the Unicorn Hotel. In addition to the W.M. and his officers noted above, the following brethren were present: Bros. W. Nicholls, P.M., P.P.G.P. 947; J. Beresford, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Rev. E. D. Garven, P.P.G.C.; R. McD. Smith, P.M. 44, 64, P.P.G.T. East Lancashire; W. Goodacre, Prov. G. Sec. West Lancs.; J. Wildgoose, P.M. 163, P.P.G.J.D. East Lancs.; A. Griffiths, W.M. 1357, P.G.O.; John E. Lees, P.M. 645, P.P.G.T. East Lancs.; J. G. Smith, P.M. 44, 64, P.G.J.W. East Lancs.; J. Ambler, P.M., P.G.J.D.; S. Thompson, P.M., P.G.P.; J. Hamilton, P.M., P.G.S. of W.; D. Kinsey, P.M., P.P.G.S.; Geo. F. Smith, P.M., P.G.S.; G. Brett, P.P.G.R. East Lancs., P.M. 997; T. Daine, P.G.S.; I. H. Evans, P.M. 1565; Rev. E. O. Rawson, W.M. 941; J. Lewis, W.M. 1565; W. Bradford, S.W. 1565; W. Wildgoose, S.W. 941; W. Hooper, J.W. 1565; W. Collins, Org. 1565; Rev. E. B. Bagot, P.M. 1357; H. Balshaw, P.M. 1565; W. H. Brierley, E. G. Parker, P.M., P.P.G.P.; F. G. Richardson, J. W. Byrom, T. W. Millar, George Richardson, P.M.; A. H. Gilbody, P.M.; W. Agar Renshaw, P.M.; W. R. Blunsome, A. Ingham, J. Pearson, T. Walker, and others.

THE LA TOLERANCE LODGE LADIES' BANQUET AND BALL.

A most enjoyable gathering was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 5th inst., under the auspices of the W.M., Bro. John Elvin, and officers of this select lodge, and the result was a complete success. We have previously expatiated upon the desirability on all possible occasions of admitting ladies to our festivities whenever practicable, as we are firmly convinced by adopting such a course Masonry and Freemasonry would be regarded a deal more favourably by the fair sex than often is the case, simply from the fact that our wives and sisters would then have an opportunity of witnessing for themselves the class of men we mix with, whom they often hear about, but probably seldom see, in addition to which there is, or should be amongst all Freemasons, an additional pleasure and satisfaction in the knowledge that they are contributing towards the ladies' enjoyment, by giving up one ordinary evening's routine, or, in other words, practising a little self denial and placing themselves under restraint for the benefit of the fair sex.

We understand it is some three or four years since the La Tolerance Lodge gave a banquet to the ladies, but as this has been so successful, we trust each succeeding W.M. may follow Bro. Elvin's example.

Prior to the banquet the lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. and the following officers: Bros. T. Smale, S.W.; C. Burt, J.W.; James Kench, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; J. B. Sly, P.M., Hon. Sec.; L. C. Langdon, T. Bicknell, S.D.; W. G. Fenn, J.D.; A. Smith, I.G.; J. W. Andrews, C.S. There were also present P.M.'s Burmeister, Child, Humphrey, and Skinner; Bros. Vorley, Tidy, Clear, Webb, and Lyons. Visitors: Bros. Byron Ridge, P.M. 463; G. L. Kerrick, 321; Turle Lee, J.W. 1926; G. H. Williams, 1658; G. R. Ousey, W.M. 59; B. P. Jesse, P.M. 1556; J. Vicary, 180; D. Cavé, 1079; Cotterell, S.W. 1837; W. Pocock, 9; P. J. George, S.D. 957; R. R. Lisenden, S.W. 317; M. J. Mumford, 1538; Lattreille, P.M. 1260; Lyons, 1765; and others.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. G. L. Lyons, of the Trinity College Lodge, was balloted for to become a joining member of the lodge, and unanimously elected. A dispensation was read from the M.W.G.M. authorising the brethren to wear Masonic clothing at the banquet and ball, and, there being no further business, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the drawing room to receive the ladies. During the "mauvais quart de heure" Bro. Turle Lee beguiled the time by discoursing sweet sounds on the pianoforte, and at 7.30 the company betook themselves to the banquet room, where a most recherché banquet had been prepared for them, and which gave every satisfaction.

During dessert the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, all of which were enthusiastically received and responded to. Subsequently the W.M. proposed the toast of the evening, viz., "The Ladies," which "qui va sans dire" was heartily drunk, and responded to by Bro. TIDY in appropriate terms.

Bro. LANGDON, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. John Elvin," in eulogistic terms, dilating upon his courtesy and urbanity with all he came in contact, and also upon his ability to perform the various Masonic ceremonies, and his zeal for Freemasonry generally.

The toast was drunk with every manifestation of pleasure, and Bro. ELVIN replied in a few well-chosen sentences, and then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which was responded to by Bros. BYRON, RIDGE, FAIRCHILD, JESSE, STEVENS, and R. R. LISENDEN (*Freemason*).

"The Past Masters and Officers" were also proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. BURMER, P.M.; E. HUMPHREY, P.M.; T. SMALE, S.W.; and BURT, J.W.

The intervals between the toasts were enlivened with some excellent singing by Mesdames Annie Matthews, Spencer Jones, and Bro. L. G. Lyons, whilst Bro. Turle Lee rendered valuable service at the piano.

The company repaired after the banquet to the drawing room, where coffee was served, and subsequently to the ball room, where a capital programme of dance music was executed by Bro. Saunders' band, the company indulging in their terpsichorean revels until the small hours of the morning.

The bust, which has recently been placed in Poet's Corner, Westminster Abbey, in memory of Bro. Robert Burns, was unveiled on Saturday last in the presence of a strong representative gathering of Scotchmen by the Earl of Rosebery; the Dean of Westminster, as well as his lordship, delivering an address appropriate to the event.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, the 7th inst. Bro. William Roebuck, P.G. Stwd., Vice Patron and Trustee, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. A. J. Goodwin, A. M. Broadley, Jno. H. Hawkins, William Baker, James Glaisher, P.G.D.; Geo. Cooper, Henry Morse, Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. B.; Mrs. Isabella S. V. Walls, Bros. L. Ruf, A. E. Gladwell, R. J. Relf, Alfred Williams, S. B. Wilson, John L. Mather, Charles F. Hogard, C. H. Phillips, Fred. T. C. Keeble, N. B. Headon, Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Jas. Willing, jun., F. Adlard, Bradshaw Brown, Joseph Clever, J. A. White, W. G. Lemon, H. Hacker, Geo. Cooper, George Angold, Mr. W. G. Stewart; Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Richard Morris, LL.D.; Thomas Keene, Chas. H. Driver, Horace B. Marshall, G. Treas.; J. M. Case, W. A. Scurrah, Geo. P. Gillard, James Freeman, R. T. Spice, Henry Radcliffe, John A. Rucker, P.G.D.; A. A. Richards, P. Hastings Miller, Thos. Davey, E. Weil, Jas. Moon, J. J. Berry, H. S. Goodall, R. J. Taylor, Jermyn Boyd, E. C. Mather, Henry Cox, Walter Sowdon, J. A. Farnfield, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. H. Webb, H. J. Lardner, T. C. Walls, W. M. Stiles, Geo. Mills, T. G. Hunt, Geo. Nickley, Thos. H. Waterworth, James Hodges, Dudley Rolls, G. P. Festa, Richard Eve, Joyce Murray, John E. Dawson, John Young, Thos. Griffiths, W. Willey, Mr. Edgar M. Bowyer, Bros. S. B. Dodson, Herbert Dicketts, Henry Venn, W. H. Saunders, W. Wigginton, Geo. Martin, Walter Hopelkirk, W. Paas, Geo. Skiggs, W. Maple, Robt. Martin, Lt.-Col. James Peters, P.G.S.B.; W. J. Crutch, Edward Baxter, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Alex. Miller, J. Brittain, J. S. Cumberland, Robt. Gresley Hall, W. Mann, Robert Grey, P.G.D.; A. Hartmann, J. M. Klenck, John Skinner, Thos. Ball, P. de Lande Long, Raymond W. Thrupp, and Frederick Binckes, Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and verified, and those of the special meeting of the House and Building Committee, on the 7th ult., and the House Committee, on the 20th ult., having been read for information, it was moved, seconded, and resolved that so much of the minutes of the General Committee as referred to the rejection of petition on behalf of L. C. E. Ambrose be rescinded. Two petitions on behalf of Ambrose and another were submitted and accepted, and their names will accordingly be included in the list for the October election. Grants of £5 each in two cases were made, after which the Scrutineers appointed to conduct the ballot at the election of two brethren to serve on the House Committee handed in their report, from which it appeared that the result was as follows: Bro. Henry Venn, 56 votes; T. Hastings Miller, 52; Charles Belton, 37; and W. H. Saunders, 24. Accordingly Bros. Venn and Miller were declared elected, and the meeting terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 11th inst. Bro. H. B. Marshall, G. Treas. and Patron, presided, and there were present Bros. J. Newton, John L. Mather, C. A. Cottelbrune, P.G.P.; W. March, W. Daniell, E. West, A. H. Tattershall, W. Murlis, W. H. Goodall, J. M. Case, C. F. Hogard, T. W. C. Bush, Jabez Hogg, P.G.P.; Joseph Freeman, Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; George E. Fairchild, John Bulmer, G. Holton, Henry Moore, F. Adlard, W. Hilton, C. Stean, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. G. Dille, G. P. Festa, and James Terry, Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported the deaths of five annuitants, two male and three female.

The Matron's report was submitted and approved, and there being, in the opinion of the House Committee, no resident brother at Croydon whom they could recommend for the appointment of Warden, it was agreed that Miss Norris should discharge the duties of the office in conjunction with their Matron, the emoluments of the Wardenship being paid to her additionally.

The result of the Festival on Wednesday, the 25th ult., was reported as £17,802 6s. 6d., with three lists still out standing.

The resignation of Bro. G. S. Recknell, who has been appointed to a Clerkship in Grand Secretary's office, was announced and accepted.

Bro. Vassar-Smith was made Honorary Vice-President in consideration of his recent services at the Festival, and generally in behalf of the Institution.

Bro. EDGAR BOWYER having given notice of motion to vote to Bro. Terry the sum of 100 guineas in recognition of his valuable services at the Festival, a vote of thanks to the Chairman was passed and the proceedings terminated.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A meeting of the Court of Governors of this charity was held on the 6th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. R. A. Davies, one of the vice-presidents of the Institution. There was a very large attendance of governors. The minutes of the last court, the General Committee, and the House Committee were read and confirmed, and as a result of this confirmation 16 children were elected upon the foundation of the charity and three on its combined clothing, educational, and maintenance scheme. The treasurer's accounts were received, and a vote of thanks to Bro. Davies for presiding brought the business of the court to a close. Subsequently a chaste gilt silver jewel was presented to Bro. R. Ripley, P.G.A.D.C., in recognition of his generous gift of 170 silver badges to the Stewards of the recent Masonic ball, which resulted in a net surplus of upwards of £300 for the benefit of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen has been to Vienna on business connected with the approaching International Inventions Exhibition.

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To Correspondents.

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"Jewish Chronicle," "Hull Packet," "Die Bauhütte," "Freemaurer Zeitung," "Broad Arrow," "El Taller," "Keystone," "The American Eagle," "Sunday Times," "Citizen," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Cadiz Masónica," "Court Circular," "Victorian Masonic Journal," "Christian Million," "Victorian Freemason," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Voice of Masonry," "Newcastle Daily Journal," "Family Doctor and People's Medical Adviser."



SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1885.

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 "PRINCIPLE OF THE BALLOT."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the case referred to in the first paragraph of the report of the Board of General Purposes the decision of the Board raises an important question.

In the first place, let me say at once I am raising no question as to the justice of the sentence. The Board knew all the circumstances: I know none. I assume the Board acted fairly and justly in the particular case.

Sir, this is a serious matter, as involving the suspension of lodges, and the censure, possibly more, of individuals, and I would ask for an authoritative definition of what is "the principle of the ballot" according to the Constitutions. Is it absolute and inviolable secrecy? I hardly think so. Is it a Masonic offence for a brother voluntarily to rise and declare "vivá voce" how he has voted? If so, under what law? Is it a Masonic offence, cognisable by

the authorities, for one brother privately to ask another how he has voted? I do not find it so laid down in the Constitutions. But if such a thing is not illegal, then does it become so because the lodge invites the brethren to give the information? Of course it is a very strong thing to do, and one that it would require a very strong case to warrant, but exceptional circumstances require exceptional measures; and cases may arise where three members can practically stop the work of the lodge.

Suppose (and I have known cases very similar) a lodge finds there are three or four members who persist in black-balling every candidate proposed, however desirable, and persuasion proves useless, may the lodge take no steps to bring the matter home? It is a legal maxim that "there is no wrong without a remedy," and I confess I cannot see that the Constitutions forbid an inquiry behind the ballot.

If there is any law on the point I shall be glad to know it.—Yours truly,
7th March.

LEX SCRIPTA.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly permit me, through your columns, to thank the 89 brethren who attended Grand Lodge on Wednesday last to support me by their vote?—I remain, yours fraternally,

D. P. CAMA.

3 and 4, Winchester-street-buildings,
Great Winchester-street, E.C.,
March 6th.

MISSING JEWELS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I, with many others, was unfortunate enough to lose my jewels at the last Grand Lodge. Can you give me any information how it is these jewels have disappeared? It seems to me a remarkable circumstance that out of between 30 and 40 jewels lost on that occasion none have been found. They cannot have disappeared altogether. Where are they?—Yours fraternally,

ARTHUR G. GAMBLE.

March 10.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

If your correspondent, "Justitia," will refer to the report of the Grand Lodge of September 2nd, 1874, he will find some corroboration of his opinion as to what constitutes a Lodge of Instruction. On that occasion the Board of General Purposes brought up a report censuring three brethren for assisting at a "Club of Instruction," held at the Hind's Head, Chiswell-street, "without the sanction of a regular warranted lodge or other lawful authority;" and in the discussion that ensued before the report was adopted, the late Bro. John Havers said: "It must be borne in mind, that the moment a place of meeting is opened at any house of public entertainment, or where the public may come, it is amenable, and ought to be so, to the law laid down in the Constitutions."

Apparently, therefore, Bro. Havers would not have held a meeting of members of a lodge in their own Masonic Hall to be a Lodge of Instruction within the meaning of the Constitutions.—Yours fraternally,
E. L. H.

THE UNKNOWN JEWEL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to Masonic query, No. 473, in your paper of the 3rd January last, I beg to state that the jewel referred to is connected with the "Mark Degree," as it was given in the olden days under the Blue Lodges here, and that the design is intended to apply to the "Blazing Star, or Glory in the centre," the letters within the angles of each point of the star being H.T.W.S.S.T.K.S. I think the Degree was worked on that date (30th October, 1842), in the Friendly Lodge of this city, and if of particular interest to an "Enquirer," the writer of this may be able to look up the old minutes (if in existence), and give the name of the brother to whom the jewel belonged.—I remain, Yours fraternally,

JAMAICA.

Kinplin, Jamaica, February, 9th.

THE STAR IN THE EAST.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Last week I was present at a meeting of a lodge (not 100 miles from London) where the Master's light was extinguished, and a special lamp used in the ceremony of the Third Degree; other deviations were at the same time made from what is the usual method of working this Degree; but, though of very considerable interest, they are not of such a nature as to admit of my describing them here.

Would not some brother kindly send you a copy of the Grand Secretary's circular, which, perhaps, you would reprint for the general information of the Craft?—Yours fraternally,
March 7th.

S. M. M. C. O.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I should have written Bros. Hughan and Ramsden Riley thanking them for their answers to my query (512) as to the dates of the editions of various Masonic works, before this, had not my "private avocations" necessitated to a great extent my private correspondence being placed on one side.

Bro. Hughan has written me privately since his communication in your issue of the 21st ult., with a corrected list of the editions of Preston's Illustrations, which I give for the benefit of my fellow students, viz.: 1772, 1775, 1781, 1788, 1792 (8th ed.), 1796 (9th), 1801 (10th), 1804 (11th), 1812 (12th), 1821 by S. Jones, 13th, 1829 (14th, by Dr. Oliver), 1840 (15th), 1846 (16th), and 1861 (17th).

The "Freemason's Pocket Companion" I find was pub-

lished at London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Newcastle, and Glasgow. I almost despair of ever getting anything like a correct list of the editions of all these.

The different editions of the Ahiman Rezon are most perplexing. Bro. Hughan's list has cleared the ground to some extent, and in order to further help I may say I know of the following published at Dublin: 1752, 1782, 1802, 1803, and two others undated but apparently about 1792 to 1795. Others were published at Belfast in 1792, 1795, 1803, and another undated.

I am happy to inform Bro. Ramsden Riley that it was from a careful perusal of the catalogue of the Worcester Masonic Exhibition held in August last, and the copious and comprehensive notes therein by Bro. Hughan, that I first entertained the idea of collating and collecting the several works mentioned in my query, but on proceeding to do so I found the matter almost hopeless from the materials at my command. Hence my query?

I commend the above named catalogue to the careful perusal of all Masonic "Bibliophiles," it being full of the most valuable and interesting information in the most digested form. The catalogue, as a whole, does the compiler and annotator the greatest credit. I believe copies are still to be had on application to Bro. George Taylor, Summerdyne Villa, Kidderminster.—Yours fraternally,
A STUDENT IN MASONRY.

Hull, March 6th.

"IN REBUS MASONICIS."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I think the idea of "Bro. S. R. B." contained in your issue of the 28th ult. is a most excellent one, and I hasten to express a hope that some "syllabus" such as you suggest may be forthwith prepared by some of our Masonic historians for the use of young Masonic students. Of late I have noticed a decided increase in the revival of interest in Masonic literature and pursuits, and I hope that every means will be afforded for literary aspirants to become acquainted with a more general knowledge of the true origin and history of our Craft.

I am of opinion that the Masonic Exhibitions lately held at York and Worcester are in a great measure the cause of this Masonic revival; they have been the means of unearthing and bringing before the Masonic world books and curios not hitherto known. In the breasts of the owners has been implanted a spirit of pride in their possessions, which has urged them to make enquiries into their origin, and shown to them what an interesting study Masonic archaeology is.

I trust, Sir, that ere long our London brethren will follow in the footsteps of their "country cousins," and inaugurate a Masonic Exhibition at Freemasons' Hall worthy of our Craft and the metropolis, and, for ought we know, this might be the means of establishing a permanent museum in Great Queen-street.—Yours fraternally,

GEO. L. SHACKLES.

7, Land of Green Ginger, Hull, March 6th.

THE MASONIC PULPIT AT ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I venture to trouble you with these few lines in the hope that some of the brethren may assist me to complete at once a work which from lack of the necessary funds has up to now remained unfinished. It will be within the recollection of many of your readers that a great effort was initiated about seven years ago to induce the Freemasons of England to undertake some part of the restoration work then being carried out at St. Albans Cathedral. H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. was among the first to give his support and subscription; and an influential list of patrons, and a Committee was at once formed. Owing however to bad times and various other causes only about £550 could be collected, and after several proposals had been put forward, a pulpit was decided upon, and a very handsome design was prepared by Mr. John O. Scott, and placed in the hands of Bro. Miskin, of St. Albans, the ornamental work having been entrusted to Messrs. Farmer and Brindley, the well-known sculptors. The whole was admirably carried out, and the pulpit was duly unveiled and presented to the Cathedral by the R.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts., at the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge held at St. Albans in July, 1883. The body of the pulpit contains five niches, which have been provided for figures of Moses, Solomon, Zerubbabel, St. John the Baptist, and John the Evangelist. Owing to want of funds only three of these figures have been placed in their positions, these having been subscribed for by the Watford, Gladsmuir, and Halsey Lodges respectively. The two remaining ones are completed, and if put in before Easter, Messrs. Farmer and Brindley have undertaken to take them down to St. Albans and fix them in their niches for a total charge of £35, to include, of course, the price of the figures. May I therefore hope that by the aid of contributions (say) not exceeding £1, from a few of our brethren, these figures may at once be added to the pulpit, so that it may no longer be a reproach to us that we began a work which we are not able to finish. Any further information will be gladly accorded to those who may desire it, and donations duly acknowledged by me at once. Bro. Woodford, who has kindly interested himself throughout in the undertaking, will also be ready to give any information on the subject, and has sent me in his name as a supplementary subscriber to this absolutely needful movement.

Hoping, Sir, for your kind co-operation and support, I remain, yours truly and fraternally,

CHARLES E. KEYSER, P.M. 404,
P.P.G.J.W. Herts.

67, Brook-street, W.

FESTIVAL OF THE R.M.B.I.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

"Honour to whom honour is due,"—and I am quite sure you would not intentionally do an injustice to any brother, especially to one who deserved so much and so well of the Craft.

In replying to the toast of "The Chairman," he (the P.G.M.) is reported in the *Freemason* of the 28th Feb. to

have said, "out of the total number of brethren in the province, 600, we have raised something like £1200, (in fact we have raised more than £1200) for the benefit of your Institution. That is due mainly to our *Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Brook Smith, and our energetic Secretary, Bro. Triinder*, but it is due also to the Masonic charity of the brethren of the province." Now the facts are that the P.G.M. did not refer to, nor did he mention the name of either the D.P.G.M. or the P.G. Sec., and that he did refer to and mention the name of the *Charity Secretary, Bro. Vassar-Smith* as being the brother to whom the success is mainly due, and this is strictly correct, for it is impossible to over-rate the trouble and energy which Bro. Vassar-Smith devoted to the task.

I was not present at the banquet, but I can vouch for the accuracy of this statement, which I had from the lips of Sir Michael Beach himself, to whom you are at liberty to send this letter, if you think fit, for corroboration. I hope you will correct the error in your next number, and send me a copy of the number containing the correction.—I am, Dear Sir and Brother, Yours fraternally,

W. H. GWINNETT,

Prov. G.T., Past. P.S.G.W., P.M. 82, P.Z. Chap. 82, Cheltenham, 7th March.

[The matter had already been brought to our notice, and a correction made of the nature indicated by our correspondent, so that "Honour to whom honour is due" will be paid in the reprint in pamphlet form of our Report of the Festival and the Analysis of its returns. *Ed. F.M.*]

THE LATE BRO. STEPHENS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I received this morning from our lamented Bro. William Stephens, G.P. He was at the time of his death our Treasurer, and had been an active member of the lodge from its foundation.

Knowing the numerous circle of friends our brother had, I think the enclosed will be read with great interest.—Yours fraternally,

STEPHEN A. COOPER,

P.M. and Sec. 1637.

4, Maddox-street, Regent-street, March 11th.

"Auckland Club, New Zealand,
31st January, 1885.

"Dear Bro. Cooper,

"No doubt you received a paper of my safe arrival on the 26th of December, after a passage of 91 days from London, at times very rough, but not altogether unpleasant. I had a fine old ship, a jolly captain, and some very pleasant companions. I am glad to say I am much stronger, but my cough is still troublesome. I hope to be home by our June meeting. I am returning from Napier, lower down the Island, the first week in March, by the same ship. I should not have stopped so long, but wishing to go home in the same ship. I am informed of the death of a Mr. Linscott; I hope it is not our W.M. I also hear poor Levander is gone, also Col. Creation. I had a very warm reception from the Craft out here, not only the English, but the Irish and Scotch Constitutions as well. In visiting their lodges I find the working in every respect similar to our own, but rather more lengthy. Remember me very kindly to all the brethren of the Unity Lodge, and, with best wishes,

"Believe me, yours fraternally,

"WM. STEPHENS."



NOTES ON LAURENCE DERMOTT AND HIS WORK. By Bro. W. M. BYWATER, P.M., Lodge No. 19. Privately Printed. London, 1884.

We have received a copy of this little work, and welcome it as an evidence of that happy movement now in progress to throw light on the records of the past, and make clearer and clearer the doubts and difficulties of Masonic history. The best thanks of all students are due to Bro. Bywater for this interesting monograph, and this lifelike sketch of the career of a very remarkable man and Freemason. We agree with Bro. Bywater in thinking that scant justice has been, on the whole, meted out to Bro. Laurence Dermott, and that the exaggerations and "high falutin" into which he was occasionally betrayed in the progress of his somewhat stormy Masonic career, may be attributed to the peculiar position often in which he found himself. As a fact, Masonic writers of all classes and positions were not then strictly accurate either in their assertions or references, and, like others we could name, deemed all statements fair which enhanced the honour and dignity, as they fancied, of their particular body, forgetting that historic truth can neither be bought nor sold, nor tampered with, nor deviated from deliberately without an eventual and assured Nemesis of discredited authority and unaccepted statements. We make every allowance for Dermott or for Anderson, when each and both seek to amplify the antiquity or enlarge the honours of Freemasonry, and we pay little attention now to those often used words of very doubtful value, "time immemorial," and "undoubted antiquity." Dermott was engaged in a hand to hand warfare with the Moderns, and thought everything fair, as others have often done, though erroneously, alike in the abstract and concrete, "in love and war!" Bro. Bywater, who gives us for the first time Dermott's will, cannot find his burial place. We would ask, was not Dermott a Roman Catholic really, and may he not have been buried in a Roman Catholic burying ground? It is a point worthy of consideration! Bro. Bywater, we think, exaggerates unconsciously the date of the Ancient body. We doubt very much whether there is any trace of such a formation so early as 1738. The very words which Dermott uses proves, to our minds, that he for his own purposes enhanced the early date of the origin of the Schism. There is no trace of a Grand Lodge in 1752, only a Grand Committee; the Grand Lodge is of later date avowedly, and whatever may have been the case as regards any individual lodge or two, there is, we submit, no evidence of a ruling Grand Body before 1752. We do not say a schism may not have existed; but that it was not organized, and was thoroughly insignificant, purely of London growth. The growth and development of the

Antient Body, is entirely attributable to Dermott, and to him alone, a fact which proves his ability and energy. Bro. Bywater has made a slight mistake as to Preston. Preston nowhere claimed for the Lodge of Antiquity a descent from the Grand Lodge of York, for that would have destroyed his own argument. He claims for it superior antiquity to the Grand Lodge itself as one of the constituting lodges, and, as is well known, the Lodge of Antiquity has no charter. When the dispute grew embittered, the Grand Lodge of York chartered the Lodge of Antiquity as Grand Lodge of England South of the Trent. A meeting took place, the Grand Master and Grand Officers were appointed, and one or two lodges were chartered. But soon after a reconciliation was, happily, effected, and Antiquity became again No. 1,—its proper place. It only became No. 2 after the Union, owing to the "fortune de la guerre" in drawing lots with the Antients for the first number, and a "modern" lodge of the Antients drawing No. 1, Antiquity became, and still is, No. 2, though admittedly of date 1717, and probably much earlier. We commend Bro. Bywater's very lucid and interesting sketch to the notice of all Masonic students at home and abroad. It is a very valuable contribution to the Masonic history of the past, and we are only sorry that it is "privately printed."



531] MASONIC SYLLABUS (No. 526).

Bro. Speth will notice that I particularly mentioned elementary reading. What I want, in the first place, is such a course as might fairly be recommended to every neophyte who has any wish to know something about the Order he has joined; such a course as would be sufficient to redeem a brother who has not time or opportunity or means to be a Masonic student from being altogether an ignoramus. French or German books in the original would be little use to me, but might be to others. I was thinking only of English when I wrote, though translations would, of course, be included. If Bro. Speth can imagine himself for a moment to know nothing of Masonry beyond his ceremonies, and will then look at his list, he will perhaps understand better what to recommend. Perhaps it might simplify matters if he could divide his list into two parts—elementary and secondary. Different theories should, I take it, be represented in the latter, at any rate.

S. R. B.

532] PRESTON'S "ILLUSTRATIONS."

I am sorry to note an error or two respecting Preston's "Illustrations of Masonry," and I give the various editions over again. The 1st and 2nd editions are clearly fixed, and so all from 1792, which is the 8th. The only two issues between 1775 and 1792 are 1781 and 1788, entitled "New Editions," and it is quite evident that foreign reproductions of this famous work must be included to make up seventeen editions in all, which is the number ascribed to the last English issue of 1861. Editions 1772, 1775 (2nd), 1781, 1788, 1792 (8th), 1796 (9th), 1801 (10th), 1804 (11th), 1812 (12th), 1821 (13th, edited by Stephen Jones), 1829 (14th, by Dr. Oliver), 1840 (15th), 1846 (16th), and 1861 (17th).

W. J. HUGHAN.

533] GRAND LODGE ANGLAISE-FRANCAISE.

By an accident during this discussion certain MS. lists of lodges and officers of the Grand Lodge Francaise have fallen into my hands. They were bound up with "Sicard's Histoire," &c., (a large paper copy, interleaved), and profess to set out the list of the Venerables of lodges, &c., in Paris and the provinces in 1765, a list of lodges, constituted and not constituted, in 1774, a list of lodges in France at different epochs, all lodges constituted or not constituted by the Grand Orient up to 1774, military lodges, and a list of lodges extinct by the death of their Venerables in 1777. The MSS. are beautifully written, and are evidently taken from official sources though of late transcription. Kloss gives us a list of French Masons, members of the Grand Lodge of France, and of the Chapter of Tschoudy, at Metz, and says they are all members of the Grand Lodge of France. I have only, however, identified three, Moët, Zambault, and Ledin. But Kloss's very extract seems to show how extern to the Grand Lodge of France was this high Order. Moët was Secretary-General in 1765, Zambault Secretary-General in 1766, Ledin was Master of a lodge. Rebold's contention that the Grand Lodge Anglaise was called the Grand Lodge Provinciale in 1736, and that then it adopted Ecossisme, is, in my opinion, utterly absurd.

534] THE LODGE DE LA CHAMBRE DU ROI.

This seems to have been a military lodge, not at Versailles, but Paris, and constituted in 1744 or 1745. It was apparently originally a purely military lodge, but afterwards introduced other professions. Sicard seems to know nothing of the laws quoted by Kloss as existing in Germany or somewhere in 1745. Sicard declares that the "Chapitre Metropolitain" was the first Parisian reunion, and that it was founded in 1721, but whether Craft or High Grade he does not say. By the use of the word Chapitre he would seem to imply High Grade. He refers to a MS. list or history in the possession of the Grand Orient of 1705. He also states that from 1733 the "Primitive Code of French Masonry" dates, though where that is now he does not say. The work of Sicard's, of which I knew nothing previous, dates from 1841 apparently. This Lodge De la Chambre, &c., does not seem to be in existence, according to the lists above, in 1774.

535] LES CHEVALIERS DE L'ORIENT.

Sicard says that in 1743 the Grand Lodge Anglaise was formed. He asserts that the Chapitre de Clermont was established in 1754, and in 1756 the Grand Lodge Anglaise took the name of the Grand Lodge Francaise, and that the Conseil du Empereurs was formed in 1758, and the Conseil des Chevaliers was founded in 1766, as a schism from the Rit Ecossais. He evidently knows nothing of the Statuts of 1758 signed De Valois. I should

therefore like to see much these laws of 1758 to which Kloss refers, but he does not tell us where they are. Kloss undoubtedly fixes 1756 as the date of these laws, but has he any right to do so? Had he seen them? and if not could he safely in 1852, declare certain alleged laws of 1758 to be bona fide? How does he know they were then written? I cannot, therefore, accept his date of 1756 for the Chevaliers, but prefer the French explanation, the more so as Kloss admit Piret did something "as regards the Chevaliers" about that time, namely, from 1761 to 1765-6.

DE VALOIS.

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There is no trace of "De Valois" in any of the French list of authorities—as Kloss himself admits. There is the College de Valois as an emanation from the Conseil des Empereurs about 1763-4 apparently. He is not in the MS. List of 1765. Kloss treats De Valois as a person, though no French writer mentions him, and the Handbuch knows him not, but argues on the faith of these 1758 laws, which look to me very apocryphal!

537] THE STATUTS OF 1745—1755.

Bro. Findel tells me he believes these Statuts as I understand him, still exist at Frankfurt A.M., but he does not speak quite so clearly about the Statuts of 1745 as of 1755. He still adheres to Kloss's theory of the adoption of the Rit Ecossais by the Grand Lodge of France, which I venture to deem a great mistake. Kloss, however, modifies his own theory, for he admits that the Conseil des Empereurs may have been a Grand Lodge, and that S. Morin's patent came from it. It is here I venture to differ. Like Daruty, "pace" so great an authority, I believe from present available evidences that in 1761 Morin received his patent from a pure Ecossais Body, and feel sure that the Grand Lodge of France qua the Grand Lodge of France, never had anything to do with the Rit Ecossais. Have we not however, written enough upon the subject? Daruty is a very careful writer, though his work wants re-arrangement, and, admitting Kloss's great excellences, Kloss is not, like any one else, infallible.

A. F. A. W.

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THE COUNTRY STEWARDS' LODGE.

Whereupon a Motion was made and duly seconded, "That the Prayer of the said Memorialists be complied with, which, after due deliberation, on the Question being put, passed in the affirmative." I can find no further mention of the Country Stewards' Lodge in the Grand Lodge proceedings, but at the Quarterly Communication on the 6th February, 1799, the sum of £2 4s. was paid to the Liquidation Fund, from No. 449, Country Stewards' Lodge, and the lodge was represented at the following meeting on the 10th April. This was their last payment and also their last appearance in the Grand Lodge Records as the Country Stewards' Lodge. How long the lodge continued to meet in London after 1799 I have no means of ascertaining, but as the last name in the list was registered, in 1793, I presume the lodge died out in about 1801 or 1802. It was certainly never erased, and in my opinion its dissolution may fairly be ascribed to premature decay consequent upon blighted hopes and overweening ambition. The warrant was transferred to Berkeley in 1802, to an entirely new set of people, who made their first payment to Grand Lodge in 1803, under the title of the Lodge of Faith and Friendship. It would be interesting to know whether any of the records of the Country Stewards' Lodge are now in possession of No. 270, and whether their minute books go back to 1803. Having by the aid of the records of the Grand Lodge been enabled to throw some little light on the origin and history of the Country Stewards' Lodge, I will now introduce a few extracts from another source, which will probably enable us to form an opinion on the character and functions of its members.

Free Masons' Magazine, 5th July, 1796.

"This day the Grand Lodge met at Brother Sutton's, Canonbury House, Islington, to celebrate the Anniversary of the Deputy Grand Master's Feast, on which occasion there appeared a very numerous and respectable assemblage of brethren, among whom were Brothers Atkinson, Marsh, Tutt, Galloway, Tyler, and Tegart, Past Grand Wardens; Brother White, Grand Secretary; and Brother Chev. Ruspini, Grand Sword Bearer. Brother Atkinson, as the Senior Past Grand Warden present, represented the Grand Master; Brothers Tutt and Galloway, the Grand Wardens; and Brother Marsh the Past Grand Master. An excellent dinner was provided by Brother Sutton, under the inspection of the Stewards, whose attention to the Grand Officers and Brethren most deservedly merited the thanks they received from the Grand Master in the chair. After dinner, the Grand Lodge was, as usual, opened in due form; and the afternoon was passed in social and brotherly mirth, and rational and orderly conviviality; nor was Charity, that adamant pillar of Masonry, forgotten on this occasion; the wants of that infant Charity, the Cumberland School, were ably depicted by the Master of the Country Stewards' Lodge, and several new annual subscribers made."

Ibid, 5th July, 1797.

"This day the Society of Free and Accepted Masons, under the Constitution of England (His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales being Grand Master) held their Annual Feast, at Canonbury House, under the direction of the Lodge of Country Stewards. The Lodge was opened in the ante-chamber, whence the procession in all due Masonic form, with splendid regalia, passed into the large room, where a most numerous and respectable assembly of Brethren was collected. The chair was taken by Alderman Newnham, supported on the right by the Worshipful Brother Counsellor Downing, Provincial Grand Master of the County of Essex, and on the left by Brother E. Dowling, Senior Master of the Lodge of the Three Grand Principles. Brother Wingfield, Master of the Lodge of Country Stewards, and Brother John Dowling, Past Master of the same Lodge, officiated as Wardens. The exertions of the Stewards were not confined to the present gratification of their numerous friends then assembled, they opened an additional source of pleasure by the production of several subscriptions to the Female Charity School, under the protection of Her Royal Highness the

Duchess of Cumberland. On this occasion the venerable Master of the Knights Templars, Captain Hannam, was respectfully conspicuous in bringing the collection of ten guineas from his Chapter. The meeting was honoured with the presence of many Grand Stewards; and the whole was conducted with all that order, harmony, and friendship which the principles of the Royal Craft enforce, and by which it is the pride and the wish of every good Mason to regulate his life and actions."

Ibid, July, 1798.

"A very numerous and respectable body of Brethren attended the Annual Celebration of the Country Stewards' Feast, on Thursday, the 5th July, at Canonbury House, Islington, where Bro. Edward Dowling, with his usual attention to the interests of this Society, had the honour to preside. An elegant dinner, many loyal songs and toasts, and a liberal collection for the benefit of the Freemasons' Charity School, peculiarly distinguished this meeting. The day was spent with the greatest conviviality and harmony."

From the foregoing extracts it will be seen that the "Country Feast" was merely a summer "outing" of the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, and was intended to do honour to the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Master's "Feast" being held earlier in the year at one of the City Halls, down to the year 1775, when the present Freemasons' Hall was erected, and dedicated to Masonry. Unfortunately, we have no evidence as to the origin of the "Country Feast," nor when it was first instituted, but I should imagine it was one of the old customs of the Order, and from the wording of the D.G.M.'s announcement in 1772 was certainly held before that year.

H. SADLER.



Craft Masonry.

STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, E.C., when there were present Bros. W. H. G. Ball, I.P.M., as W.M.; Henry T. Nell, S.W.; F. W. Driver, P.M.; J. W. H. J. Dean, Org.; H. Follett, P.M.; Treas.; Jno. N. Heale, Sec.; R. W. Hunt, S.D.; G. G. Symons, P.M., D.C.; F. C. Herbert, I.G.; T. C. Cubbon, Stwd.; E. Mallett, Tyler; W. A. S. Humphries, P.M.; R. Kelsey, E. H. Dove, W. H. Liddall, T. Bolt, C. Carter, S. Wood, A. Mace, J. H. Smethurst, and C. S. Madan. Visitors: Bros. J. Fraser Buckley, 2033; R. Wright, P.M. 454; C. H. Fisher, J.W. 1487; H. S. Carvey, 22; J. J. Hamilton, P.M. 15; R. D. Kirk, 334; and W. D. Ross, 12.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were then read and confirmed, after which Bro. C. S. Madan was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason according to ancient custom. The ballot was then taken for W.M. for the ensuing year, and was unanimously in favour of Bro. Henry T. Nell (the eldest son of Bro. W. T. Nell, P.P.G. Purst. Sussex, P.M. 315 and 1636, P.Z.), whose installation will take place on the 7th May next. Bro. H. Follett, P.M., was again, by unanimous consent, re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing 12 months—a position it is hoped he may live long to fill. Bro. E. Mallett was re-elected as Tyler. The meeting was of a very happy character, being graced by the presence of some half-a-dozen of our North American brethren, who thoroughly felt, although they were far away from home, they were yet in the midst of their brethren, and as warm a welcome as could be given was most heartily shown.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—The installation meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held on the 26th ult., at Bro. Morgan's commodious hostelry, the White Hart Hotel, High-street, Deptford. There was a very long list of business to transact. The lodge was opened by Bro. T. Horton, W.M., who was supported then and during the proceedings by an assemblage of officers, brethren of the lodge, and visitors. The whole of the ceremonial was rendered by the W.M., Bro. Horton, Bro. Good, I.P.M., affording valuable assistance. The working included the initiation of Messrs. J. R. Dealler and H. J. Weston into the mysteries of the Order, and conferring the Sublime Degree upon Bro. J. Joyce. These ceremonies being satisfactorily at an end, and the lodge room being thoroughly well filled, Bro. E. Good, I.P.M., assumed the chair for the purpose of installing Bro. R. T. Stringer, S.W. and W.M. elect, into the chair of King Solomon. That worthy brother was accordingly presented, and, having duly pledged his adherence to our ancient charges and regulations, as announced by Bro. J. J. Pakes, P.M., the energetic Secretary, was duly obligated. Subsequently upon the retirement of all brethren who had not yet donned the level, Bro. Stringer was, in a duly formed Board of Masters, impressively inducted into the chair of K.S. according to ancient form. The usual honours were next paid to the newly-installed Master by the brethren, and the officers were appointed and invested, Bro. Stringer's addresses to each brother being remarkably well and appropriately delivered. The following are the appointments: Bros. R. J. Harvey, S.W.; H. J. Fisher, J.W.; W. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Pakes, P.M., Sec.; J. G. Thomas, S.D.; J. W. Haddingham, J.D.; J. Rennie, I.G.; C. E. Ellison, Org.; and V. H. Clarke, Steward.

The next pleasing feature was the presentation by the W.M. on behalf of the members of the lodge of an I.P.M. jewel to Bro. T. Horton, as a token of the appreciation of his services in the chair of the lodge.

Bro. Horton briefly thanked the brethren for the gift, which he would prize as long as he lived.

The feature of the evening next followed, and was as truly Masonic and pleasurable a incident as it has ever been our pleasure to witness. Bro. Stringer, W.M., announced that it had been the unanimous desire of the brethren to in some measure signalise the high appreciation they entertained of the services of their esteemed Bro. Pakes, who in the discharge of his duties of Secretary of the lodge had won the esteem of every brother. To carry out this idea a meeting had been held at his (the W.M.'s)

house, and as the result he had great pleasure in asking Bro. Pakes, P.M. and Sec., to accept as a mark of esteem the present subscribed for among the brethren. Here a table was brought into the lodge, and upon the covering being removed, displayed a very handsome ormolu and hand-painted china clock and pair of side vases, under glass shades. A plate on the pedestal of the clock bears the inscription, "Presented to Bro. J. J. Pakes, P.M., by the brethren of the Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, as a slight recognition of his valuable services as Secretary. 26th February, 1885."

Bro. Pakes, who was evidently greatly overcome, said that until that day he had always thought when the recipient of a testimonial stated he had been taken by surprise, he had been telling—well, a big fib. (Laughter.) The recent event had quite altered his opinion, for he had been completely taken aback, and beyond thanking them, he must ask the brethren to kindly excuse him saying anything further at present, for he felt quite unable to do so.

"Hearty good wishes" were given by the visiting brethren, among whom were Bros. Fredk. Walters, P.M., P.P.J.D. Middx.; G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623; Sadler, Long, H. Whitford, Hutchins, Norman, Burney, Lewis, Fox, Strickland, Robinson, Perryman, Stockwell, Andrews, Pooley, and others.

Among the numerous brethren present were Bros. E. Good, I.P.M.; G. T. Limn, P.M.; Harvey, P.M.; W. Andrews, P.M.; Vöhmman, P.M.; and others.

After lodge a very well-served banquet awaited the brethren, and it certainly reflected every credit on Bro. Morgan, the worthy host. At the conclusion of the repast a full toast list was suitably honoured, and the proceedings were greatly enlivened by singing from Bros. Ellison, Vöhmman, Thomas, Weston, and others, and Bros. Vint and Dealler each gave a reading. To conclude, we are sure the Royal Oak Lodge seldom started upon a fresh year of Masonic life with better outlook for the future, and we venture to hope that the good augury may be fully realized.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This lodge met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 3rd inst. Among those present were Bros. Stranger, W.M.; Plowman, S.W.; La Feuillade, J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Lingley, S.D.; Foale, J.D.; Cruse, I.G.; Westley, D.C.; Kuffe, W.S.; Koch, P.M.; Geo. Everett, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Köhler, P.M.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Hughes and Thomas were duly passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., assisted by his officers. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Mr. Alfred Lundie, and it proving to be unanimous he was duly initiated into Craft mysteries. The ballot was also taken on behalf of Bro. James La Feuillade, of No. 548, as a joining member, and it proved to be unanimous. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bros. W. Mann, P.M., Treas.; Appleton, P.M.; and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed. "The Health of the W.M." was flatteringly proposed by Bro. Koch, P.M., and warmly received by the brethren.

The Worshipful Master having replied, then gave "The Initiative," who responded in a neat speech.

Bro. Stuart and others replied on behalf of "The Visitors."

"The Health of the Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bros. Koch, Everett and Walls.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" by Bro. W. Stuart, Sec., in the absence of Bro. W. Mann, Treas., and "The Officers" by Bros. Plowman and La Feuillade. The proceedings then terminated.

ST. MARTIN-LE-GRAND LODGE (No. 1538).

—An emergency meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, City, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., Bro. Thomas J. Robertson, I.P.M. and Treas., being in the chair; Bros. Hatch S.W.; Liverage, J.W.; Fluck, S.D.; Mumford, J.D.; and Bro. Harper, who, in the absence of Bro. Larking, proved himself a most efficient I.G. The lodge was opened in due form, and after a ballot had been taken for Mr. A. H. Kersey and Mr. E. C. T. Bridges, those gentlemen were admitted and initiated in an exceedingly impressive manner by Bro. Robertson, I.P.M. Feelings of deep regret were expressed by the brethren at the absence, through illness, of Bro. J. P. Parkes, the W.M., and it was unanimously resolved that a communication be addressed by the Secretary to Bro. H. Parkes to that effect.

The lodge was subsequently closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, where, under the presidency of the I.P.M., the usual royal, loyal, and Masonic toasts were crisply and cleverly proposed and duly honoured, considerable eclat being added to the enjoyment of the evening by the brilliant songs and recitations contributed by Bros. Barnes, Harper, Maitland, Roberts, Viney, Smith, and Brooks. Among several other well-known brethren were observed Bros. Snare, Bunker, Emblin, Lancaster, P.M., Leonard Barnes, the well-known musical composer, and Bro. J. J. Rüntz, W.M. of the Polish National Lodge. Three well known faces were missing, viz., those of Bros. Hookey, Walker, and Williams.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 10th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Present: Bros. W. Brindley, W.M.; J. Gibson, S.W.; F. Wray, P.M., acting J.W.; Rev. R. Halpin, Chap.; F. Meredith, P.M., Treas.; R. Scott, Sec.; W. Coleman, S.D.; W. Wims, J.D.; W. Glover, acting I.G.; J. Lackland, Tyler; A. Brookson, P.M.; G. Boulton, P.M.; Wade, I.P.M.; Musson, Leslie, Fraser, I.G. 2077; Simpson, Matthews, McCullugh, and several others. Visitors: Bros. Birkin, 754; Belville, 407; Mullin, 332; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge read and confirmed. Bro. Birkin, 754, was balloted for and duly elected a joining member of this lodge. Bro. Birkin returned thanks. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Blackman, candidate

for raising, answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Blackman was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The next business was to elect a W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year. The unanimous choice of the brethren was as follows: Bro. Gibson, S.W., W.M.; Meredith, P.M., Treas., re-elected; and Lackland, Tyler, re-elected. Each of the brethren returned thanks. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a P.M.'s jewel, collar, and appendages be presented to Bro. Brindley, W.M., on his retirement, in recognition of the very courteous and efficient manner he had performed the duties of the chair.

Bro. Brindley, in a few well-chosen words, returned thanks. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form.

ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 1827).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, in the presence of a goodly number of members and visitors, when Bro. E. Garnet Man, P.M., P.D.G.S.W. British Burmah, was duly installed W.M. in succession to Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sewell. In the absence of the I.P.M. on official duties, the ceremony was performed by Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton in his most impressive manner. The W.M. invested his officers as under: Bros. Lieut.-Col. Sewell, I.P.M.; Lieut. H. Wright, S.W.; J. Perkins, J.W.; H. Squire, S.D.; H. Clarke, J.D.; Godfrey, D.C.; P. Morrison, I.G.; Fitch, S. Stwd.; Jackson, J. Stwd.; Jewson, Org.; R. J. Pawley, Treas.; and J. E. Turner, Secretary.

Subsequently, under the presidency of the W.M., the brethren assembled in the banqueting chamber, when a sumptuous repast was served by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford. It is one of the proud boasts of the lodge that whenever a Masonic Lord Mayor has presided at the Mansion House he has invariably attended their annual festival as a guest. This year was no exception. His lordship sat to the right of the W.M., and in addition to the officers already named there were present Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; T. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Alderman Sir R. Hanson; Easter, G.S.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; F. Green, P.M., P.G.D.; Wendt; J. H. Matthews, G. Std. Br.; G. N. Johnson, P.M.; Under Sheriff Crawford, Under Sheriff Metcalfe, ex-Sheriff Burt, E. M. Lott, G. Org.; H. Garrod, G.A.P.; the Rev. J. H. Smith; West, G.S.; Major-General Power, Col. Dundas, the Secondary (T. Roderick), T. Beard, G. J. Brocklesbury, J. C. Whiddington, W. Westcott, E. Pugh, F. S. Jackson, W. Hayes, C. W. Bowley, F. Low, J. E. Walford, J. W. Hughes, E. Jex, C. Fitch, Cooper, P. Godfrey, Bunce-Clarke, H. J. Strong, E. T. R. Wilde, W. Wright, P.M.; V. Dumfee, J. G. Beckett, B. Timine, G. J. W. Winzar, Major Campbell, H. R. Richards, B. Morice, Bush, and E. F. Fitch.

At the conclusion of the banquet the customary Masonic toasts were given and honoured.

Bro. T. Fenn responded for "The Grand Officers," and in so doing payed an eloquent tribute to the energies of Sir J. B. Monckton, than whom there was not a better Mason living—a sentiment in which members of the lodge readily assented, remembering all he had done on behalf of their lodge.

Of course an adequate welcome was extended to the toast of "The Lord Mayor," "the ruler of four millions of people," as the W.M. termed him, the head of that ancient and revered body which had withstood the encroachments of Kings and Parliament, and of democrats themselves, in the defence of popular rights.

His Lordship was as happy as brief in his response, recalling the part the Corporation had played in the defence of civil and religious liberty in the past, and feeling assured that its mission would be as useful in the future. Loud were the cheers when the Lord Mayor communicated to those around the contents of the telegram he had sent to New South Wales only that day, expressive of Londoners' admiration of the conduct of the gallant colonists now on their way to fight England's battles in the Soudan.

To Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, as Installing Master, was entrusted the duty of submitting "The Health of the W.M.," who, he was convinced, would maintain the high character and reputation of the Alliance. Bro. Man was an evidence of the universality of Masonry. Made, as he was, in a regimental lodge (as Bohemian an institution as could be found in Masonry), he had attained to high office in British Burmah, and now he had come back to London, and was assuming the gavel of their lodge, they wished him success.

The W.M. having suitably replied, submitted "The Health of the I.P.M.," indulging in warm eulogies of the manner in which Bro. Lieut.-Col. T. Davies Sewell had conducted the affairs of the lodge during his tenure of office. On behalf of the members he took considerable pleasure in presenting Bro. Colonel Sewell with a handsome Past Master's jewel, from the atelier of Bro. George Kenning, assuring him that though it was a valuable jewel, it by no means represented the value of their esteem for him.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sewell, in response, spoke of the kindly feeling which existed between the members, and congratulated them on the success of the lodge. His aim had been, if possible, during his year of office to raise the number to its full complement, and in this he had almost succeeded.

For "The Past Masters" a goodly list, including the Town Clerk, Bros. F. Green, Littell, and Wildey Wright—the first and last named responded. For "The Visitors," Alderman Sir R. Hanson responded. Nor were the services of "The Officers" forgotten. During dessert an excellent programme of music was carried through under the direction of Bro. F. A. Jewson. Madame Dunbar-Perkins's violin solos were much admired and warmly applauded; whilst Miss Matilda Robey and Mr. A. Weston were awarded their full share of praise for their vocal selections.

Bro. Lieut. Hy. Wright responded for "The Officers," and said on their behalf that they one and all intend giving a right loyal support to the W.M. in everything that is good for Freemasonry in general and the Alliance Lodge in particular, and to quote the words of the Installing Master, Sir John Monckton, used in the ritual by him in the address to the brethren, "we mean to have one common object, that of pleasing each other."

ABBEY LODGE (No. 2030).—The closing meeting of this very prosperous lodge for this the first year of its existence was held at the Westminster Town Hall on Monday evening, and it being the last occasion on which the W.M., Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, would occupy the chair, there was a large gathering of the members of the lodge and of visitors. There were present Bros. W. Burdett-Coutts, W.M.; H. Bowman Spink, I.P.M.; W. H. Baker, S.W.; F. S. Seager Hunt, J.W.; J. C. M. W. Rogers, P.M.; Treas.; J. E. Shand, P.M., Sec.; W. Sugg, P.M., S.D.; R. Montague, J.D.; J. Gibson, Asst. D.C.; H. R. Baker, I.G.; H. W. Scharntorg, E. H. Goffin, and C. E. Piper, Stwds. Among the visitors were Bros. H. Jones, P.M., G. Supt. of Works; F. Davison, G.S.D.; G. Draper, P.M.; A. T. Hayes; F. S. Pilkington; J. G. Fisher, P.M.; H. J. Pain; the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap. Eng.; A. W. Martin; Colonel Lugard; F. Barker; E. T. Davis; T. Orr; F. Davison; G. D. Edmunds, P.M.; W. Vincent, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. H. Pearson, P.M.; J. Dotterill; T. W. Eastgate, I.P.M.; R. J. Vincent; D. Merrett; D. W. Sugg; A. Painter; V. F. Murchie; G. B. Haly, P.M.; H. G. Trevanion, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; H. A. Hunt, P.M.; F. H. Johnson; J. Holmes; W. J. Collins, P.M.; J. Webb, W.M.; A. T. Pearce, I.P.M.; J. J. Hill; A. Weston; W. S. Whittaker, P.M.; N. Reed, P.M.; and the following members of the lodge:—Bros. W. E. Wood, J. D. Dick, R. Bangham, G. Dexter, G. R. W. Wheeler, D. Stroud, H. M. Dunstan, J. Hayter, J. Pain, W. G. Holloway, A. Lalliot, H. E. Poole, T. A. Berry, T. W. Davies, C. Sweeting, J. E. Smith, W. S. Beazley, W. Borwick, H. Hambling, H. W. Roach, T. Bull, F. J. Smith, F. W. Vaughan, T. Kintoul, J. H. Montague, C. Tod Pullen, T. W. Balchin, H. O. Hamborg, T. J. Cocks, J. Kent, H. Brinkmann, A. G. Thomson, C. Davies, J. C. Ward, B. Gerner, S. Hodges, J. M. Hughes, G. White, J. C. Humphreys, and W. Cloats. Altogether there were 54 brethren of the lodge and 37 visitors present.

The W.M. having opened the lodge in the First, Second, and Third Degrees, Bros. J. E. Smith and T. A. Berry were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Being then resumed in the Second Degree, Bros. H. Hodges, A. W. Hillier, G. White, and Pilkington were passed the Degree of Fellow Craft. Both ceremonies were most ably and impressively performed by the W.M. (Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts), whose aim it has ever been to attain the highest excellence in Masonic work.

The next business of the lodge was the election of W.M. for the year ensuing, and before it was proceeded with a brother inquired whether the W.M. would stand for another year, to which the W.M. replied that, while gratefully appreciating the honour, his engagements were becoming so numerous, and furthermore because he did not wish to stand in the way of young members of the lodge, who were naturally desirous of progressing in the Craft, he felt he must decline. Eventually the S.W., Bro. W. H. Baker, was elected unanimously. Ballot was then taken for the office of Treasurer, and Bro. J. C. F. Rogers was unanimously re-elected. The Tyler, Bro. Walkley, P.M., was also unanimously re-elected, and an Audit Committee was appointed. It being the intention of the W.M. to serve as Steward at the Festival of the Masonic Boys' School, it was decided to vote ten guineas to his list from the lodge funds. It was also resolved to present a P.M.'s jewel, of the value of ten guineas, to the W.M., Bro. Burdett-Coutts, on the motion of Bro. Spinks, I.P.M.

The W.M., in acknowledging the compliment, said he should be glad to wear on his breast what he should always have in his heart, a remembrance of his year of office as W.M. of this lodge.

It was then resolved to invite the brethren of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1503, to the installation meeting in May next as a return compliment.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain, England, hon. member of the lodge, was unable to be present, but he sent a very handsome album which he requested the W.M. to present to the lodge in his name, expressing also his wish that the Baroness Burdett-Coutts would permit her portrait to be the first to grace the book, and that all the brethren would have their "counterfeit presentments" placed therein.

The Worshipful Master stated that the Baroness had willingly consented to comply with the request, and he had placed his own opposite.

The Worshipful Master gave notice of motion that the services of the I.P.M., Bro. Spink, be suitably acknowledged.

Lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a dinner, admirably served by Messrs. Bertram and Roberts. "The Queen and the Craft" having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed the toast of "H.R.H. Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupling with it the names of Bros. F. Davison, G.S.D., and Horace Jones, G. Supt. of Wks., and remarking that as to Bro. Jones he need only add that in addition to his high office in Grand Lodge he held a distinguished position in the City of London as originator and designer of some of the greatest improvements it had seen during the past 20 years.

Bro. F. Davison, in acknowledging the toast, said he had never visited a lodge of the same age which had had such great prosperity.

Bro. Horace Jones also responded in a humorous speech, and remarked that he was present at the consecration of the lodge, which though more numerous was certainly not more pleasant than the present meeting.

The Immediate Past Master next proposed "The Health of the W.M.," remarking that every brother who had attended their meeting must be convinced that they had a most admirable Master, thoroughly well versed in the ritual of Masonry, and full of courtesy and bonhomie and good fellowship in presiding at the festive board. He had seldom seen the working they had had that night equalled, and never excelled. In the first year of the lodge's existence the W.M. had initiated 23 brethren, and had passed and raised about the same number. That was a grand record. They were losing a good Master, who had ingratiated himself in the fraternal feeling and affection of every brother in the lodge, and he wished him long life and health to occupy the position of P.M. In conclusion he observed that it was pleasant to know that they would have in his successor a brother who would emulate the conduct, bearing, and working of their present Master.

The Worshipful Master rose to return thanks for the last time to this toast with mingled feelings of regret and gratitude; regret, because he was vacating a chair, if he

might so say, without deteriorating from its dignity, which had, by the warmth of the friendliness shown to him by all the brethren, been to him like a chair by his own fireside, and because he could not help feeling that no more should he come forth from the lodge to take his seat in that chair, fresh from the privilege of having admitted new members into the grand brotherhood of Masonry, fresh from the privilege of having new proof of living and lasting strength of this Abbey Lodge, the pride and the child of his hopes; no more would he come into that chair elated by the delivery of the inspiring ritual of their Order; no more to listen to the flattering encomiums of his friend and brother, the I.P.M.; no more would his ears and his heart be filled with the generous and enthusiastic, and he was bold to say, the heartfelt receptions which he had always received at their hands, and which had lent such an indescribable charm to the position which it had been his honour and pleasure to occupy. But his regret was assuaged by gratitude for their kindly treatment, for their loyalty to the lodge, and for the efforts one and all had made to achieve the great success it had attained. He felt that in its remarkable progress during the first year there was ample and rich earnest of promise for its future. He looked forward to this lodge attaining a great position among metropolitan lodges, and in the great confraternity of Masons in this country.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Visitors," coupling with it the names of Bro. Colonel Lugard, of the Army and Navy Lodge, and Bro. Trevanion, P.P.G.W. Essex. Commenting upon the very proper omission of the military and naval toasts from Masonic gatherings, the W.M. thought he should still not be out of sympathy with the lodge in alluding to the great loss which the nation had sustained at Khartoum in the death of one who had been well described as the most soldierly saint and the most saintly soldier that the world had ever known; and especially in a lodge which held its meetings so near the place where rested the ashes of so many saints and so many heroes. General Gordon was one of the grandest exemplifications of Masonry. [At the name of General Gordon the whole of the brethren rose simultaneously and with one accord.] Yes, let it be understood, the W.M. said, for the motion is a grand one. General Gordon was one of the grandest exemplifications of the great principles on which Masonry was founded—of Charity, in the greatest and highest sense of the word, of Charity and kindness to his fellow-creatures, of Fidelity to the trust reposed in him, and of cheerful obedience to the will of God. He felt he was not out of agreement with his brethren in paying this tribute to the just and virtuous man to whom "death had no terror equal to the stain of falsehood and dishonour." Many of those who had yielded up their lives on that distant soil had gone through the same ceremonies they had engaged in that night, and though many had not, they joined them altogether in paying to them a tribute from a Masonic lodge, a loyal, faithful, and God-fearing body.

The toast was responded to by Colonel Lugard and Bro. Trevanion.

"The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Spinks," was next given from the chair, and suitably acknowledged.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," thanking them for their energetic performances of their duties.

Bro. Rogers, Treasurer, and Bro. J. E. Shand, Secretary, appropriately responded.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was next given by the W.M., who thanked them cordially for their services, and especially the W.M. elect, whom he termed the organiser of the lodge, its existence being largely due to his exertions.

Bro. W. H. Baker, S.W., in responding, remarked that it was very few lodges which could boast of numbering 80 members in their first year.

Bro. Seager Hunt, J.W., also responded.

Before closing the proceedings, the W.M. announced that about £50 had been subscribed in the room towards his Steward's list for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys' Festival.

DUDLEY.—Harmonic Lodge (No. 252).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Stone-street. Present: Bros. G. T. Owen, W.M.; Jas. Turner, S.W.; Robt. Stevenson, J.W.; W. E. Walker, P.M., Treas.; Saml. Smith, P.M., Sec.; Sept. Bagott, S.D.; James Warham, J.D.; Matthew Smith, D.C.; Wm. Swallow, I.G.; Thos. Chambers, Stwd.; Fras. Garner, Tyler; Saml. Spittle, Asst. Tyler; R. G. Walker, I.P.M.; Fras. Holcroft, P.M.; Wm. Waring, P.M.; T. F. Higgs, P.M.; Geo. Bagott, P.M.; Wm. Bagott, Hy. Bagott, John Bywater, Benj. Barratt, E. J. Chambers, James Jones, J. H. Jevons, A. J. Baird, Robt. Preece, Joseph Sidaway, and Geo. Morgan.

After the ordinary preliminary business was transacted, Bro. G. Morgan, who was initiated at the previous meeting, was questioned, and having satisfactorily proved his proficiency in respect to the First Degree, was duly passed to the Degree of a F.C., by the W.M., in a very able and effective manner. The explanation of the second tracing board was afterwards, by desire of the W.M., given by the J.W., in a very excellent style. Two guineas were voted from the funds of the lodge in aid of the support of a child of a late brother who formerly for a short time was a member of this lodge. Bro. W. E. Walker, P.M., Treasurer, reported that he had attended the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution as a Steward, and, after giving a gratifying summary of what had been done, he expressed the pleasure he had experienced in being so privileged to contribute to the really magnificent success which had resulted from this year's efforts; and he tendered to the brethren his best thanks for the very kind assistance and support they had given him as their representative.

After other and more private business pertaining to the lodge was disposed of, and another candidate for initiation had been proposed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, and the pleasure of further brotherly intercourse, harmony, and love.

WELLS.—Benevolent Lodge (No. 446).—The forty-ninth anniversary meeting of this lodge was held in the Town Hall, on Thursday, the 5th inst., at which was gathered a large number of brethren from various parts of the province, amongst whom were the following: Bros. R. C. Else, Prov. G. Deacon, D.P.G.M. Somerset; S. G. Homfray, Prov. A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M. Monmouth; T. S. Jelley, P.M. 976, P.P.G.S.W.; C. L. Fry Edwards,

P.M. 1199, P.P.G.S.W.; A. Thrale Perkins, P.M. 446, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Kelway, P.M. 446, P.P.G.J.W.; H. W. Livett, P.M. 446, P.P.G.J.W.; E. Bath, P.M. 772, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Bright, P.M. 772, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; L. E. Newnham, P.M. 446, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; J. M. Atkins, P.M. 446, P.P.G.A.D.C.; and R. J. Manning, P.M. 446, P.P.G. Purst., all of the county of Somerset; the Rev. J. J. Palmer, P.M. 446, P.P.G. Chap.; J. H. T. Evans, W.M. 446; E. F. Wade, W.M. 291; Davis, 285; Rev. J. J. Downes, 446; A. L. Wade, 446; J. N. Knight, 446; E. A. Crosse, and G. Horn, Tyler.

The lodge being opened in due form, Mr. A. McWilliams, having been duly elected, was initiated by the W.M., Bro. J. H. T. Evans. At the conclusion of the ceremony the lodge received in due form the D.P.G.M. of Somerset, Bro. R. C. Else, officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, and visitors of distinction. The gavel was then assumed by Bro. R. C. Else, who proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. A. Thrall-Perkins, into the chair of K.S. for the third time. The ceremony was performed in Bro. Else's usual impressive manner. The W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. H. T. Evans, I.P.M.; A. Law Wade, S.W.; J. N. Knight, J.W.; L. E. Newnham, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Atkins, P.M., Sec.; W. Hill, S.D.; J. J. Downes, J.D.; A. McWilliams, I.G.; and G. Horn, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren having been given by Bro. R. C. Else.

The Worshipful Master proposed in eulogistic terms a vote of thanks to the Installing Master, remarking amongst other things, that to his untiring energy and his universal custom of attending all installations and annual festivals of the lodges in his province was due the feeling of harmony that existed throughout the whole Province of Somerset.

The vote was carried by acclamation, as was also a vote of thanks to Bro. S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouth, and a vote of thanks to the visitors for their attendance.

The W.M. then proceeded to the next business, which was the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. L. E. Newnham, P.M. 446. Bro. Newnham having been conducted to the pedestal, the W.M. said that it gave him very great pleasure to carry out the wishes of the lodge and to present Bro. Newnham with the jewel which had been unanimously voted to him at the last meeting of the lodge. Since the day of his initiation Bro. Newnham had been unremitting in his attentions and attention to the proper working of the various offices in the lodge through which he had passed. Commencing as Secretary, Bro. Newnham had in turn filled the chairs of J.W., S.W., and W.M. After having filled the office of I.P.M. for one year, Bro. Newnham accepted the post of Secretary, which post he had continued to hold for the past three years, thus showing an uninterrupted term of service to the lodge of eight years. In pinning the jewel on Bro. Newnham's breast, the W.M. said that he wished him, in the name of the lodge, many years of health and happiness in which to continue his useful Masonic career.

The jewel, which was supplied by Bro. George Kenning, was of gold and of artistic workmanship; and on the reverse was the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. L. E. Newnham, P.M., by the brethren of the Benevolent Lodge, 446, in appreciation of his services. March, 1885."

When the applause with which he was greeted had subsided Bro. Newnham returned thanks, and said that to him Masonry had always been a labour of love. The hope of reward, which sweetens labour, had in his case been that evening fulfilled, and he felt that, whatever he had been able to do for the lodge in times past, the handsome jewel, which had been presented to him in such flattering terms by the W.M., would prove an incentive to redoubled energies in the future.

There being no further business before the lodge, it was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the Mitre Hotel, where an admirable banquet had been prepared by Mrs. Hill, the hostess, at which about 25 brethren sat down. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and the proceedings were much enlivened by songs from the W.M., Bros. Homfray, Knight, Davis, Bath, and others.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Truth Lodge (No. 521).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Fitz William-street. Present: Bros. John W. Turner, W.M.; A. Armitage, S.W.; A. Graham, J.W.; James Brierley, Treas.; John E. Cooper, Sec.; Allen Jackson, P.M., D.C.; George Jackson, A.D.C.; Humphrey Wood, I.G.; T. Greenwood, Stwd.; Hy. Shaw, acting Tyler; J. B. Matthewman, P.M.; R. Williamson, P.M., P.G.J.D.; W. H. Jessop, P.M.; Allen Jackson, P.M.; Joseph Varley, P.M.; Hy. Shaw, P.M.; H. W. Wrigley, P.M.; George Marshall, P.M.; George Horsfall, P.M.; Samuel Crossley, Hy. Partridge, John Kendrew, Samuel Butterworth, Robert Wray, Geo. Banks, John W. Sawden, Benjamin Walker, and J. T. Sheard. Visitors: Bros. Thos. Ruddock, P.M. 275, P.P.G.D.; T. Fitlow, P.M. 1783; John Shoesmith, P.M. 1783; B. Oxley, W.M. 1783; Adam Walker, S.W. 1783; George Morris, P.M. 652; C. H. Riley, 1783; George Handy, 112, New Jersey, U.S.A.; and Joshua Lee, P.M. 290, P.G. Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Joseph Swallow, and, being favourable, he was regularly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. J. B. Matthewman, I.P.M., delivering the address, and Bro. R. Williamson, P.M., P.G.J.D., giving the charge, the working tools having been presented and explained by the J.W. The remainder of the business was of a routine nature.

The lodge was then closed, when the brethren assembled in the supper room, and, having partaken of the good things provided, the usual Masonic toasts were responded to. The evening was rendered very enjoyable by the excellent vocal talent of Bros. Richard Garner, Allen Jackson, Joseph Varley, John Shoesmith, and others, who were accompanied on the piano by Bro. Ben Walker in an accomplished manner, showing he was thoroughly master of the instrument over which he presided. We trust the Lodge of Truth has many such pleasant evenings in store.

CHORLEY.—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 730).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall. Present: Bros. J. Barnes,

W.M.; R. Irving, P.M., as S.W.; Thomas Sharples, J.W.; J. M. Kerr, Prov. G. Supt. of Wks., Treas.; L. Eccles, Sec.; J. Bradshaw, S.D.; George Iotell, J.D.; P. Yates, P.M., D.C.; C. Richmond, as I.G.; J. Monks, Stwd.; J. Jolly, Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Alderman John Heald, J. Corbitt, and J. B. Withnell; Bros. Thomas F. Jackson, Dr. Farmer, George Yates, L. Fairclough, H. Bourne, and E. C. Thwaites. Visitors: Bros. R. Pye and Hargreaves, 345.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Bros. Bourne and Thwaites were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Leonard Fairclough was next raised to the Sublime Degree by Bro. P. Yates. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Joseph Westall, and, being elected, he was initiated a member of the Order. The disposal of surplus funds was deferred till next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.—Townley Parker Lodge (No. 1032).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Howard Arms Hotel, Whittle-le-Springs, when there were present Bros. Jas. Lawrence, P.M. 730 and 1032, W.M.; J. M. Kerr, P.M., Prov. G.S. of W., S.W.; A. G. Bird, J.W.; T. F. Jackson, Sec.; Joseph Hopkinson, S.D.; W. C. P. Grimshaw, J.D.; T. Whalley, Tyler; and James Corbitt, P.M.

The lodge was opened in the usual manner by Bro. Jas. Lawrence, P.M. 730 and 1032, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, on the motion of Bro. Lawrence, the alteration of the installation meeting from July to December or January was taken into consideration and adjourned. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the supper room.

ELLAND.—Savile Lodge (No. 1231).—A special meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, 19th ult. Present: Bros. J. Farnell, W.M.; W. Emsley, S.W.; J. Smithies, J.W.; J. Gorsed, Treas.; S. Dyson, Sec.; J. Sutcliffe, S.D.; J. Rhodes, J.D.; Dr. Whalley, D.C.; Walker, I.G.; J. Buckland, Stwd.; S. W. North, Tyler; Walker, P.M.; J. Radcliffe, F. Radcliffe, and W. Radcliffe.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, Bros. J. Radcliffe, F. Radcliffe, and W. Radcliffe were entrusted and retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, when they were separately passed to the degree of F.C., the working tools being given by Bro. Emsley; the charge by Bro. Hallas; and the historical part and tracing board by Bro. Dr. Whalley, D.C.

A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, 5th inst., at the lodge rooms. Present: Bros. J. Farnell, W.M.; W. Emsley, S.W.; S. Dyson, J.W.; L. North, Chap.; J. Gorsed, Treas.; S. Dyson, Sec.; J. Smithies, S.D.; Dr. Hoyle, J.D.; Dr. Whalley, D.C.; S. W. North, I.G.; J. Rhodes, Stwd.; J. Buckland, Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. L. Saville and J. Walker; Bros. Hallas, Taylor, Sutton, and J. Radcliffe.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and Mr. Fred Batty duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Mr. A. Maude was also initiated; the ceremony was beautifully performed by Bro. Farnell, W.M. The working tools were given by Bro. Emsley, S.W.; the charge by Bro. Hallas; and the tracing board and historical part by Bro. Dr. Whalley, D.C. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very substantial repast.

WIGAN.—Lindsay Lodge (No. 1335).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, King-street. Present: Bros. A. H. Crossley, W.M.; W. Johnson, S.W.; C. E. Beazer, P.M., as J.W.; J. D. Murray, P.M., Treas.; H. Riddlesworth, as Sec.; Wm. Wyld, as S.D.; G. G. Tatham, as J.D.; G. L. Cambell, P.M., as I.G.; Wm. Holt, Stwd.; W. Patterson, Tyler; H. T. Byrom, I.P.M.; Wm. Rigby, R. P. White, Thos. Knowles, and others. Visitor: Bro. John Vickers, Equity Lodge.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. J. D. Murray, P.M., then assumed the gavel, and Bro. Thomas Knowles was questioned, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Knowles was passed to the degree of F.C. by Bro. Murray. "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Three Crowns Hotel, when Bro. A. T. Ives, S.W. and W.M. elect, was, with the usual ceremonies placed in the chair of K.S. and saluted in due form. Bro. C. T. Lewis, W.M., performed the ceremony admirably, and was congratulated on all sides for the excellence of his working. The following officers were invested: Bros. C. Jolly (Freemason), S.W.; J. Paul, J.W.; Dr. W. Vance, P.M., Treas.; J. Ives, P.M., Sec.; J. Savage, S.D.; C. H. Canning, J.D.; C. J. Jones, I.G.; W. Henry, Org.; C. Hefford, D.C.; C. Wood, W. Stwd.; C. Knight, Asst. W. Stwd.; and A. W. Page, P.M., Tyler.

On the completion of the ceremony the W.M. initiated Messrs. J. Dello and H. Lacey in rare style, and with all the efficiency of an old practitioner. He then presented the I.P.M., Bro. Lewis, with a handsome jewel of his office, and spoke eloquently of the earnest endeavours of Bro. Lewis to promote the prosperity of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren, and wished him many years of health to wear it and come among them and give them his assistance and advice.

Bro. Lewis briefly returned thanks, and assured the W.M. and brethren that his duty had been a most pleasant and enjoyable one; the kindness and consideration he had met with would never be effaced from his heart, and he thanked them most sincerely for their efforts to make his year of office a prosperous and harmonious one.

It was further proposed, and carried, that a testimonial of the value of five guineas should be tendered to Bro. Lewis for his services that day as Installing Officer.

Bro. Lewis returned thanks. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Masonic Hall, William-street, South Woolwich, where a banquet awaited them. Among the brethren pre-

sent besides those above named, were Bros. E. West, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts; A. J. Manning, P.M., P.P.G. S.D. Essex; B. Brayshaw, P.M.; J. Elder, P.M.; W. Nevins, W.M. 1076; J. H. Pavitt, W.M. 860; E. Ayre, P.M. 742; W. H. Harris, S.W. 1076; W. Watkins, J.W. 1076; J. Cromarty, 38½ (S.C.); J. A. Keeble, I.G. 174; W. Browne, 225; H. J. Glanville, 901, and others, to the number of 60. The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were put by the W.M. in choice and well-turned phrases, and were heartily drunk.

The Immediate Past Master proposed "The Health of the W.M.," saying that was the first time he (Bro. Lewis) had ever held the gavel for such a purpose, but hope to wield it for the next 12 months at least, for the same purpose. It afforded him great pleasure to propose the health of one who had, by sterling merit alone, that day arrived at the height of a Mason's career, for no matter what other honours Masonry might have in store for him, to arrive at the chair of his mother lodge ought to be, and was, he felt sure, the greatest honour that could be bestowed upon a good Mason. To that honour Bro. Ives had arrived, and he congratulated both him and the lodge on the fact. What was in store for them had been evinced by the able and admirable manner in which their W.M. had begun his reign that day, his working of the ceremony of initiation was faultless, and they might depend upon it that whatever he had to do in the future would be done as ably. He asked them to drink the toast with all the honour it deserved.

Bro. Ives, in response, rallied the I.P.M. pleasantly on the flattering terms employed so elegantly in proposing his (the W.M.'s health), and supposed that now Bro. Lewis had passed through the terrors of this office he was indulging in a little chaff; however, he (Bro. Ives) could assure them that he should endeavour to do his duty in such a manner, that when he left that chair and transmitted the warrant of the lodge to the keeping of his successor, the credit and prestige of the lodge would have lost none of its present lustre. He should try all in his power to promulgate the beautiful tenets of the Order and act up to them. He trusted the officers and brethren would help him by their presence, and the Past Masters by their council, and then he felt sure that however difficult it was to follow such excellent predecessors, the Henley Lodge would still hold its own for good working, and above all, for that perfect harmony that made its meetings so pleasant and enjoyable. He cordially thanked them for the toast and resumed his seat amid applause.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," all of whom present responded. "The Visitors," "The Initiates," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast. Bro. Henry presided at the piano, and songs were sung by Bros. Lewis, Burton, Paul, Vance, Canning, and Hefford. Bro. Keeble recited a most amusing balloon story, and Bro. Jolly recited an original poem, written for the occasion. The whole affair was a great success.

BOOTLE.—Bootle Lodge (No. 1473).—The members of the above lodge met at the Molyneux Assembly Rooms, on Thursday, the 5th inst., for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Isaac Platts. There was a numerous and highly representative gathering from various lodges in the district, there being nearly thirty W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. The chair, at the opening of the lodge, was occupied by the retiring W.M., Bro. Robert Harley, and he was supported by the following P.M.'s and Officers of the lodge: Bros. S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. and Treas.; John Duncan, jun., P.P.G.D.C., P.M.; W. R. Brewster, P.M.; R. Paterson, P.M.; Harold Wyatt, P.M. and Sec.; Isaac Platts, S.W.; Robert Scott, J.W.; Dr. Taylor, S.D.; Job Clark, Asst. Sec.; Leo Hayes, J.D.; W. Brogden, I.G.; and T. W. Stanbury, S. Among the visitors were Bros. T. W. Richardson, P.P.G.C., P.M. 1380; Samuel Haynes, P.M. 823; C. Bargerly, P.M. 1756; H. Marshall, W.M. 1756; W. Roberts, W.M. 1086; G. S. Willings, P.M. 667; George Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 1380; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.G.S.D., P.M. 1609; J. Lecomber, P.M. 594; Evan J. Callow, W.M. 1094; A. Soldat, W.M. 1547; George Ratcliffe, 1547; R. Bethel, S.W. 1094; T. Hutton, P.M. 203; H. H. Smith, P.M. 1505, and Treas. 2042; Thomas Hoskins, 1505; David Howorth, P.M. 667; J. Evans, 1086; J. J. Smith, W.M. 1035; B. L. Johannsen, 594; Francis Ewart, 1086; A. Chambers, 667; J. M. Cocker, 178; S. Walsh, 1713; C. G. Smith, 1756; T. Lowton, 2042; J. Davies, 1325; H. R. Houghton, 314; S. Wadsworth, 753; H. Isaac, 1547; R. Heckle, 408; G. R. Owen, 1756; J. A. Muir, 2042; Major H. J. Nicholls, 2042; W. W. Fishlock, 2042; David Williams, 2042; David Davies, 1675; J. T. Jones, 1675; and others.

Bro. Isaac Platts, W.M. elect, was presented for installation by Bros. R. Harley and W. R. Brewster, and the ceremony was performed in an almost faultless manner by Bro. J. Duncan, jun., P.M., who has fulfilled the duties of Installing Master on the last seven yearly festival occasions. The following officers were subsequently invested for the ensuing year: Bros. R. Harley, I.P.M.; R. Scott, S.W.; Job Clark, J.W.; S. E. Ibbes, Treasurer (re-elected for the eleventh time); H. Wyatt, Secretary; H. Taylor, Asst. Sec.; Rev. E. F. Neep, Chap.; L. W. Hayes, S.D.; William Brogden, J.D.; T. W. Stanbury, I.G.; J. Alexander, S.S.; R. C. Vaughan, J.S.; J. G. Forsyth, Org.; J. Duncan, jun., D.C.; and Bro. Blake was unanimously re-elected Tyler.

After business the brethren banqueted under the presidency of the W.M., and during the evening an exceedingly artistic Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. R. Harley, I.P.M., as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren.

An excellent musical programme was given by Bros. J. Muir, Davies, Williams, Jones, Nicholls, and J. G. Forsyth, a large proportion of these brethren being members of the Apollo Lodge.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).—This lodge held an emergency meeting at the Sun Hotel, on Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst. The death of Bro. David Cable, Secretary of the lodge, has been notified in this journal, and the first business was to appoint some one to the office. Bro. Arldige, W.M., addressed the brethren present—who were in mourning—in a most impressive and touching way upon the loss which the lodge, and Masonry as a body, had sustained by the removal of Bro. Cable to the world of the Great Unseen.

Having paid a warm tribute to the worth of the brother whose early decease all who knew him most sincerely mourn, the W.M. asked Bro. Abel Laurence, I.P.M., Prov. G.D. Surrey, to undertake the Secretarial duties. Bro. Laurence said he would do so, and his appointment has given the utmost satisfaction to the lodge. It was then resolved that Bro. John Drewett, J.W., forward a letter of condolence to Mrs. Cable, assuring her of the sympathy of the brethren, and the same was ordered to be entered upon the minutes. The question of what should be done for the widow and family of the late Secretary was then discussed, and eventually a grant of £20 was made from the lodge funds (one-half from the Benevolent Fund, of which Bro. Youldon, P.M., is Treasurer), and a list was opened for the individual contributions of members. This last, in a small meeting, amounted to £14, and will be much increased. As showing the esteem in which Bro. Cable was held, it may be mentioned that Bro. W. Drewett published in his local journal, the *Kingston and Surbiton News*, last week a goodly sum, subscribed by the passengers on the L. and S. W. R. at Norbiton Station, where Bro. Cable was station master. There had been a ballot taken for a candidate, who was accepted, but he "wired" up that he was detained at an out-of-the-way place for want of a train. The W.M. closed the lodge after an interchange of good wishes.

EPPING.—Epping Lodge (No. 2077).—The first regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Cock Hotel, when there were present Bros. E. Lewis, P.M. 754, W.M.; J. Salmon, S.W.; T. J. Woodrow, J.W.; J. London, S.D.; W. Edwards, P.M. 1454, acting J.D.; Fraser, 1604, acting I.G.; W. Dance, P.M. 754, Sec.; J. Parkinson, Tyler; and several members and visiting brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the consecration and emergency meeting were read and confirmed. The bye-laws were also read and approved. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Hughes and Andrews, and was found to be unanimous in their favour. These gentlemen being in attendance were duly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., who was ably assisted by his officers. The ballot was afterwards taken, and proved favourable, for Bros. Fraser, 1604, and Lawrence. The W.M. was pleased to invest Bro. Fraser with the collar, &c., of I.G. Bro. Fraser returned thanks. A letter from his Royal Highness the Grand Master, thanking the members of the lodge for their congratulations on the occasion of Prince Albert Victor attaining his majority was read. The contents of the letter were ordered to be entered on the minutes of the lodge. Bro. T. J. Woodrow having resigned the Treasurership of the lodge, the W.M. was pleased to confer the office upon Bro. Acworth, P.M. 133, and invested him with the collar and jewel of the office. Bro. Acworth, in a neat speech, returned thanks.

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren retired to a capital banquet, which had been prepared for them by Bro. Lawrence. The usual toasts having been given and responded to, the members adjourned at an early hour, after having spent a very pleasant evening. The lodge promises to be a very successful one, both socially and financially.

INSTRUCTION.

CONSTITUTIONAL LODGE (No. 55).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, W.C., on Tuesday, 10th inst. Present: Bros. Tongue, W.M.; Richardson, S.W.; Snodin, J.W.; Snodin, Treas.; Simpson, Sec.; Coleman, S.D.; Rayne, J.D.; Green, I.G.; Fox, P.M., Preceptor; Dickens, P.M.; Green, Sayers, and Lanzig.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Rayne, being a candidate for passing, having answered the usual questions was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the First Section was worked by Bro. Dickens, P.M. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Rayne offered himself as candidate. The Second Section was worked by Bro. Snodin.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on the 24th inst., and the Fifteen Sections on April 14th and 21st. The lodge was then closed.

HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 754).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Coach and Horses, High Road, Tottenham, on Thursday evening, the 26th ult. There was an unusually large attendance of brethren at this meeting, it having been announced that a testimonial would be presented to Bro. James Garrod, P.M. 754, the late Secretary, who had retired after holding the office for seven years. Lodge was opened by Bro. George Tegg, W.M. 1237, who after rehearsing the ceremony of initiation vacated the chair in favour of Bro. E. J. Everdell, P.M. 1579, the Preceptor.

Bro. Everdell having explained the cause of this particular meeting, which he was glad to see well attended, presented Bro. Garrod with a handsome tea and coffee service, (with a suitable inscription on the principal piece), together with an illuminated address on vellum as follows: "This testimonial is presented to Bro. James Garrod, P.M. 754, together with a tea service, by the members of the High Cross Lodge of Instruction, as a mark of their esteem and appreciation of his services as Secretary of the lodge for a period of seven years. Signed on behalf of the subscribers—George Rowe, W.M. 754; A. G. Fidler, S.W. 754, P.M. 1237; E. J. Everdell, P.M. 1579; John Maller, P.M. 754, Treas.; W. Binnie, S.W. 1237, P.M. 209, Hon. Sec. February, 1885." Bro. Everdell concluded his remarks by expressing the hope, in which he was sure all those present would join, that Bro. Garrod might long be spared to be amongst them, and to enjoy that which it had been his great pleasure and privilege to ask his acceptance of. To him (Bro. Everdell) it was a very pleasing duty to preside on this auspicious occasion, as he and Bro. Garrod had worked shoulder to shoulder for some years in endeavouring to promote the welfare of this lodge of instruction.

Bro. Garrod, (who was received with applause) in reply, said no words of his could adequately express the gratitude he felt to the brethren for their most handsome present, which he need scarcely say he should highly prize, but he begged to express his most sincere thanks to

to them for their great kindness and generosity towards him. He had been associated with this lodge of instruction for some years, during which time he had, of course, witnessed many changes, and young members had here attained to that proficiency which fitted them for the important duties they were called upon to discharge in their various lodges, and although no longer Secretary, he trusted he might be spared for many years to render whatever service he could to this lodge of instruction, the prosperity of which he had much at heart.

Amongst the brethren present were P.M.'s Bros. Everdell, Binnie, Oaf, Maller, Driscoll, Jones, Thompson, Bryant, Garrod, Fidler, G. Tegg, (W.M. 1237), Howlett, Wilson, Cooper, Birkin, Barnes, Knightley, Harrington, and others.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on the 9th inst. at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. W. J. Mason, W.M.; J. Laurence, S.W.; C. S. Mote, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; H. Purdue, W.M. 834, S.D.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, J.D.; G. A. Laundry, I.G.; E. F. Ferris, Stvd.; F. T. C. Keeble, P.M. 1426; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1074, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; J. H. Wood, Jos. Lichtenfeld, P. W. Rogers, H. P. Gilbert, T. C. Thomson, W. A. Stimson, and W. Death.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries the ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Lichtenfeld and Wood candidates respectively, after which Bro. Purdue rehearsed part of the installation ceremony. Bro. Laurence was elected W.M. for the following week. Lodge was then closed.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Coughlan, W.M.; Ray, S.W.; Bowen, J.W.; Gibson, Treas. and acting Preceptor; Musson, Secretary; Evans, S.D.; Hayes, J.D.; Weeks, Tyler; C. Taylor, P.M. 1624; Woolstein, Dexter, Mimms, Ogg, Wynn, Salter, Whitehead, Fraser, Sutton, Morgan, Coleman, Carter, and Yates.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Woolstein being the candidate. The W.M. gave the ancient charge and explanation of the tracing board. Bro. Fraser answered the questions leading to the Second Degree and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Fraser being the candidate; the W.M. also explained the tracing board of this Degree. Bros. Carter, 946, and Yates, 1351, were elected members. Bro. Ray was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed in due form and perfect harmony.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Piccadilly, S.W., when there were present Bros. Grist, W.M.; Gibson, Treas. and S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; Coughlan, Sec.; Hayes, S.D.; Ray, J.D.; Luckhurst, I.G.; Flatterley, P.M. 1624; Wade, P.M. 1604; Bunce, and Chilcott.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Flatterley being the candidate. The ceremony of raising was next rehearsed, Bro. Bunce being the candidate. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Hampshire Hog, Chiswick. Present: Bros. H. Perdue, W.M.; J. Wood, S.W.; A. Williams, J.W.; Geo. Gardner, Treas.; W. Gomm, S.D.; V. Wing, J.D.; A. Tilbury, I.G.; J. Weeks, Tyler; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; J. Sims, Rowling, H. Furze, D. Stroud, Hopkins, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes were read and confirmed, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Bro. S. Verry, W.M. elect, was appointed and invested, Bro. H. Perdue working the Second Section of the Lecture. Bro. Wood was unanimously elected to fill the chair of K.S. for the ensuing week. Bro. Gardner announced that he should be able to place a small amount to the credit of the lodge arising from the first annual supper. Bro. D. Stroud gave notice that he should bring forward a motion that the ceremonies in future be worked serially, viz., instruction on the first Saturday of the month; passing on the second Saturday; raising on the third Saturday, leaving the fourth Saturday at the disposal of the W.M. for the time being, in order to carry out the suggestions made by Bro. Gardner. Lodge was then closed in perfect love and harmony.

The Fifteen Sections are to be worked shortly, and the assistance of brethren is cordially invited.

Royal Arch.

BAYARD CHAPTER (No. 1615).—The annual installation of this chapter was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at 33, Golden-square, the following being present: Comps. J. H. Casson, M.E.Z.; Humphrey J. Stark, H.; C. P. Kempe, J.; Lieut.-Col. Haldane, P.Z., Scribe E.; J. A. M. Emmett, P.S.; John S. Savory, 2nd A.S.; Lieut.-Col. Somerville Burney, P.Z., P.G.S.B., Treas.; Frank Richardson, P.Z.; Lieut. Henry Wright, S.W. 1827; Henry L. Andrews, and Lieut. Francis Graham Moon. Visitors: Comps. T. B. Purchas, M.E.Z. 1383, and Chas. Hunt, 507.

Bro. Reynolds was on the agenda for exaltation; but, not being present, the only business was the installation of the new Principal—Ex. Comp. Humphrey J. Stark, H., as Z.—which was most ably performed by the outgoing Z., Ex. Comp. Dr. J. H. Casson. Notice having been given of a new candidate, the M.E.Z. invested the various officers, after which the chapter was closed in due form.

The companions adjourned to the Café Royal to an elegant banquet. Comp. Frank Richardson responded for the toast of "The Grand Officers." Comp. Dr. Casson enlivened the proceedings with some music.

WEST SMITHFIELD CHAPTER (No. 1623).—The installation convocation of this young chapter was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on the 26th ult. There were present Comps. J. F. Van Raalte, M.E.Z.; T. T. Phillips, H.; W. C. Kent, J.; H. J. Lardner, I.P.Z., Treas.; E. Mallett, S.E.; T. C. Walls, P.Z.; R. B. Greenwood, P.S.; H. Forss, 1st Asst. Soj.; N. Mackay, C. Patrick, Capt. E. Pettett, and S. Stanbrook. The visitors were Comps. J. Davis, H. 195; and G. Gregory, P.Z. 1538.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Ballot was then taken for Bros. L. Lardner, 1745; R. Webber, 1745; J. Salmon, J.W. 917; which proved unanimous. Installation of Principals was then proceeded with in the following order: Comps. T. T. Phillips, M.E.Z.; W. C. Kent, H.; H. Forss, J.; the ceremony being impressively rendered by the Installing Companion, H. J. Lardner, P.Z., assisted by Comp. T. C. Walls, P.Z. The M.E.Z. then invested the officers for the ensuing year: Comps. E. Mallett, S.E.; R. B. Greenwood, S.N., P.Z.; H. J. Lardner, Treasurer; C. Patrick, P.S., who appointed as assistants Comps. Mackay and Roberts. The M.E.Z. invested J. J. Marsh, Janitor. The installation ceremony was rendered in a manner beyond praise, and M.E.Z. giving a few words of encouragement on investing each of the officers. Bros. L. Lardner and R. Webber were then attested and exalted to the Supreme Degree, the M.E.Z. discharging his duties as First Principal in a manner calling forth the approbation of all present. The H. and J. also equally displayed the attention they had given to the working of the Supreme Degree, discharging their arduous duties with a most exemplary ability, and the officers gave evidence that the chapter had a bright prospect in the future. The working all round was appreciative, instructive, and entertaining, and enjoyed by all. The M.E.Z. then invested the I.P.Z. with a handsome jewel, the present of the chapter, designed and manufactured by Comp. George Kenning, and in doing so highly commended Comp. J. F. Van Raalte, for his abilities during his progress through the chapter. The I.P.Z. returned thanks in a few well selected sentences concerning the past and future prospects of the chapter. The chapter was then closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet served in Comp. Clemow's best form, after which the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were proposed and honoured.

The I.P.Z. then proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z.," complimenting him in the highest degree for his exemplary working. The toast was most enthusiastically received. The M.E.Z., Comp. T. T. Phillips, in reply, begged to thank the I.P.Z. for the kind and fraternal remarks he expressed towards himself in proposing his health; he could assure all the companions how deeply grateful he felt for the hearty manner in which the toast was responded to. He had striven hard to become, under the best instructors of the Royal Arch Degree, as efficient as possible. He had to thank Comps. Lardner and Gregory in a great measure for the knowledge he had obtained in the Supreme Degree. And, although the I.P.Z. had so highly spoken of him, he yet felt in himself that he had not done so well as he ought to have done, neither had he attained that efficiency to place him on a footing with his predecessors, but he hoped by their next meeting to do so. He assured them he loved Freemasonry in each step he had yet taken upwards in it, and the more he studied each Degree in Freemasonry, the more he was convinced of its goodness and usefulness to all who joined its ranks, and strongly exhorted the companions to persevere in Royal Arch Masonry, and trusted the knowledge they would therein obtain would enable them to aspire to the proud position he had that evening been installed to fulfil, and with the assistance of the Most High to discharge the duties entrusted to him with credit to himself, and satisfaction to the companions. He hoped to introduce several excellent brethren during his year of office, and undoubtedly others would do the same. If fortune should favour them he thought they might be able to contribute something to their noble Charities, and he desired to thank them for the handsome manner they had received him that evening.

The M.E.Z. proposed "The Exaltees," observing the attention they appeared to have given to the ceremony of exaltation, and said that in them the chapter had a hopeful future. Response having been given to the toast, Comp. L. Lardner replied that, as the M.E.Z. stated, he had been deeply impressed with the beautiful ceremony of that evening; he had never heard anything so elevating and instructive in his life, and should strive to inculcate its useful and benevolent teaching. He thanked the companions for the hearty reception they had given the toast of the exaltees. Comp. Webber desired to reciprocate the sentiments of his co-exalte.

"The Visitors" were next duly reminded by a stirring address from the M.E.Z., who said that their presence was of a very acceptable character, the companions seconding the observations of the M.E.Z. by charging bumpers, accompanied by an unusually good "fire."

Comp. Gregory, P.Z., thanked the companions for their very welcome reception towards him, and told them he had thoroughly enjoyed the evening. He wished to bear testimony to the excellent working of the Principals, and also said the officers had done well, and doubtless when they had recovered from their apparent slight nervousness they would be all that could be desired.

Comp. Davis said he desired to support the observations made by Comp. Gregory on the score of the working; but he was in no way taken by surprise, knowing as he did the excellent working of the mother lodge, which was second, he believed, to none in Craft Masonry; he therefore anticipated all that had so delighted him that evening. He always looked forward with pleasure to an invite from the chapter or lodge, for they were not only enjoyable from a Masonic point of view, but therein he met many old esteemed fellow-workers in Freemasonry, and should always try to be at their meetings when invited thereto. He begged to thank them for the kind reception they had given the toast of the visitors.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Health of the H. and J.," the same being well received.

Comps. Kent and Forss both returned thanks, stating their determination to persevere in the working, and keep the West Smithfield Chapter up to its present high state of efficiency.

The M.E.Z., in proposing "The Health of the Treasurer," said it was impossible to pay their esteemed Comp. Lardner, P.Z., too great a compliment. They all knew with himself that he had been the life and soul of the chapter; in fact, he might fairly say that his exertions had made the

chapter what it was in a great measure by his unsurpassable working, his desire to instruct others, his sustaining the chapter substantially when in need, and his ever anxious desire for its welfare. Time would not permit him to further enlarge on his usefulness to them, but he trusted that Comp. Lardner would take the will for the deed, and the companions would best show their appreciation by charging bumpers and giving their Treasurer a true Royal Arch "fire," to which response the companions gave a most enthusiastic approval.

Comp. Lardner, on rising to reply, was met with an ovation he little expected, and which evidently affected him. He said the fraternal remarks of the M.E.Z. in proposing his health and the reception given to the toast had somewhat taken, so to say, the "wind out of his sails." It was certainly true he had always had the chapter at heart, and always should have, and trusted the day was far distant when the ties of companionship would be severed, certainly not while he lived. It was very gratifying to him to find his humble efforts were so highly appreciated by them. He was very pleased to inform them that the chapter had been a success, and, paying all expenses, they had a balance in hand to commence the ensuing year with; it only required the exertions of the companions to enlarge this success from year to year. He could not resume his seat without again thanking them for the manner they had received him that evening.

The M.E.Z. proposed what he termed a special toast—"The Health of their esteemed Comp. Walls, P.Z."—truly remarking that that companion had always been at hand to assist them when required by his eminent services, and for which the chapter returned him their sincere thanks. The toast was truly greeted.

Comp. Walls thanked the M.E.Z. for this mark of favour, and, as a honorary member of the chapter, he desired to render all the good he could to them, and if at any time he might be from their midst and his help was required, they had only to send to his chambers, and if there they might depend on his immediate attendance. He begged to thank them.

The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of "The Officers," each of whom, after due reception, returned thanks. The Janitor's toast brought this happy and enjoyable evening to a close, and the companions separated. At suitable intervals songs and recitations were interspersed by Comps. Walls, Mackay, Lardner, and others.

SUNDERLAND.—Strict Benevolence Chapter (No. 97).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on the 19th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace. Among those present were Comps. B. Levy, P.G.H., acting P.G. Supt.; G. Porteous, Z.; W. H. Emerson, H.; C. McNamara, J.; M. Douglass, P.Z.; M. Frampton, P.Z.; A. T. Munro, Z. So; J. Mitchinson, H. So; J. J. Clay, P.Z.; J. Potts, P.Z.; J. R. Smart, T. 94; J. Eggleston, J. R. Pattison, J. Deans, T. Atkinson, W. Liddell, P.Z.; G. Wilson, P.G.O. The Principals of the chapter were impressively installed by Comp. B. Levy, P.G.H., as follows: Comps. W. H. Emerson, Z.; C. McNamara, H.; J. G. Kirtley, J. The other officers invested were Comps. R. Singleton, S.E.; Joseph Robson Pattison, S.N.; J. Sinclair, P.S.; T. Sharp and D. G. Smith, A.S.; J. W. Brown, Janitor.

CHORLEY.—Earl of Lathom Chapter (No. 730).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, when there were present Comps. Thos. Forrester, M.E.Z.; R. Irving, H.; J. M. Kerr, J.; J. Bradshaw, S.E.; T. F. Jackson, S.N.; J. Sharpley, P.S.; J. Heald, A.S.; Dr. Farmer, A.S.; T. Higson, Janitor; and N. Nicholson, P.Z.

The chapter was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bros. James Corbitt, P.M. 1032, and Peter Yates, P.M. 730, having been duly proposed and elected, were exalted as companions of the Order by Comp. Forrester, M.E.Z., Comp. Nicholson ably acting P.S., and the chapter was closed in peace and harmony, after which the companions adjourned to the Imperial Hotel, where a recherché supper awaited them.

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ROYAL ARCH.

KINGSTON.—Royal Chapter (No. 207).—The installation meeting of this chapter took place on Thursday evening, 29th January, at the Friendly Lodge Rooms, the ceremony being performed by M.E. Comp. A. H. Jones, assisted by M.E. Comps. W. Duff, C. H. Davis, and G. M. Duff. The following is the administration for the ensuing year: Comps. E. X. Leon, P.Z.; W. Duff, P.P.Z.; D. I. Motta, P.H.; J. M. Simpson, P.J.; W. H. Lewis, S.E.; C. N. Sherlock, S.N.; T. N. Aguilar, P.S.; J. Ward, Treas.; and G. Magnus, Janitor.

Western Australia.

PERTH.—Lodge of St. John (No. 485), E.C.—Owing to St. John's Day falling on Saturday, the 27th December, the installation meeting for installing Bro. Chas. Youle Dean as W.M. was postponed from that day until Monday, the 29th, following, when an unusual number of the brethren were present. The W.M., Bro. E. Sholl, presided, and was supported by Bros. Strickland, I.P.M.; R. Pether, F.C. Hussey, T. Smith, T. Sherwood, J. Summers, J. Allen, and W. Snook; and P.M.s. and Bros. C. L. Clifton, W.M.; and D. K. Congdon, P.M., P.Z., of Freemantle Lodge, 1033, E.C. The retiring W.M. having opened the lodge in the First Degree, an extract from the minutes of the last regular meeting was read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree. Bro. F. L. Hussey, P.M., occupied the chair as Installing Master. The W.M. elect was presented by Bro. W. Snook, P.M., for installation. Bro. W. Strickland, P.M., read the ancient charges. The O.B. being administered, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Chas. Youle Dean was duly installed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The W.M., Chas. Youle Dean, invested the I.P.M., Bro. E. Sholl. The Installation Master, Bro. F. L. Hussey, proclaimed the W.M., who was duly saluted by the brethren

in the several Degrees. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. H. M. Drake, S.W.; E. Ashton, J.W.; J. Allen, Chap.; G. W. Randell, Treas.; W. Sandover, Sec.; F. Birch, Org.; W. H. McGlew, S.D.; C. R. Pether, J.D.; S. Hyde, I.G.; and W. Graves, Tyler. The Installing Master delivered the address to the W.M. The ceremony of installation being concluded, the W.M., Bro. Chas. Youle Dean, thanked Bro. Hussey, P.M., for the manner in which he had conducted the ceremony of installation. He thanked the brethren for having placed him in that honourable position, he assured them that to be master of a lodge had been his highest ambition, and now that it had been gratified, he need not further assure them that, occupying the chair, and thus becoming the humble representative of K.S., would ever be remembered as the proudest moment of his Masonic life. He would do all in his power for the good of Freemasonry in general, and for this lodge in particular. He would endeavour so to work the lodge with fervency, harmony, and zeal, that when his term of office had expired the brethren would feel gratified at the selection they had made. In conclusion, he wished them all, individually and collectively, a happy and prosperous new year. A vote of thanks was proposed for the retiring officers, responded to by Bro. W. Strickland, P.M. "Hearty good wishes" were offered by Bro. C. L. Clifton, W.M. Freemantle Lodge, 1033, E.C., he at the same time congratulating the W.M. on the superior manner in which the ceremony of investiture had been conducted. The W.M. graciously acknowledged the compliment.

The lodge having been closed in harmony, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was spread in Bro. H. Wear's good style. The brethren having shown their appreciation of the catering, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," the toast being duly honoured with demonstrations of loyalty.

The W.M. then proposed "The R.W.G.M., H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales," which was acknowledged with loyal enthusiasm and customary honours.

The I.P.M., Bro. E. Sholl, proposed "The Worshipful Master" in eulogistic terms, the toast being received by the brethren with demonstrative applause, and drunk with the usual appropriate, and also with musical honours.

The W.M. responded in suitable language, observing, in conclusion, that at the end of his term of office he hoped to be able to render a fruitful account of his Stewardship.

The W.M. then called on Bro. Shore (visitor), who sang "The Rhine Wine" in splendid style, and Bro. V. E. Nesbit recited "Hans Breittmann's Party" capital.

Bro. T. Sherwood, P.M., proposed "The Visitors," the toast being received with applause and musical honours.

Bro. C. L. Clifton, W.M. 33 (E.C.), suitably responded. Bro. C. A. Patterson sang a motto song in an excellent manner.

The W.M. of 1033 (E.C.) proposed "Success to the Lodge of St. John," which was given with the usual honours.

Bro. R. N. Bullen (visitor) sang "The White Squall" very effectively.

Bro. D. K. Congdon, P.M., P.Z. 1033, proposed "The P.M.'s of the Lodge of St. John," the toast being duly honoured.

Bro. T. Smith, P.M., responded fluently and in happy terms.

Bro. W. Strickland, P.M., proposed the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," which was received with demonstrations of approval, and drunk with musical honours.

The officers, commencing with Bro. J. H. Drake, S.W., severally responded.

Bro. Rogers (visitor) sang a comic song, which was received with applause.

After being requested by the brethren, the W.M. sang "The Midshipmite" in his usual excellent style, and Bro. W. Graves sang "The Suit of Corderoy" and a "Nobby 'ead of 'air" in such a side-splitting manner as to elicit continuous applause and hearty laughter from the brethren.

The Tyler's toast and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" happily ended a most agreeable, successful, and recreative evening.

INTERNATIONAL MASONIC CONGRATULATIONS.

On Friday evening, the 6th inst., the members of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, met at the Temperance Hall, Newbury, Bro. W. H. Belcher, W.M., presiding. In connection with the 250th settlement of Newburyport, Mass., it was unanimously resolved to forward the following congratulatory address to the Masonic lodges in that place:—

"Newbury, Berks,
"24th February, 1885.

"Worshipful Sir and Brother,

"The W.M., officers, and brethren of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, in open lodge assembled, desired me to convey to the officers and brethren of your lodge their hearty and sincere congratulations on the 250th anniversary of your settlement. They are very pleased to find that Craft Masonry is recognised and practised at Newburyport, and they also hope the W.M., officers, and brethren of your lodge will accept the hearty good wishes of the Masons of the old town of Newbury, in England, for the success of Freemasonry and the general welfare of your town and settlement.

"I am, dear Sir and Brother,

"Yours faithfully and fraternally,

"STEPHEN KNIGHT, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.,
"Secretary.

"To the Secretary St. Mark's Lodge,
"St. John's Lodge, Newburyport, Mass., U.S.A."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTH.

COOPER.—On the 8th inst., at Chiddingfold, the wife of the Rev. T. S. Cooper, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

EVERETT.—On the 8th inst., at 90, Clapham-road, Harriett, the much-beloved wife of George Everett, P.M. 177, 1381, and 2021, P.Z. 177 and 1381, &c., in the 35th year of her age.

WOOD.—On the 5th inst., at 3, Goswell-road, James May Gegney Wood, aged 45.



A new and original comedy is in active preparation at the Comedy, by Mr. Robert Buchanan, called "Agnes," which is to take the place—we are glad to say—of "Family Ties," and precede "Nemesis." We hope the management will shortly change the latter too.

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Mrs. Kendal is said to be 36 years of age. This has been made public through the numerous criticisms on her Rosalind in "As You Like It." We are afraid it is not attracting very well, as already the last nights are announced on Easter Monday. "The Queen's Shilling" and "A Quiet Rubber" will be revived, with entirely new scenery. "As You Like It" has been put on the stage in the most sumptuous and costly way it has ever been mounted and though the public do not seem to be responding as well as the management might wish, we place some weight on the authority of a brother high in the Craft, and a very distinguished member of Grand Lodge, whose wife is well known as an amateur actress, who admires the present production at St. James's.

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We regret to state that Miss Ada Cavendish has again become indisposed, and has had to give up her part as Mrs. Graham in Mr. Mark Quinton's powerful drama, "In His Power." Mrs. Beerbohm Tree has become an efficient substitute, and plays the character with much force and satisfaction to her audiences. One might do much worse just now than pay a visit to the Olympic. The plot of the play turns upon a theme which has been used before—in "Diplomacy" for instance—in which a fondly loved wife of an officer is made to play the part of spy on her own husband, and delivers to a villain, in whose hands she is, important despatches relating to the concentration of our army. Scari threatens to inform her husband of a prior alliance to him if she does not do his bidding and drug her husband that he may copy a despatch of the General of the army. She, in her anxiety not to arouse suspicions on her honour in her husband, is intimidated into it, but of course all turns out right. Her husband, who believed in her dishonesty when he finds he has been betrayed, is convinced of her innocence, and the spy is confronted with justice, and meets his fate by being shot by a mob. Mr. Kyrle Believ has an excellent part, which he plays excellently. Mr. Cartwright, the villain, Mr. J. G. Grahame, Mr. Mark Quinton (the author of the drama), Mr. Elworthy, and the company all round make the piece go well and excessively interesting.

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As Mr. Pinero has written a new comedy, which has been read and accepted in the Court Theatre by Messrs. Clayton and Cecil, it will be not very long that the public will have the opportunity they now possess of seeing Mr. Alber's comedy, "The Denhams," originally played at the Haymarket, under the title of "The Criers," adapted from the French play, "Les Fourchambault." Mrs. John Wood is still playing her old part of Mrs. Denham, and we think we never enjoyed her wit and pungency more than at present. Her vulgarities are pardonable, because so innocent and without vice. She undoubtedly makes the hit of the piece. Each act contains amusement which is sustained to the end, which unfortunately, is not very satisfactory. Mr. Alber's dialogue is clever, and he must be indeed a grave man who could sit through "The Denhams" without being moved to laughter. Bro. John Clayton, as usual, has one of those solemn, unselfish parts which he seem to delight in. Miss Marion Terry as Haidée Burnside is not heavily taxed, and therefore is not seen at her best by any means. Mr. Cecil has allowed himself a somewhat minor character as the Reverend Lord A. Whitehead, but of which he contrives to make a lot of fun, though he exaggerates. Miss Lydia Foote as Mrs. Goring plays the ill-used and noble-hearted lady with much sympathy and care. We understand the change in the programme will be made about Easter; in the meanwhile we think the present comedy will doubtless attract good houses, and we note most of the Royal Family have paid the Court a visit.

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The sixth annual performance by the Sydenham Dramatic Club was given on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the St. George's Hall, Langham-place. The hall was well filled by an appreciative audience, who cheered lustily every well-known face as it appeared on the stage. Punctually to the time appointed the band opened the evening with some well-selected music, and after a few minutes the curtain arose on the well-known farce "The Area Belle," which was excellently acted all round, special mention being due to Miss Amy Blount and Mr. F. J. B. Radford, who were both exceptionally good. The farce was followed by the comedy "A Hundred Thousand Pounds," by the late Bro. H. J. Byron. The curtain rises on the scene in Joe Barlow's parlour, and brings before our notice Miss Gertrude Winta, who played the arduous part of Mrs. Barlow without one hitch from first to last. It would take too long, and space will not allow us, to enumerate all the qualities shown during the performance of the comedy, let it suffice when we say that Miss Pattie Bell (Alice Barlow) looked and acted the part to a nicety, some of the situations being sustained with telling effect, which was added to by the feeling and careful acting of Mr. A. H. Hayward (Joe Barlow). Mr. T. Dermott made a good lover, and Mr. E. Van Weenen was the type of a cold, unloving villain whom everyone delights to see overthrown at the conclusion of the piece. Of the other actors they all fulfilled their parts satisfactorily, and at times it was hard to believe we were witnessing an amateur performance. The principal characters were recalled after every act, and Mr. Hayward received an ovation at the close of the performance, and it is only due to state that much credit was reflected on him by the careful and efficient way in which the Sydenham Dramatic Club acted under his management.

220.—Tobacconists commencing.—A pamphlet (80 pages) How to open respectably from £20; three stamps. H. Myers & Co., Cigar and Tobacco Merchants, Euston-rd., London, Telephone No. 7541.—[Adv.]

MASONIC LECTURE AT TORQUAY.

A very instructive lecture on the "Four Grand Lodges of England" was delivered by W. Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, Past G.D. England, at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on the 10th inst., under the banner of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, W. Bro. B. Knight, W.M., presiding. There was a goodly number of brethren present, who showed their interest in the lecture, and the close attention with which they followed the worthy lecturer in his references to the Old Lodges and their Constitutions and ancient Charges, by asking a considerable number of questions at the close of the lecture, to all of which Bro. HUGHAN replied in a full and satisfactory manner.

A collection was taken up in aid of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, for whose benefit the lecture was given, the same being subsequently increased by the lodge to £5 5s.

On the proposition of W. Bro. D. J. ALLAMS, P.M. 328, seconded by W. Bro. B. KNIGHT, W.M. 1402, a very hearty and cordial vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. HUGHAN for his admirable and instructive lecture, in acknowledging which

Bro. HUGHAN stated that he should be pleased to give another lecture in aid of the same funds under the banner of St. John's Lodge, No. 328, on "The Antiquities of Freemasonry."

The brethren and visitors from neighbouring lodges subsequently adjourned to supper at Bro. Bolt's Royal Hotel, where the usual loyal and fraternal toasts were duly observed.

The Craft Abroad.

ALIWAI, NORTH, CAPE COLONY.

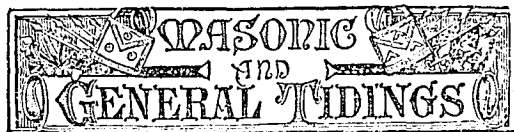
It sounds very much like putting the cart before the horse when we read of the installation of the W.M. and the appointment and investiture of his officers, and immediately afterwards that it is expected the lodge, in which all this has taken place, will be consecrated some two months later on. Yet this is precisely what we learn from the *Border News* of Aliwai North, Cape Colony, of the 6th December last, in which we are told that the "installation of the W.M. elect and officers of the 'Frere' Lodge, Aliwai North," took place the Thursday previous, and lower down in the same column that "the formal consecration of the lodge will take place in February next, when the D.G.M., Bro. Dr. Egan, will be present." However, we suppose the District Grand Lodge authorities know what they are about, the D.G. Secretary, Bro. W. T. Sissing, having been deputed by Bro. Dr. Egan, D.G.M., to conduct the ceremonies, and Bro. Nixon, who heads the list of founders, having been duly installed W.M., according to ancient custom, appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the year, namely: Bros. Wm. Crosby, S.W.; W. Marshall, J.W.; B. Levy, Treas.; H. C. Dreyer, Sec.; W. M. Anderson, S.D.; J. J. Pryce, J.D.; H. Hasler, I.G.; W. T. Hallimond, Org.; and D. Hendry, Tyler. There was a numerous gathering on the occasion, and when the lodge had been closed the brethren sat down to a banquet, at Scott's Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Nixon.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

At the Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge, held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, under the presidency of Bro. Conrad B. Day, M.W.G.M., on the 3rd December last, Bro. Day declined re-election as Grand Master, and the following brethren were elected as the principal Grand Officers for the year, namely: Bros. E. Coppée Mitchell, M.W.G.M.; Joseph Eichbaum, D.G.M.; Clifford P. McCalla, G.S.W.; Hon. J. Simpson Africa, G.J.W.; Thos. R. Patton, G. Treas.; and Michael Nisbet, Grand Sec.

PENNSYLVANIA MASONIC HOME.

The Philadelphia *Keystone* of January 10th contains a long and interesting account of the ceremonies attending the opening on New Year's Day of the Masonic Home for Indigent Freemasons, which the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has been for some time past so anxious to establish. The Home is on a small scale at present, being a double three-storey house containing 13 rooms and a kitchen, but no doubt large enough to accommodate some half-score old brethren, while, from the particulars furnished by our contemporary, it would seem that the Committee who have had entrusted to them the management of the business have had the house put in good habitable condition, so that the inmates might enjoy themselves as well as live under its hospitable roof. As the building has only been taken for three years, it will be understood that the Home is located temporarily in it, until, indeed, a suitable site has been found on which to erect a larger and more commodious structure. Nevertheless the work, if small at the outset, has been carried out well, the sum expended thus far being apparently some 1200 dollars (£240). At all events, on New Year's Day all was in readiness, and as early as 10 a.m. streams of visitors, both brethren and ladies, converged from all parts of Philadelphia, towards the house about to be dedicated as a Masonic Home, and every one appears to have been delighted with what they saw. The ceremony which followed was marked by extreme simplicity, a dedication ode, some addresses, of which one was delivered by Bro. Coppée Mitchell, G.M. of Pennsylvania, a prayer, and the doxology, constituting all that was done on the occasion. At present, there is only one inmate, but there are already several applications before the Committee for admission, and no doubt the Home will soon have its full number of occupants complete. But what is chiefly gratifying is to know, that already 58 Masonic bodies, of which 41 are Craft lodges, three Mark lodges, six R.A. chapters, six K.T. Commanderies, and the A. and A. Rite, are supporting members, and that the Permanent Fund for upholding the new Institution already amount to 4135 dollars (£827). There is only one subject of regret to notice in connection with the event, and it is that Bro. Jas. Mills, who had taken a principal part in the earlier proceedings, and who had been looking forward to to preside at the opening ceremony, was suddenly taken ill and died the day following. We will add that the President of the Home is Bro. General Louis Wagner; the Vice-President, Bro. Geo. W. Kendrick, jun.; the Treasurer, Bro. Thos. R. Patton; and the Secretary, Bro. Thomas Jacobs. The Matron in charge is Mrs. Mary H. Babb.



Bro. Lieut.-Col. Peters, Past Grand Sword Bearer, has been appointed Hon. Col. of the 17th North Middlesex Rifles, vice the Rt. Hon. Viscount Enfield, resigned.

Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips, 33°, attended the the levée on Monday, amongst the general circle.

The Baroness and Bro. Burdett-Coutts have left town on a visit to Lord and Lady Aveland at Normanton Park.

Bro. J. M. Klenck, of 42, Bishopsgate-street Within, has been elected a director of the United Land Company, Limited.

Bro. the Very Rev. A. Purey-Cust, D.D., Dean of York, will preach on Sunday, the 22nd inst., at St. Paul's Cathedral in the evening.

Bro. W. M. Torrens, M.P., Clerkenwell Lodge, has selected the East Islington Division (Highbury and Canonbury), to represent in the next Parliament.

The Town Council of Stratford-on-Avon have agreed to contribute 200 guineas towards restoring the church in which Shakespeare was baptised and buried.

Bro. Burdett Coutts, W.M. Abbey Lodge, No. 2030, was amongst the crowded congregation at the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, on Sunday last, to hear Dr. Wilkinson, Bishop of Truro.

The Council of the Royal Agricultural Society has decided that its next year's show shall be held at Norwich, and the Prince of Wales has promised to do all in his power to promote its success.

Bros. Earl Cowper, K.G., and Sir T. D. Acland, Bart., M.P., are among the subscribers to the Gordon Memorial Fund, and Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., has been elected a member of the Committee.

Bro. the Hon. Auberon Herbert presided at the annual meeting at the Army and Navy Hotel, Victoria-street, on Thursday, the 5th inst., of the Vigilance Association for the Defence of Personal Rights.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., presided, at the Canon-street Hotel, on Wednesday evening, at the anniversary festival of the Asylum for Fatherless Children. The donations and subscriptions amounted to £1530.

Bro. Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., presided on Friday, the 6th inst., at the usual weekly meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, Bros. E. D. Rogers, J. Reddish, and Alderman Staples being among the members present.

Saturday, the 2nd May, has been arranged as the date for the re-appearance of Bro. Henry Irving and his company at the Lyceum Theatre. Bro. Irving's departure from New York has accordingly been fixed for the 7th April next.

Bro. Lord Carrington, P.G.S.W. England, has been appointed to succeed Lord Augustus Loftus, as Governor General of the Colony of New South Wales. This will render vacant the Captaincy of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-arms.

It was arranged that Bro. the Lord Mayor should open the new Workhouse Extension of St. Pancras Parish, on Friday, the 13th inst., his lordship being accompanied on the occasion by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead and Sheriff Phillips.

The Court of the Carpenters' Company have commissioned a well-known artist to paint a portrait of Bro. the Lord Mayor, who is Master of the Company for the current year, for the purpose of being placed in the Court Room of the Company's Hall.

At the recital which followed the service on Sunday evening last at St. Sepulchre's Church, Bro. Professor E. M. Lott, P.M., Grand Organist, performed a grand scena pastorale from his own pen. The overture to "Athalie" (Handel) and "Les Voix Celestes" (Batiste) were previously given.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a meeting held at the Royal Victoria Hall, Waterloo-road, on Monday, the 9th inst., for the purpose of promoting the Early Closing Movement. A resolution in favour of closing places of business at eight p.m. on five evenings in the week, and discountenancing the practice of shopping on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings was adopted.

The Brownrigg Lodge of Instruction, No. 1638, held at Bro. Matthews', the Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, is going on well, and several brethren who are looking for advancement in various lodges are working steadily to merit such mark of approval. The Third Kingston Masonic Benevolent Society is also in full swing, and promises to be a valuable aid to the great Charities of the Craft.

The final meeting of the City and West-end Soirees was held most successfully on Saturday last at the Large Hall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. The entire proceedings were successfully carried out, and it is intended to have an extra meeting on Saturday, the 28th inst. A capital banquet was served by Bro. Dawkins, and Bro. B. Nicholson was one of the M.C.'s. We noticed a large number of Masons and their wives present.

Bro. Edward J. Watherston, speaking at the Temperance Hall, Church-street, Edgware-road, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., in favour of the establishment of a working men's club, strongly advocated the extension of free libraries in the metropolis, and expressed an opinion that when working men obtained political rights this and many other social reforms would be demanded. There was plenty of reading at the present day, but not of the right sort, it being mainly confined to newspaper reading—the history of the world in our times. There was far too little book reading, far too little knowledge of the history of England and of the battle which liberalism had to fight for the freedom we now enjoy.

Bro. the Lord Bishop of Peterborough has presented the Rev. E. C. Barwin to the benefice of Dallington.

Bro. Sir Edward Malet, H.B.M.'s Ambassador at Berlin, arrived at Windsor Castle on Tuesday, and had the honour of dining with her Majesty.

Bro. Capt. Woolmer Williams, Fitzroy Chapter, was one of the committee of reception at the ball recently given by the Honourable Artillery Company.

Bros. Sir Reginald Hanson, Pres. B. of G. Stwds., and H. C. Richards, C.C., attended the outing of the London School Board on Thursday, the 5th inst.

Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., M.P., is one of the members of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on Police and Sanitary Regulations.

H.R.H. the Grand Master has been pleased to accept a copy of Bro. P. L. Simmonds's last published book—"The Animal Food Resources of Different Nations."

Bro. Captain George Lambert, F.S.A., P.G.S.B., Master of the Pattenmakers' Company, has made a donation of 10 guineas to the Surgical Aid Society, Salisbury-square.

Bro. Henry Irving's farewell engagement in New York commenced on Monday evening, and as there had been a large preliminary sale of tickets, crowded houses are assured and success certain.

The authorship, concealed under the "nom de plume" of "A Civil Servant," of the new sensational dynamite story "18-85," the plot of which centres in the British Museum, is attributed to a prominent official therein.

The will with a codicil of the late Bro. John Whichcord, F.S.A., P.G.A.D.C., has been proved by the acting executors, Mrs. Whichcord, the widow, and Mr. F. G. Thomas, the value of the personality being over £20,000.

At the annual festival, held last week, under the presidency of Bro. Sir Farrer Herschell, Q.C., M.P., on behalf of the Earlwood Asylum for Idiots, the Secretary, Bro. Nicholas, was able to announce a subscription list amounting to £1518, including a donation of £50 from the Chairman.

The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh were present at the Trinity House on Wednesday on the occasion of the Duke of Cambridge taking the oaths and his seat as an Elder Brother in place of the late Duke of Albany.

Bro. Major Joseph, C.C., Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company, presided at the dinner given at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on the 4th inst., by the Court and Livery of the Company. He was supported by his Immediate Past Master, Bro. George Kenning, Bros. J. K. Able, Warden; E. W. Streeter, F.R.G.S., Warden; Past Masters Bros. D. H. Jacobs, H. W. Johnson, F. Pendered, G. Dovenport, F. F. Camroux, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Evans, J. Derby Alcroft, Benj. Scott, F.R.A.S., F. P. Alliston, H. W. H. Rance, F. G. Faithfull, M.A., Dr. Laves, Ex-Sheriffs Hutton and Clarence Smith, Col. T. Davies Sewell, W. A. Higgs, &c.

Bros. Lord Eustace Cecil, Col. the Right Hon. F. Stanley, Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., the Right Hon. G. Cavendish-Bentinck, the Right Hon. D. Plunket, Sir W. Hart-Dyke, Bart., the Right Hon. E. Gibson, and Sir Robert Lloyd-Lindsay, K.C.B., were among the guests at the Speaker's second Parliamentary dinner on Wednesday.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., presided, on the 6th inst., at a special general meeting of the Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway Company, when a Bill for enabling the company to make a railway from their Alexandra Dock to the Newport Dock was submitted and discussed, the meeting being ultimately adjourned till Thursday, the 12th inst.

Bros. Hyde Clarke and Dr. B. W. Richardson were among those who attended the annual general meeting of the Royal Literary Fund, at its offices, 7, Adelphi-terrace, Strand, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. The report was accepted, and votes of thanks passed to the Registrars, Treasurer, Auditors, and honorary officers; the compliment paid to the last-named being acknowledged by the Honorary Physician, Bro. Dr. Richardson.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, the 14th inst.: Monday—St. George's and Corner Stone Lodge. Tuesday—St. James's Union Lodge and Waldeck Lodge. Wednesday—Enoch Lodge and United Lodge. Thursday—Polish National Lodge. Friday—Britannic Lodge, Bedford Lodge, and Eclectic Lodge. Saturday—Phoenix Lodge and Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

The Waldeck Lodge, No. 1969, will hold a Ladies' Festival at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, the 24th inst., when a concert, arranged by Chevalier Bro. Leonhard Emil Bach, will be given. Bro. G. P. Wehlen, W.M., will preside on the occasion, and an excellent programme has been compiled, in which Fraulein Clotilde Kapff, and Herren Prof. Richard Gompertz, Carl Bernhard, and F. W. Ahlfeld will be the artistes.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mrs. Everett, wife of Bro. George Everett, of 90, Clapham-road, who departed this life on Sunday morning last, after a long and painful illness borne with the utmost fortitude. Mrs. Everett was greatly respected in the Southern suburbs of London, the Schools in which have in particular lost a sincere friend and patron in the deceased, who for years past had kindly charged herself with the responsibility of organising and arranging their periodical treats and visits to the country. The funeral was fixed for Thursday, 12th inst., at Norwood Cemetery. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Everett and the circle of relatives and friends who are now so deeply lamenting her death.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The stomach and its troubles cause more discomfort and bring more unhappiness than is commonly supposed. The thousand ills that settle there may be prevented and dislodged by the judicious use of these purifying Pills, which act as a sure, gentle, and anti-acid aperient, without annoying the nerves of the most susceptible, or irritating the most delicate organisation. Holloway's Pills will bestow comfort and confer relief on every headachy, dyspeptic, and sickly sufferer, whose tortures make him a burden to himself and a nuisance to his friends. These Pills have long been the popular remedy for a weak stomach, for a disordered liver, or a paralysed digestion, which yield without difficulty to their regulating, purifying, and tonic qualities.—[Advrt.]

We understand that Prince Albert Victor will be initiated in the Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, at Willis's Rooms, on Tuesday next, and that the M.W. Grand Master will himself perform the ceremony.

Bro. W. R. Davis was on Wednesday last installed W.M. of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

The consecration of the Montague Guest Chapter, No. 1900, takes place to-day (Friday), at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-Fields. We shall give a full report in our next.

There were present at the Court of Aldermen on Tuesday, Bro. the Lord Mayor, in the chair, and among others Bros. Alderman Stone, P.G.W.; Sir F. Truscott, P.G.W.; De Keyser, and Gray.

The Saye and Sele Chapter, No. 1973, was consecrated by the Prov. Grand Superintendent, Lord Holmesdale, at Belvedere, on Tuesday last. Bro. the Rev. H. Cummings was installed M.E.Z.

Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie presided on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the annual Court of the Seamen's Hospital Society. The report for the past year was adopted, the returns being on the whole satisfactory, and the subscriptions for the year showing a slight increase.

A Fancy Dress Ball will be held at Free Masons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 16th April, in aid of the funds of the British Home for Incurables, Clapham. The ball will enjoy the patronage of Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress.

Bro. J. Judd, C.C., has consented to preside at the Annual General Meeting of the Printers' Pension, Almshouse, and Orphan Asylum Corporation, which will be held at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street, on Saturday next, the 21st inst.

The fine old church of Gillingham, Kent, has lately been further beautified by the addition of a large painted memorial window in memory of the father-in-law of the vicar. The artist is Bro. Charles Evans, of Warwick-street, Regent-street, W.

Bro. Lord Carrington will start for New South Wales in October, but arrangements are being made by Sir Saul Samuel, the Agent General of the colony in London, to entertain his lordship at a banquet. A similar compliment to the new Governor General will likewise be paid by Australians resident in London.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, who was accompanied by his niece, Miss Allen, and Sheriff and Mrs. Phillips, and attended by the sword and mace-bearers, opened a bazaar at the Holloway Hall, Holloway-road, in aid of the funds necessary to cover the heavy expenses incurred in renovating and improving the Hornsey-road Wesleyan Chapel.

Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. Berks and Bucks, presided, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the twenty-first ordinary general meeting of the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company. A dividend was declared of £1 10s. per share, making, with the interim dividend, a profit of 20 per cent. for the year.

On Tuesday General Viscount Templetown, K.C.B., Almoner of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and R.W. Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Worcestershire, its Secretary, arrived at Windsor Castle, and had the honour of handing to H.R.H. the Princess Beatrice the insignia and diploma of a Dame Chevalier.

A warrant has been granted for the constitution of the Mozart Chapter, No. 1929. The Grand Organist, Comp. E. M. Lott, is the Z. designate, Comps. T. T. Phillips, H., and H. J. Lardner, J. The consecration takes place at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, on the 21st inst., and the Prov. G. Sup. of Surrey, Bro. General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., will perform the ceremony.

The ordinary half-yearly general meeting of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company will be held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Friday next, the 20th inst., when the report of the Directors will be submitted, the balance-sheet confirmed by the Auditor, an Auditor elected in lieu of Bro. James Glaisher, P.G.D., who has resigned; a dividend declared, and other business transacted.

It has already been stated that the number of brethren who attended Grand Lodge at the usual Quarterly Communication on the 4th inst. was probably more numerous than at any previous meeting, except, of course, the memorable one in the Royal Albert Hall, when the Prince of Wales was installed Grand Master. Those who are curious in such matters will be interested to learn that, according to the signature books, there were present 1317 brethren.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695, on Tuesday, the 24th and Tuesday, the 31st inst. The lodge meets at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, N., at 8 p.m., and on these occasions the following brethren will take part in the proceedings, namely, Bro. Larchin, as W.M.; H. G. Gush, S.W.; J. A. Powell, J.W.; and A. W. Fenner, I.P.M. Any further information will readily be furnished by Bro. A. J. Berry, who is the honorary Secretary.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by his son Prince George, visited Prince Edward at Cambridge on Saturday, occupying Sir W. Harcourt's rooms in Trinity College, and entertaining in the evening a party of his son's friends. On Sunday their Royal Highnesses attended divine service in the morning at Trinity Chapel, and in the afternoon at King's College Chapel, later in the day driving near to Madingly, where H.R.H. resided when he was an undergraduate at Trinity. On Monday the Prince returned to town, his younger son having left on Sunday evening.

Those who attended the recent meeting of Grand Lodge had an opportunity of noting the appearance of the hall, which only now needs the presence of the portraits of Past and Present Masonic dignitaries, in order to complete its interior decorations and appointments. That the work has been well done there seems to be a pretty general consensus of opinion, nor is this surprising when we remember that the work of decoration was entrusted to one so skilful and experienced in his calling as Mr. William Read, the art decorator, gilder, house painter, and general contractor, of 437, Brixton-road, S.W.