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As will be seen from our report elsewhere, Bro. D. P. CAMA has been elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. CAMA, in all his Masonic relations, always has borne himself most worthily. He has received Lodge and Prov. G. Lodge honours, and now the climax of his ambition—as of every other worthy Mason—has been attained, and a few weeks hence he will be decorated with the purple of Grand Lodge. We very heartily congratulate him on his election, and through him that very numerous contingent of Indian and Anglo-Indian brethren, with whom he was associated during his earliest Masonic experiences. We will add, too, that Grand Lodge has paid a graceful compliment to our Eastern and Colonial brethren generally by its choice of Bro. CAMA. There has always been an abundance of zeal in our lodges abroad—and now there will probably be more than ever, when it becomes generally known amongst them that even Grand Lodge honours are within their reach, both practically and theoretically.

WE have not seen for many a day a more gratifying provincial report, or one that discloses more solid substantial work successfully carried out in the cause of Masonic Benevolence, than that of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution for the past year. From whatever point of view we regard it, the result must be equally satisfactory. If we look at the comparatively limited sphere from which the funds are raised, we cannot fail to be struck with the exceeding and unwearying generosity of the contributors. The number of children who are assisted out of its funds is very great, and the benefit they must derive, both actual and prospective, almost incalculable. Lastly, it is difficult to imagine how the income of the Institution could be more judiciously or more economically administered, every precaution being taken to insure that the recipients of its bounty shall be in all respects worthy of help; while the costs of management are exceptionally small. A brief sketch of the year's financial proceedings will show this. The balance in hand on 1st January, 1885, was £584 17s. 7d.; and the receipts for the year amounted to £2494 14s. 11d., making a total of £3079 12s. 6d., the different items of receipt being—annual festival and ball in January, £300 4s. 2d.; interest on bonds and mortgages and bank interest, £772 2s. 7d.; donation from the Provincial Grand Lodge £210; donations and subscriptions from lodges, brethren, &c., £1062 2s. 2d.; repayment on account of mortgage, £150; and returned Income Tax and insurance, £39 7s. 3d. The expenditure was £1432 18s. 8d., of which £1344 2s. 6d. was paid for the education, clothing, maintenance, and advancement of 168 children, and the remaining £88 16s. 2d. for printing, stationery, and postages, office furniture, insurance, and cheque books. The balance in bank and in hand on the 31st December, 1885, was £1646 13s. 10d., which, added to various bonds and other investments of the aggregate value of £17,728 7s., gives a total of assets to the credit of the Institution amounting to a small fraction over £19,375, or between £900 and £1000 in excess of what it was on the corresponding day of the previous year. A comparison with the figures for 1884 shows a substantial increase in the receipts of about £175, an increase of nearly £33—of which £12 12s. was for office furniture—in expenses of administration—that is, printing, stationery, &c.; an increase in the number of children benefited from 161 to 168, and a decrease in the cost of benefit of nearly £181. All this fully substantiates what we have said already as to the generous kindness of our West Lancashire brethren, and the admirable manner in which the funds of this Institution are administered. We must further point out that the Masonic Educational Institution is only one out of several associations of a cognate character in this province, and that each of them in its special sphere is as well supported and as well administered. Our readers will, no doubt, join us in saying, "Well done, West Lancashire," and to the provinces which have no such organisations, "Go and do likewise."

THE course pursued by the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Quebec towards England reminds us of the inconsiderate conduct of certain folks we occasionally meet with in society and elsewhere, who think their manhood will suffer some loss of dignity if they do not intervene in every conversation they chance to overhear, and, whether the subject matter concerns them or not, insist on forcing their opinions on those whom they are momentarily in contact with. These are a decidedly objectionable class of people, and oftentimes—indeed, mostly—as ignorant as they are uncouth and overbearing. If Quebec will kindly mind its own business—that is to say, will look to the administration of its own laws among its own people—things will go smoothly enough in Montreal, and wherever else English and Quebec brethren are likely to encounter each other. Unfortunately, the Grand Lodge of the latter is so eaten up with vanity, and so impressed with the belief that some grievous calamity will befall the Masonic world if it does not make its presence felt in quarters where its presence is sure to be the reverse of welcome, that the hope of its ever leaving other people alone is long past praying for. It is no good attempting to argue with the Quebec authorities, for if there is one thing more than another which they abominate it is argument; the sheer brute force of insolent assertion they love, but argument they detest. It is no good appealing to their common sense, for they have none, neither do they understand and appreciate the virtue of silence, for, in their opinion, silence in the presence of bold, unscrupulous assertion is nothing else than a sign of weakness. We heartily wish this were not the case, nor is it any fault of ours if Quebec, having flung itself into conflict with a heavier and more reputable body than itself, finds it is somewhat rudely shaken, and its toes severely trodden upon. As our readers are probably aware, there are three English lodges in Montreal which were constituted before Canada had a Grand Lodge, and when our Grand Master the Earl of ZETLAND agreed to recognise the independence of the Grand Lodge of Canada, he very properly stipulated, and the Grand Master of Canada agreed most readily, that the wishes of all the lodges which preferred remaining in their old allegiance to joining the new Grand Lodge should be respected, the Grand Master of England further undertaking not to grant warrants for any new lodges to meet within the limits of the jurisdiction exercised by the Grand Lodge of Canada. The stipulation has been honourably kept by both parties, but the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which was originally composed of lodges seceding from the Grand Lodge of Canada, and which in 1875 England was prepared to recognise on precisely the same condition as it had recognised Canada, declined to accept such condition, and as a consequence the Grand Lodges of Quebec and England have never exchanged representatives or held official intercourse with each other. Quebec has always had a soul above conditions, and what is infinitely more to its discredit, a soul above such paltry considerations as those of honour. It had no scruple about appropriating to itself its due proportion of the "assets"—so to speak—of the body of which till then it had formed a part. But assets and liabilities, as they range on opposite sides of the account, must not be dealt with in the same fashion. The former, when they confer a benefit, may be lawfully appropriated; but the latter, if they entail the observance of an obligation, must be repudiated. The Quebec lodges, seceding from Canada, derived all their reputability either from the latter or, through it, from England, and this they readily enough accept; but the obligation contracted in their name, and on their behalf, by their former Grand Master with the Grand Master of England is declined severely. Hence, since 1875 they have tried, first persuasion, then abuse, then threats, and, lastly, excommunication, in order to induce our English lodges in Montreal to give up their connection with their mother Grand Lodge. But the more they have tried, the more signally they have failed; and now they have the hardihood to suggest that the three Anglo-Montreal lodges are to blame for the strained relations existing between Quebec and its lodges, on the one hand, and England and its lodges, on the other. As we have said before, all will be well if Quebec will have the kindness to mind its own business; but for the Grand Master of Quebec to say, as he is reported in the *Montreal Daily Star* of the 27th January to have said at the last annual Communication of his Grand Lodge, that "the situation is grave and calls for the united wisdom of Grand Lodge," and that "our sovereignty," which has never been in the slightest danger, "must be maintained at any cost," is—to use a common, but most expressive, phrase—sheer rubbish, that and nothing else.

THE Grand Chapter of Quebec has out-Heroded Herod. While the Grand Lodge of Quebec has modestly limited its sentence of excommunication to our three Anglo-Montreal lodges, the Grand Chapter has excommunicated the Supreme Grand Chapter of England and all its belongings. This proceeding on the part of so small a body reminds us of the familiar anecdote,

once related by the late Earl of DERBY, of a great, big navy who, when one of his companions took him to task for allowing his little wife to pitch into him, humorously retorted; "Well, it amuses her, and doesn't hurt me." So with the sentence of excommunication—it "amuses" the little Quebec Grand Chapter, with its membership of under 500 all told, and it "doesn't hurt" ours, which will doubtless live through the ordeal, as it has lived through others a thousand-fold more trying. But, to speak seriously—and in what we are about to say we are more particularly addressing ourselves to the Quebec people—does not this kind of thing look very much like playing the fool with Masonry? The three English lodges in Montreal and the chapters attached to two of them were in existence long before the Grand Bodies of Quebec, in all their native modesty, were ever heard of. Whatever may be the interjurisdictional relations—we apologise for the length of the word—among the Grand Lodges of the United States, and whether they affect our Grand Lodge and its Grand Chapter or not, there is a distinct treaty, or compact, between the Grand Lodge of Canada—from which the Grand Lodge of Quebec seceded—of the one part, and the Grand Lodge of England of the other part. By the terms of this treaty, or compact, it was mutually agreed between these two bodies that our three Montreal lodges should be permitted to retain their status undisturbed under our Grand Lodge of England so long as they wished to retain it. These terms were honourably observed till Quebec appeared upon the scene, and still are observed by the two principals concerned. But Quebec, which, in so far as it was a part of the Grand Lodge of Canada at the time the said treaty was signed, was a party thereto, is angry because our three lodges are not as deeply impressed as it considers they should be with its style of Masonic life. Being angry, it has gradually lost that nice sense of honour which ought to regulate the conduct of Masons towards each other. It is now making itself ridiculous. For all the effect they are likely to have, these different sentences of excommunication might as well have been passed on the Heights and Plains of Abraham, immortalised in history by the exploit of the heroic WOLFE. However, it is no good trying to argue with angry people. Let Quebec recover its temper and its sense of self-respect, and then a proper sense of respect for others will return. When that happens we shall repeat the advice we have given it before—to let things take their course; but till then we think we have had rather more than enough of its silly buffoonery.

In the *Canadian Craftsman* for December 15th, 1885, now to hand, is a letter from Bro. JACOB NORTON, with the heading "*Must a Mason believe in the Inspiration of the Bible?*" and in which he declares that "the Grand Lodges of Texas and Ohio, as well as the Grand Master of Canada, have answered in the affirmative to the above question." We are aware that the matter has frequently been debated or considered in America; but it does not trouble us, Masonically, in this country. We take our stand on the first of "The Charges of a Freemason" which adorns the "Book of Constitutions," which reads: "Let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order, provided he believes in the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth, and practises the sacred duties of morality," or, if the original version be preferred of 1723, which reads: "'Tis now thought more expedient only to oblige them to that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves." The former paragraph is as we received Freemasonry, and the latter is the basis of the Craft in more modern times, and as solemnly agreed to by the members of the premier Grand Lodge early last century.

WHILST on this point, it will be well to notice the fact, that Bro. M. C. PECK, the esteemed Prov. Grand Secretary of N. and E. Yorkshire, in his edition of Dr. MACKEY'S "Cyclopædia," is in error in declaring that an *affirmation* is *not* admissible in the initiation ceremony in this country, as "Friends" and other religionists are permitted to affirm, just as in a court of law, and several of these have been warmly welcomed into our Society. We take it that the obligation of a neophyte assumes the form that is binding to him, and so long as he can support such declarations as the foregoing, and passes the test of the ballot, we have obeyed the Constitutions, both in the letter and in the spirit. If Freemasonry is universal in aim and character, as we take it, and includes men of various religions under the sun, it follows that the mode of obligation must vary according to circumstances, so long as the cardinal points are respected.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of England was held on Wednesday evening in the Temple, when about 800 brethren were present. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, Past District Grand Master of Bengal, occupied the Throne; Bro. Arthur M. Saunders, District Grand Master of Madras, acted as Deputy Grand Master; the Marquis of Hertford, G.S.W., and Lieut.-Col. the Hon. Wm. E. Sackville West, G.J.W., occupied the two Warden's chairs; and among the other Grand Officers present were Bros. the Rev. Canon G. R. Portal and R. N. Sanderson, Grand Chaps.; Major John W. Woodall, G. Treas.; F. A. Philbrick, (O.C.), G. Reg.; Thomas Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; E. E. Wendt, D.C.L., G. Sec. G.C.; A. Meadows, M.D., G.S.D.; F. H. Goldney, G.J.D.; Sir Albert W. Woods (*Garter*), G.D. of C.; J. H. Paul, M.D., D.G.D. of C.; Butler Wilkens and J. P. Brockbank, G. Std. Brs.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., G. Org.; Henry Garrod, G.P.; and A. Lucking, A.G.P.; and there were also present Bros. General Laurie, Grand Master Nova Scotia; Sir Hedworth Williamson, P.G.W., P.G.M. Durham; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Lieut.-Col. Aubrey Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras; Aeneas J. McIntyre, O.C., P.G.W.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M. Suffolk; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G. Chap.; Rev. T. Cochrane, P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., P.G. Chap.; Horace Brooks Marshall, P.G. Treasurer; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; J. S. Eastes, P.G.D.; H. J. Dumas, P.G.D.; J. Glaisher, P.G.D.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; E. J. Barron, F.S.A., P.G.D.; Henry Maudsley, P.G.D.; F. P. Morrell, P.G.D.; T. H. Devonshire, P.G.D.; R. Grey, P.G.D.; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C.; R. Turtle Pigot, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Lewis-Thomas, F.S.A., P.A.G.D.C.; Capt. A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C.; Lieut.-Col. James Peters, P.G.S.B.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; Capt. George Lambert, P.G.S.B.; Charles Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; Dr. W. R. Woodman, P.G.S.B.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; C. E. Willing, P.G. Org.; Thomas Cubitt, P.C.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; James Brette, P.G.P., &c., &c.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLEKKE, Grand Secretary, read the minutes, which were then put and confirmed.

The next business on the paper was the election of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, whereupon

Bro. BURDETT-COUTTS, M.P., rose and said: R.W. Grand Master in the chair,—I am now about to complete the honourable duty which devolved upon me three months ago, and to make this Grand Lodge a proposal which I am sure the moment it has issued from my hands will have set upon it the seal of the unanimous and grateful approval of Grand Lodge. I am aware that in these very practical assemblages nothing in the nature of speeches is permitted, and I am quite ready to obey the salutary ordinance, because I feel that no words are necessary, and perhaps none could express the hearty approval with which Grand Lodge will seal this proposition. The proposition is to elect H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Loud applause.) We owe the Prince of Wales the loyalty that not only attaches to the Heir to the Throne, but this special loyalty which all Masons must entertain towards one who has rendered the Craft such distinguished services. (Hear, hear.) During his Royal Highness's tenure of this office I believe it is just to mention some brief details. During his Royal Highness's tenure of office 600 or 700 new lodges have been added to the Craft. Every year between 800 and 900 new brethren have been added, and an annual sum of £54,000 has been contributed to the three great Charities of the Order. In addition to that, £10,000 a year has been disbursed by the Board of Benevolence. Right Worshipful Sir, I think I need say no more on this subject, except to remark that it is a most fortunate thing that we should pay the tribute, which I feel sure Grand Lodge will immediately pay to his Royal Highness, to one who combines in himself not only the dignity of his Royal position, and the special Masonic qualifications to which I have alluded, but whose character is so gracious and genial, that it has endeared him to every man that comes in contact with him. I desire now to propose for re-election to the high office of Most Worshipful Grand Master his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. (Cheers.)

Bro. CHARLES MARTIN, P.G. Steward: R.W.G.M. in the chair,—I have the honour and privilege of seconding the re-election of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness is so beloved, both as a Prince and as a Mason, that I can add nothing to the eloquent terms in which my Bro. Burdett-Coutts has submitted the motion to Grand Lodge. I shall therefore content myself by expressing the fervent hope—which I am sure will find an echo in the heart of every Mason—that his Royal Highness may long be preserved to preside over this Grand Lodge. (Renewed applause.)

The Prince of Wales was then unanimously re-elected amidst loud cheering, and Sir ALBERT W. WOODS (*Garter*), G.D.C., P.G.W., proclaimed his Royal Highness as duly elected M.W.G.M. of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The scrutineers of the ballot for the election of Grand Treasurer were then selected, Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., being appointed Chairman. The balloting papers were collected, and the scrutineers retired.

The following motion, in the name of the M.W.G.M., was the next business:—"That the sum of 200 guineas be voted from the Fund of General Purposes as a donation from Grand Lodge to the Mansion House Fund now being raised for the relief of the Unemployed in London."

Bro. SANDEMAN, Acting Grand Master, then rose and said: Worshipful Brethren,—The next minute on the agenda of Grand Lodge is in the name of the M.W.G.M., that he will move "That the sum of 200 guineas be voted from the Fund of General Purposes as a donation from Grand Lodge to the Mansion House Fund now being raised for the relief of the Unemployed in London." In bringing this motion before you, brethren, I would mention that I have in my hand a letter from the Private Secretary to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, stating the very great regret that the Prince of Wales feels in not being able to be present this evening, in order that he might himself put before Grand Lodge a motion in which he feels such very deep interest; but his Royal Highness is on the Continent, and as he, like others, cannot be in two places at once, it is impossible that he can move this himself, and therefore he has delegated whatever brother might be filling the chair this evening to move this in his name. I think I need scarcely, brethren, say very much or anything in favour of this motion. I think it is sufficient for us to know that our Grand Master, with his large heart of charitable feeling and of sympathy for his fellow human beings, should have proposed this, and I venture to think that this alone will be a very great recommendation in its favour with the Grand Lodge, which is so loyally inclined towards his Royal Highness; but, apart from that, we all know the tremendous and very great distress which is existing, and has existed, among the unemployed in London, and, as charitable men, I think I may put this before you without any further remarks. I move, in the name of the M.W.G.M., that the sum of 200 guineas be voted from the Fund of General Purposes to the Fund which the Lord Mayor has in his keeping for the relief of the Unemployed in London.

Bro. ARTHUR M. SAUNDERS, District Grand Master of Madras, in seconding the motion, said: Right Worshipful Grand Master in the chair,—I have much pleasure in seconding the motion which has been so ably made by yourself on behalf of H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master. The subject is quite sufficient of itself to enlist the sympathies of every brother this evening, and it is, therefore, unnecessary for me to dilate further upon it. Brethren, I beg to second the motion.

The motion was again read by the acting GRAND MASTER, and carried unanimously amidst cheers.

Bro. SANDEMAN: I declare it carried, and as it is carried with such unanimous feelings, I presume, brethren, you will allow the staff of Grand Lodge to pay this sum at once—(hear, hear)—in anticipation of the confirmation of our minutes at the next General Meeting. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

The following grants, recommended by the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, were agreed to:

The orphan daughters of a brother of the Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, London	£75 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Priory Lodge, No. 1803, Tynemouth	50 0 0
A brother of the Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, London	100 0 0
A brother of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1046, Farnham	50 0 0
A brother of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 252, Dudley	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, Whitehaven	100 0 0
The orphan daughter of a brother of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 271, Brighton	50 0 0
A brother of the Grosvenor Lodge, No. 938, Birmingham	50 0 0
A brother of the Canonbury Lodge, No. 657, London	75 0 0
A brother of the Emblematic Lodge, No. 1321, London	75 0 0
A brother of the Dundas Lodge, No. 1255, Plymouth	100 0 0
A brother of the Loyal Welsh Lodge, No. 378, Pembroke Dock	50 0 0

The widow of a brother of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, London...	75	0	0
A brother of the Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36, Cardiff ...	75	0	0
A brother of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 55, London...	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge La Tolerance, No. 538, London ...	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39, Exeter ...	75	0	0
A brother of the Temple Lodge, No. 101, London ...	150	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145, London ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, London ...	50	0	0

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes :—

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

The Board have to report that they have had under their consideration the rates of salary hitherto received by Bro. Wm. Henry Lee, third clerk, and Bro. Neville Green, fourth clerk, in the Grand Secretary's Office, who have served therein for 13 years, and have already arrived at the maximum rate of £200 a year, as fixed for all the junior clerks by Grand Lodge in the year 1874, and whose prospects of future advancement are remote.

As it appears to the Board that the maximum rates of salary of these two officials might fairly be fixed in gradation between that of the second clerk, which is £300 a year, and that of the junior clerks, the Board now recommend the following arrangement for the approval of Grand Lodge, viz. :—

The salary of Bro. Wm. Henry Lee to be raised to £230 from the 1st January last, and to increase by £10 a year until it arrives at £250, which shall be the maximum salary of the third clerk.

The salary of Bro. Neville Green to be also raised to £225 from the 1st January last, which shall be the maximum salary of the fourth clerk.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
16th February, 1886.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 12th day of February ult., showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £4414 1s. 5d., and in the hands of Grand Secretary for petty cash, £100, and for servants' wages, £100, and balance of annual allowance for library, £28 18s. 6d.

Bro. THOMAS FENN, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, acting G.M., in the chair, in proposing that the report of the Board of General Purposes be adopted, said: I scarcely think it necessary that I should say anything in support of the recommendation of the Board. I will merely observe that in 1874 Grand Lodge then limited the salary of the junior clerk to £200 a year. There were but five clerks in the Grand Secretary's office at that time; there are now seven. At that time there were in round numbers 1800 lodges and chapters; there are now 2700, or an increase of 50 per cent., thereby entailing a very large increase of business in the Grand Secretary's office. The two brethren whose salaries it is proposed to increase in a small degree are in this position that, although they have served 13 years, they are in precisely the same condition with respect to salary as their juniors, who have served only eight years. I think it quite unnecessary for me to make any further observations. I am sure you will all agree with me that the small addition to these salaries is but a small act of justice. (Loud applause.)

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The following report of the Colonial Board was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes :—

REPORT OF THE COLONIAL BOARD.

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

The Colonial Board have to report to Grand Lodge that they have had brought under their notice an official copy of a circular issued by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, United States of America, dated 12th November, 1885, and sent from that Grand Lodge to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England.

This edict is addressed to the lodges in obedience to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and recites a resolution of that Grand Lodge to the effect that certain lodges existing in the Province of Quebec, and not holding allegiance to the Grand Lodge of that province, are illegal and irregular, and charging the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Illinois not to hold Masonic intercourse with such lodges or with any members thereof, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Illinois thereon issues his edict accordingly.

With reference to this announcement, the Colonial Board have to call attention to the proceedings of Grand Lodge of the 3rd December, 1884, when a correspondence between his Royal Highness the Grand Master and the G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was laid before the brethren.

It appeared by that correspondence that the Grand Lodge of Quebec demanded that the warrants of the three lodges holding under this Grand Lodge, which have existed and were working in Montreal long before the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, should be at once withdrawn, because of the subsequent creation of that Grand Lodge, to which demand the Grand Master replied that he was unable to accede so long as these three lodges elected to remain under their original and lawful adherence to the Grand Lodge of England, and the Grand Lodge unanimously approved of the action thus taken by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Since the Grand Secretary communicated the reply of the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, no official communication on the subject has been received from that body; but in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for the year 1885 an announcement appears in the report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence that the Grand Master of Quebec had issued his edict "severing fraternal relations" with the "three recusant lodges holding authority from the Grand Lodge of England," and stating that the claim to have these lodges recognised as legally existing "does not find any justification in law or common sense," and, after quoting the edict of non-intercourse by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, it reports that the Committee had requested the Representative of that Grand Lodge at the G. L. of Illinois to present the subject for consideration.

This having been done, the Grand Lodge of Illinois, at the instance of the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, requested its Grand Master to issue the edict of the 17th November, 1885, whereby all intercourse with the three lodges in question has been severed.

Inasmuch as the sole ground for thus ostracising the three lodges is their continued allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, the Colonial Board feels bound to submit to Grand Lodge that it would not be consistent that direct relationship should continue to exist between it and the Grand Lodge

of Illinois, and that the action of that body in thus intervening leaves no other course open than to vindicate the undoubted rights and privileges of this Grand Lodge by respectfully recommending to the Most Worshipful Grand Master that he should withdraw the patent issued by him to the brother representing this Grand Lodge at that of Illinois, and should call on the brother who represents that Grand Lodge here to return the patent appointing him its Representative; and this they submit accordingly.

(Signed) JOHN ANTHONY RUCKER, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London,
15th February, 1886.

Bro. JOHN ANTHONY RUCKER, P.G.D., President of the Colonial Board, said that as the report was in the hands of every brother he would merely ask that it be approved and adopted by Grand Lodge.

Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER, P.G.D., in seconding the motion, said that the matter was a very serious one. When Grand Lodge of Canada was established in 1859 there was an understanding that those English lodges in Canada which wished to retain their allegiance to Grand Lodge of England should do so, as it was admitted on both sides they had a perfect right to do. In fact, Bro. Col. Mercer Wilson, G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada, writing to the Earl of Zetland, on the 9th February, 1859, said that "he had ever held that any subordinate lodges preferring to continue under their English warrant, had a perfect and undoubted right to do so, and were entitled to all their Masonic privileges." On this principle being admitted, the Grand Lodge of Canada was at once recognised. Again, when the Grand Lodge of Quebec was formed the very same conditions were laid down, and those conditions having been now violated by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, he, as the representative of that Grand Lodge in Grand Lodge of England, begged respectively to be permitted to throw up his representative patent.

The report of the Colonial Board was adopted unanimously, and Grand Lodge of England is therefore now unrepresented in the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and that lodge is unrepresented in United Grand Lodge of England.

The Scrutineers of the ballot for Grand Treasurer having returned to Grand Lodge, Bro. SANDEMAN, after receiving the declaration from Bro. Robert Grey, said the result of the scrutiny of votes for the election of Grand Treasurer was largely in favour of Bro. Cama. There were here loud cries of "Numbers," and "Give the numbers," but Bro. Sandeman said he did not think there was any necessity to give the numbers. The same cries, however, being renewed all over the hall, Bro. Sandeman announced that the numbers were :

For Bro. D. P. Cama	599
„ Bro. R. B. Martin	150
Majority	449

Loud and long continued cheering followed the announcement, and Bro. Cama, who was sitting near the entrance of the hall, was heartily congratulated by the numerous brethren, who left immediately after the declaration.

The report of Bro. Stanley G. Harding, Auditor of the Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1885 was received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The following two appeals were explained by Bro. PHILBRICK, Grand Registrar, and, on his recommendation, were dismissed :—

1. By Bro. Albert Gerdes, P.M. of the Pitt-Macdonald Lodge, No. 1198, Madras, against a ruling of the District Board of General Purposes, on a complaint made by him against the W.M. of that lodge for having taken the voting for the election of an Hon. Member by show of hands instead of by ballot.

2 and 3. By Bro. Rustomjee C. Jaboolee, P.M. of the Cyrus Lodge, No. 1359, Bombay, and also by Bro. Cursetjee N. Pavri, P.M. of the same lodge, against a judgment of the District Grand Master censuring them for a breach of Article 205 of the Book of Constitutions.

Bro. DAVID D. MERCER, P.M. No. 1641, then rose to move—

That no brother who is in receipt of an annuity from the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution shall be entitled to participate in the funds at the disposal of the Board of Benevolence.

In making the motion he said it arose out of what happened at the Board of Benevolence in January. A brother who was then and now receiving the annuity of £40 from the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, applied for relief. He had been relieved in 1870. When he looked at the Book of Constitutions at that meeting he found there was no rule as to how such a case should be treated. There was a difference of opinion among the brethren sitting round the Board whether they should entertain the case or not; but the petition was so strongly supported by many influential brethren who were present, that they determined at last to recommend that a sum should be granted to the brother; but, in order to know how to act in the future, he (Bro. Mercer) thought it better that Grand Lodge should decide. At the meeting he said, and he said now, that it was opening the door to a very bad principle to grant relief to brethren who were annuitants of the Benevolent Institution. The supporters of this said brother made a very strong appeal that, inasmuch as he had done a very great deal for Masonry and a great deal for the Masonic Charities, he should be relieved. He (Bro. Mercer) admitted the brother had done a great deal for both, but his reply was, that if the brother had done all this amount of good his work was most munificently rewarded by a grant on a former occasion of £250 from the Board of Benevolence. This was all he had to say in putting the motion.

Bro. JOSHUA NUNN, P.G. Swd. Br., President of the Board of Benevolence, seconded the motion, as Grand Lodge gave £1000 a year to the Benevolent Institution, and the brother having been previously relieved very handsomely by the Board of Benevolence, he thought that brother had no right to appeal to the Board of Benevolence.

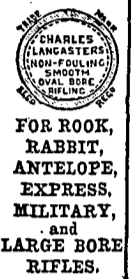
Bro. F. BINCKES, P.G. Stwd., opposed the motion, and repeated the statements as to the great amount of good the brother in question had done to Freemasonry, but he contended that the leading principle and tenet of Freemasonry was Charity. If a brother, or a widow, or children were in distress, that distress was not to be refused relief because these objects of Charity were in receipt of £40. It had been stated at the Board of Benevolence that if this particular case was relieved by the Board, every annuitant of the Benevolent Institution would be coming to the Board of Benevolence for further relief, but he begged the Grand Lodge to remember this, that the members of the Board of Benevolence had confidence reposed in them to deal with every individual case on its own merits, and if any annuitant's case was brought before the Board, if it was unworthy, the Board would have sufficient discrimination to discover the fact. He asked G. L. not to indulge in a systematic legislation of disfranchisement, or to deprive the Board of Benevolence of the discretion with which it was entrusted.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS, P.M. 720, supported Bro. Binckes.

Several brethren having spoken against the motion, it was put, and lost by a large majority, and Grand Lodge was closed in form.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 1886.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
Will you permit me, through your columns, to thank the brethren of Grand Lodge for the great compliment paid to me and my country (India), in electing me to the office of the Grand Treasurer last night?—Yours fraternally,
D. P. CAMA.
March 4th, 1886.

UNITED GRAND LODGE AND THE GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."
Dear Sir and Brother,
Members of Grand Lodge cannot be insensible to the affront offered to it by the Grand Lodge of the American State of Illinois, in stigmatising the three lodges at Montreal which are under English jurisdiction as illegal, irregular, and recusant lodges, and interdicting Masonic relations with the members of them. The gravamen of the allegation is this—these three lodges were established from 50 to 60 years ago; their members are Englishmen; their offence is that they will not renounce their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England—their mother Grand Lodge—to which they continue to make regular returns, and look to it for support and advice in difficulties. The Grand Lodge of England is powerful and dignified; its Masonic authority extends over the four quarters of the globe; but it is because it is thus powerful and widely extended that it is jealous of its prerogative, and cannot afford that the weakest or the remotest of its allied brethren should be treated as usurpers, as irregular Masons, as illegal pretenders. Genuine coin cannot be stamped as counterfeit with impunity, and it is to vindicate this principle with regard to the St. Paul, St. George, and St. Lawrence Lodges at Montreal that Grand Lodge on Wednesday took prompt and unanimous action.
BRACKSTONE BAKER, P.G.D.,
Late Representative in England of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, U.S.A.



THE LANCASTER MASONIC CALENDAR for 1886.
Lancaster: H. Longman, Market street.

We have several Provincial Calendars, but few that relate to the cities or towns in which lodges and other Masonic bodies hold their meetings. Indeed, to speak offhand, we do not know of any other city or town Masonic Calendar than this of Lancaster, which is the handiwork of our worthy Bro. Longman. As to its contents, they supply the fullest information about local Masonry, and the general and Provincial Masonic Institutions. Particulars are also given about the Masonic Hall, and there is a chronological table of events relating to the Craft doings in the town of Lancaster. The Calendar, in short, is as useful for what it contains as it is neatly put together and portable. We may mention that Bro. Longman has authorised us to say that he will have much pleasure in forwarding a copy of this Calendar to any brother sending him his name and address.



Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 23rd ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. Fromholtz, W.M.; Coop, S.W.; Hudson, J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Hakim, S.D.; Weisler, A.D.C.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; Longstaffe, Tyler; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Symmonds was passed as a F.C., and Bro. Cheaviller raised to the Third Degree, both ceremonies being well performed. Several communications having been read from absent members, the lodge was closed, and the brethren separated. There was no banquet.

ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE (No. 1589).—The installation meeting of this popular and important lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday the 24th ult. The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees by the W.M. Bro. Wellsman, P.M., resumed the chair and raised Bro. Mason to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. in an impressive manner. Bro. W. E. Farrington, P.M. 1949, was then presented and installed in an able manner by Bro. A. Tisley, and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. Benningfield, S.W.; J. Bamber, J.W.; Woodbridge, Treas.; Tisley, Sec.; Rev. Martin, Chaplain; Clemow, S.D.; Robinson, J.D.; W. Farrington, I.G.; White, Org.; Young, D.C.; and Gilbert, Tyler.

A goodly number of brethren and visitors sat down to an excellent banquet, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. Farrington, I.G., were exceptionally good.

BAYARD LODGE (No. 1615).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 22nd ult., at 33, Golden-square, W. Present: Bros. Lieut.-Col. Blunt, W.M.; S. d'Avignon, P.M., as S.W.; Sauerbrey, J.W.; F. Richardson, P.G.D., Treas.; Lieut.-Col. Haldane, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Sec.; Bamber, S.D.; S. J. Fisher, J.D.; Major Scott, I.G.; and G. Austin, Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Lieut.-Col. Wemyes and W. B. Lethbridge; also Bros. Colonel Chaine, Major Bailey, Rev. W. Smale, M.A., Mecey, Goodhall, H. T. Griffiths, M.B., and F. M. Bryant. Visitor: Bro. Dr. Low.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read, Bro. Major Bailey was raised to the Sublime Degree, and Bro. Bryant was passed to the Degree of F.C. with the usual ceremonies, the work being excellently performed by the W.M. It was resolved to apply for a dispensation to hold the next meeting on the 20th instead of the 26th April, that being Easter Monday.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together at the Café Royal, Regent-street.

HENRY LEVANDER LODGE (No. 2048).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, on Saturday, the 27th ult. Bro. W. A. Scurrah, W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by the following brethren: Bros. H. Lovegrove, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., I.P.M., and Treas.; G. Axford, S.W.; S. P. McKay, P.M., Sec.; R. M. Surridge, S.D.; W. H. Burgess, J.D.; H. Webb, I.G.; S. Barfoot, D.C.; S. Reece and A. H. Scurrah, Stewards; J. Read, P.M., Org.; W. M. Stiles, P.M.; A. Ware, H. T. Gurner, H. W. Parker, J. Dulling, J. Hunt, J. Stubbings, E. R. Clupe, G. Powell, W. Dickinson, C. Stevens, and W. Maguire. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Tilling, W.M. 765; H. Sillis, D.C. 957; L. J. Hudd, 1426; F. Inskipp, 1997; J. Knight, 184; W. Morgan, junr., 1107; C. H. Phillips, 1986; W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed, Bro. John Dulling was raised to the Degree of Master Mason. Bros. Gurner, Maguire and Stubbings were next passed to the Second Degree, after which Mr. Charles Stevens was initiated into Freemasonry. The ceremonies were all performed by the W.M. in his usual able manner. On the motion of Bro. Lovegrove, I.P.M., it was unanimously resolved that the consent of the lodge should be given to the formation of a Royal Arch chapter. The sum of five guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be placed on the list of the W.M., Bro. Scurrah, who was a Steward at the recent festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Scurrah, whose efforts in the cause of Masonic Charity are so well known in the Metropolitan district, succeeded on that occasion in presenting the largest amount from the Province of Middlesex, the total of his list being £140. It was next unanimously resolved that a Benevolent Fund should be started in connection with the lodge for the assistance of its members in time of need. Bro. Scurrah, W.M., expressed his pleasure at the unanimous manner in which this proposition had been received, and said that he should be very happy to start the fund with a donation of ten guineas. Bro. Lovegrove, I.P.M., next referred to the "Henry Levander Memorial," to which, he reminded the brethren, the lodge had subscribed. He was pleased to announce that the memorial was now an accomplished fact, and that the work had been completed to his entire satisfaction. He asked the lodge to accept from him a photograph of the cross that had been erected to perpetuate the memory of the late Bro. Levander, P.G. Secretary for Middlesex, after whom the lodge was named.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

"The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," and "the Grand Officers" having been given and received in the usual hearty manner, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master," and assured the brethren that Bro. Sir Francis Burdett was a most genial

and kind-hearted Provincial Grand Master, and one who took a very great interest in Freemasonry in general, and particularly in the Province of Middlesex.

In proposing "The Deputy Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers," the W.M. referred to the excellent services rendered by that body, and expressed his regret that Bro. Lovegrove, who had been with them, had been obliged to leave.

"The Health of the W.M.," was next given by Bro. McKay, P.M., Sec., who said the brethren had seen the excellent work that their W.M. had done that evening. Bro. Scurrah had been most energetic in Freemasonry, but especially in the work of Masonic Charity. He (Bro. McKay) referred to the large amount that the W.M. had taken up at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and which had caused the Province of Middlesex to take a very high place on the list. Bro. Scurrah had also taken a great interest in the formation of a Benevolent Fund in connection with that lodge, and it was almost entirely owing to his exertions that it had been started.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, W.M., replied, and thanked Bro. McKay for the very kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for their cordial reception of it. He considered it a very great honour to preside over that lodge, for since it had been started it had proved successful and prosperous. He was proud to say that during his term of office he had had the pleasure of initiating seventeen gentlemen into Freemasonry, and there was not one of that number whose initiation he had cause to regret. He naturally took a great interest in those whom he initiated, and he was assured that he could most truthfully say that the brethren it had been his privilege to initiate would all become worthy, honourable and upright Masons. As this was the first meeting of the lodge since the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he took the opportunity of announcing the result of the Stewardship. The total amount of his list was £140, which, with the exception of ten guineas, had been contributed exclusively by members of that lodge. That result spoke well for the members of the lodge in endeavouring to carry out the great work of Charity. There were 18 Stewards from the Province of Middlesex, but the list from that lodge stood at the head. He mentioned this to thank the brethren who had so cordially supported him, and he was sure that the Province of Middlesex would think that the Henry Levander Lodge was not unworthy to be classed in the first rank of the Provincial lodges. Their lodge was but a very young one, but he was certain it had a great future before it. He was heartily glad that they had established a Benevolent Fund in that lodge, for misfortune might overtake them at any time, and although he hoped it might never be the case, the money would be there if required. He considered they ought to congratulate themselves on the progress the lodge had made, and he thanked them most heartily and sincerely for the manner in which the brethren had supported him during the time he had occupied the chair. It was the first lodge he had had the privilege of presiding over, and he earnestly hoped to be connected with it while life lasted.

The next toast he had to propose was "The Health of the 'Initiate.'" He believed that the gentleman who had been initiated that evening was one who would become a good Mason, and one whom the lodge would be proud of.

Bro. Stevens briefly replied, and tendered his sincere thanks for the heartiness of his reception.

"The Visitors" was next given by the W.M., who said that this was a most important toast. There was a good array of visitors that evening, to all of whom, in the name of the lodge, he offered a hearty welcome.

Bro. W. H. Tilling, W.M. 765, responded, and said that he did not expect to be called upon to reply to this toast, but it had given him great pleasure to be present that evening, and on behalf of the visitors he thanked the brethren for their hospitality. He had the pleasure of knowing the late Bro. Levander, after whom the lodge was named, for some time previous to his death, and he was sure that if that brother could have been present that night, it would have made his heart glad to see the progress that was being made. He was sure that if it continued to progress, it would soon be one of the best in the provinces, and would prove a comfort to the members in the future.

"The Treasurer and Secretary," having been cordially given, and suitably responded to by Bro. McKay, P.M., Sec., the Tyler's toast terminated a pleasant evening.

SELBY.—St. Germain Lodge (No. 566).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge-room, on Friday, the 12th ult., when the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. the Rev. Henry Greaves, P.M., P.P.G.C. North and East Yorks (vicar of Wistow), and the newly appointed officers took place. The Installing Master was Bro. Dr. T. Pearson Bell, D.P.G.M., P.G.D. of England. The following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. George Dixon-Todd, P.M., I.P.M.; W. N. Cheesman, S.W.; T. G. P. Barlow, J.W.; Rev. Thomas Cheese, B.A., Chaplain; G. W. Hudson, Treasurer; W. Rawling, P.P.G.O., Secretary; Captain Hawdon, S.D.; Mark Scott, P.M., J.D.; Staniland, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; W. Leethem and Wm. Staniland, Stewards; Charles Turner, I.G.; and Pearson, Tyler. In the evening the brethren dined together at the Londesborough Arms Hotel.

MALTON.—Camalodunum Lodge (No. 660).—This lodge celebrated their annual festival by a well-attended meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 16th ult., when the installation of Bro. John B. Nicholls, the W.M. elect, and the investment of officers for the year also took place. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. A. W. Walker, P.M. Bro. Nicholls, the W.M., then invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. T. M. Goldie, I.P.M.; James Buckle, S.W.; F. M. W. Williamson, J.W.; Rev. R. G. Fish, Chaplain; R. H. Bower, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treasurer; W. J. Marshall, Secretary; C. H. Channon, S.D.; E. K. Spiegelhalter, J.D.; W. A. Holmes, D.C.; J. W. Marshall, P.M., Organist; W. H. Winpenny, I.G.; C. R. Staniland and C. W. Nicholson, Stewards; and W. Stockdale, Tyler. After the installation, the annual banquet was held at Bro. Fitchett's, the Talbot Hotel, the W.M. presiding, and a good number of the brethren, with visitors from other lodges, were present.

DOVER.—Corinthian Lodge (No. 1208).—A very large number of brethren of the Province of Kent assembled at the Royal Hotel, Clarence-place, on Monday,

the 8th ult., on the occasion of the installation of Bro. W. O. Kennett, as W.M. of the above lodge for the ensuing year. A striking testimony to the popularity of Bro. Kennett was the fact that, though the meeting was called at the inconveniently early hour of 2 p.m., yet the brethren began to assemble even before that hour, and the lodge was well filled when, prompt to time, the room was opened. The installation ceremony, a long and impressive one, was conducted and carried out in an able manner by Bro. Smeeth, P.M., to whom was given the warm thanks of the lodge for his services. The newly-installed W.M. appointed the following brethren to the several offices of the lodge: Bros. E. A. Marsh, S.W.; J. J. Wright, J.W.; C. C. Walter, P.M., Treas.; Smeeth, P.M., Sec.; H. C. Wellard, S.D.; C. L. Adams, J.D.; P. O. Potter, P.M., Org.; W. Burkett, I.G.; and G. Willson, Tyler.

The W.M. then, on behalf of the lodge, presented a valuable Past Master's jewel to Bro. T. J. Perkins, the retiring Master, in recognition of good services rendered during his term of office in the chair. After the proposition of new members, and grants having been made from the funds on behalf of the Masonic Institutions and the Dover Hospital, amounting in the whole to 13 guineas, the lodge was closed.

At six o'clock upwards of 60 brethren sat down to a recherché banquet provided by the host, and which, by general consent, was pronounced to be all that could be desired or expected, even from so generous a caterer as Bro. Oldfield.

Bro. Kennett, the newly-installed Master, presided, and was supported by the whole of his officers, except Bro. Marsh, S.W., whose attendance was unfortunately prevented by serious illness, and amongst others the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Dover, Bro. Adcock, P.M. 199; the Worshipful the Mayor of Sandwich, Bro. Watts, P.M. 1206; the Prov. G. Chap., the Rev. V. S. Vickers, P.M. 199; Bros. F. F. Giraud, W.M. 133; Edward Bacon, P.G.W. Gibraltar District, P.M. 153; T. Hearn, W.M. J. W. Bussey, S.W.; and P.M.'s Bros. F. W. Prescott, E. Lukey, and W. J. Smith, of 199; C. Barringer, W.M., and McWilliam, of 1436; W. Denne, W.M., and A. S. Hodges, of 1206; J. W. Court, W.M., G. Band, P.M., E. Hodgkinson, and A. Banger, 1096; Thomas Bent, P.M., J. M. Browning, P.M., and F. Weston, of 784; Captain M'Innis, Capt. Wood, S. J. Flood, A.M.S. Malwa Lodge, Bombay; D. White, C. Harris, R.A.; Stock, Hopper, Walker, and Crosoer, of 199. Of the members of 1208 there were also present P.M.'s George Adamson, W. A. Smeeth, H. M. Baker, James Holmes, Edwin Fenn, R. W. Phillipot, C. C. Walter, G. R. Igglesden, W. Oldfield, P. O. Potter, and T. J. Perkins; Bros. J. Crosoer, G. F. Wilkins, Thomas Stanger, E. Souter, S. Earl, R. Howard, and others.

The musical arrangements were undertaken and effectively carried out by Bro. C. Winterbon, who presided at the pianoforte.

Congratulatory telegrams were received during the evening from Sir R. Dickeson, Dublin, and one dated "At sea—65 miles from Beachy Head." The toast list was as follows:—"The Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W. G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;" "The M.W. Pro G.M., Earl Carnarvon;" "The R.W. the D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand Officers;" "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Viscount Holmesdale;" "The V.W. the Dep. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Eastes, and Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past;" "The W.M. of the Corinthian Lodge;" "The Installing Masters;" "The Visitors;" "The P.M.s. of the Lodge;" "The W.M. and Brethren of No. 199;" "The Masonic Charities;" "The Officers of the Lodge;" and Tyler's toast.

LEEDS.—Goderich Lodge (No. 1211).—On Monday evening last there was a large and representative gathering of the Masons of West Yorkshire on the occasion of the initiation of Mr. G. W. Balfour, M.P., into this lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street. The W.M., Bro. Charles Scriven, was in the Master's chair, and the other officers of the lodge present were Bros. John Jaques, I.P.M.; A. W. Youngs, S.W.; W. H. Bradford, J.W.; J. W. Fourness, P.M., Treasurer; William Smith, Secretary; W. Ward, S.D.; J. Ellis, J.D.; W. B. Townsend, P.M., Organist; T. Craistor, I.G.; A. K. Scattergood and W. J. Gwilliam, Stewards; and J. Calverley, P.M. The visitors, who came from all parts of the province, included R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.D. of England, P.G.M.; W. Bro. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M.; Bros. the Rev. Canon Bullock, P.P.G. Chap.; the Rev. J. J. Needham, P.G. Chap.; the Rev. J. A. Naylor, P.G. Chap.; J. Menzies, P.P.G.W.; C. L. Mason, P.P.G. Treas.; A. W. Stanfield, P.G. Reg.; W. F. Smithson, P.P.G.D.; G. F. Crowe, P.P.G.D.; D. R. Glover, P.P.G.D.; Thomas Winn, P.P.G. Supt. of W.; T. Bateman Fox, P.G. Swd. Br.; Alfred Austin, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Richardson, P.P.G.A.P.; Samuel Slack, P.P.G.D. of C.; H. T. Gardiner, P.G. Stwd.; J. Milnes, W.M. 289; Thomas Myers, W.M. 304; John Thrippleton, W.M. 306; Wm. Tyers, W.M. 1042; Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., LL.D., P.D.D.G.M. East Arch., W.M. 2069; A. Williamson, P.M. 289; Wm. Greaves, P.M. 289; J. Dobson, P.M. 289; John Dyson, P.M. 306; J. B. Hargreaves, P.M. 1311; W. Watson, P.M. 2069; Henry Oxley, P.M. 495; H. Carr, W.M. 1085; Thos. Ecroyd, P.M. 439; and many others. Bro. Thomas Winn, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of W., acted as Director of Ceremonies; and Bro. W. B. Townsend, P.M., had charge of the musical arrangements of the evening. Letters of apology were received from Bros. W. L. Jackson, M.P., P.M., P.G.S.W.; Colonel A. Charlesworth, P.M., P.G. J.W.; Ald. Thomas Hill, P.M., Mayor of Bradford; Ald. John Rhodes, Mayor of Pontefract; Herbert G. E. Green, P.M., P.G. Sec.; and others.

The ceremony of initiating Mr. G. W. Balfour, M.P., into the mysteries of Freemasonry was performed by Bro. Scriven, assisted by Bros. Tew, Bradford, and Ward. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. Tew said that he was deeply obliged for the compliment accorded to him of enabling him to take part in the interesting ceremony of that evening, and to mark the accession to the Craft of a gentleman distinguished by many and varied qualifications, one whose eloquence and ability had so endeared him to the people of Leeds that in the autumn of last year he was elected as Parliamentary representative of the Central Division of the borough, and their satisfaction was greatly added to by the fact that they were welcoming so talented a representative to the ranks of Freemasonry. Goderich

Lodge had that evening shown its appreciation of personal worth by admitting Bro. Balfour as a member, and it had recognised the justness of the selection made by the outside public of his fitness for a political career. That Bro. Balfour would uphold the principles of the Craft they knew full well. In conclusion, he wished prosperity to the Goderich Lodge, and complimented the W.M., Bro. Scriven, on the large gathering of Masons over which he had been called upon to preside. The scroll was then taken, when Bro. Youngs was elected as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been exchanged, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, admirably served by Bro. A. Wood.

Bro. Scriven, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Health of R.W. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.D. of England, and W. Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. H. Smith, and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The R.W.P.G.M., in responding, said that the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was never in a finer condition of prosperity than now. The largest proportion of lodges had already sent in their returns, from which it appeared that there were a larger number of Freemasons in the province than he had ever known to be the case in the 23 years during which he had been connected with the province. He had the honour to be present at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in London, under the presidency of the Marquess of Hertford. He was proud to find himself so well supported by Stewards from West Yorkshire when the announcement was made that the province had contributed to the funds of the Institution the magnificent sum of about £735, the second largest amount that had been sent up from the provinces. There were many candidates for that admirable Charity, and he believed that West Yorkshire would be always found supporting their candidates both by their votes and their purse to the best of their ability. He alluded to the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Sheffield on the 14th of April next, when business of great importance was to be dealt with, and he hoped the Leeds brethren in large numbers would be present. Freemasonry was in a very flourishing condition in Leeds, and he hoped to see the day when all the eight lodges of the town would meet under one roof. He hoped Freemasonry would always thrive in Leeds, and that all the brethren would work together in harmony, with one great object in view, namely, brotherly love, relief, and truth. In conclusion, he called upon the brethren not to forget the late P.G.M., Bro. Sir H. Edwards, who was lying on a bed of sickness. It was their bounden duty to remember one who had done so nobly in the past, and to express the hope that he might be long spared.

The R.W. P.G.M. then gave "The Initiate," which was received with enthusiasm.

Bro. G. W. Balfour, M.P., in returning thanks, said that he had discovered that though not building in a material sense they were Masons in a spiritual sense, and he rejoiced to think that he had become a member of that great Body. He trusted to remain not merely a sleeping partner, but an active member of the great Society, and in due time to merit the kind and cordial reception they had accorded to him.

Other toasts followed.

ILKLEY.—Olicana Lodge (No. 1522).—The annual meeting of the members of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms on Tuesday, the 16th ult. The brethren assembled at 6.30 for the purpose of installing their W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. The following members of the lodge were present: Bros. Henry Morton, W.M.; J. Gaunt, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Wm. Margerison, P.M.; Dr. T. Johnstone, P.M.; C. H. Watson, P.M.; P. Pollard, P.M.; W. Wedgwood, S.W.; A. E. Kershaw, J.W.; T. J. Critchley, Treasurer; W. N. Adams, Secretary; W. J. Kaye, S.D.; A. B. Balfour, J.D.; E. A. Brotherton, I.G.; A. Sykes, Tyler; Whitaker, Bates, and Bennett. The visitors were Bros. the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Bradford; Thomas Hill, J.P., P.M., P.P.G.W.; Charles Crabtree, P.M. 600; M. Mullen, P.M. 600; C. M. Wilson, P.M. 974; C. B. Scott, P.M. 289; Capt. John Ramsbotham (Holnsdale); George Tetley, 59; Harry Pollard, 1648; H. Cutlack, 1211; and B. R. Stansfield, S.D. 974.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Thomas Hill, J.P., P.M., P.P.G.W., presented Bro. W. Wedgwood, the W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation, which was rendered in a very effective and impressive manner, in accordance with the ancient rite and custom of the Order. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following officers for the year: Bro. A. E. Kershaw, S.W.; W. J. Kaye, J.W.; F. J. Critchley, Treasurer; E. A. Brotherton, Secretary; A. B. Balfour, S.D.; Dr. Bates, J.D.; W. N. Adams, I.G.; and A. Sykes, Tyler. Bro. John Gaunt, P.M., P.P.G.W., was unanimously elected by the brethren as Charity Steward for the ensuing twelve months, and the W.M. was appointed Almoner of the lodge.

The brethren then adjourned to the Crescent Hotel, to celebrate their annual festival, where they partook of a recherché banquet, very creditably provided by Mr. and Mrs. Mercer.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and, being interspersed with songs and recitations by the talented brethren present, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge ((No. 1611).—On Tuesday, the 23rd ult., an emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviour-gate. The W.M. and brethren of the Falcon Lodge, Thirsk, had expressed a desire to visit the Eboracum Lodge for the purpose of exchanging fraternal courtesies and seeing the working of the lodge, and accordingly a special meeting was arranged for their convenience. The lodge having been opened, the chair was taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.P.G.W., in the absence of Bro. A. T. B. Turner, W.M., who is in bad health. There were present also Bros. J. Blenkin, P.M., as I.P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; Geo. Ayre, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Brown, S.W.; Geo. Balford, P.M. and Treas., P.P.G.O., as J.W.; J. Kay, Sec.; S. J. Dalton, S.D.; W. Lackenby, J.D.; W. Storey, Stwd.; W. Stephenson, I.G.; P. Pearson and J. D. Irving, Asst. Stwds.; J. Hall, Tyler; W. T. Nance, W. B. Dyson, J. W. Blenkin, J. E. Wilkinson, H. Mennell, W. G. Carter, W. Sharp, C. Tuff, W. Routledge, Geo. Hebblethwaite, T. Horsley, B. Stephenson, and H. Shonk-

smith; and the following visitors: Bros. Geo. Kirby, P.M. 236; Major McGachen, P.M. 1991; R. C. Faulkner, S. G. Crummack, T. Watkinson, J. Biscoomb, 236; and G. Manton, 279.

The W.M. and brethren of the Falcon Lodge, 1416, were announced, entered the room, and took their places to the number of 11, including Bros. Z. Wright, W.M.; Dr. Longford, S.W.; Dr. Hartley, J.W.; J. T. Hansell, Sec.; T. J. Wilkinson, P.M. and Treas.; C. Greensides, P.M.; Rev. E. Richardson, J.D.; Rev. Canon Camidge, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; F. R. Hansell, D.C.; W. W. Hall, I.G.; and J. S. Farmery, Tyler. Bro. Whytehead welcomed the visitors in the name of the lodge, expressed regret at the absence of the W.M., and hoped that the practice of interchanging visits between lodges would become more frequent. Bro. Z. Wright replied, expressing the pleasure it gave himself and his brethren to be present. Bro. Blenkin, P.M., then took the chair, and proceeded to initiate a candidate who had been balloted for at the last regular lodge, and subsequently Bro. Whytehead resumed the chair, and initiated a second candidate, the charge being given by the Senior Warden. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the arrival was announced of Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, Grand Chaplain and D.P.G.M. of Durham, and that distinguished brother was introduced by a deputation under the direction of Bro. Ayre, P.M., as Director of Ceremonies, and was saluted. At the request of the visitors, the lodge was then raised to the Second and Third Degrees and again lowered, after which Bro. T. B. Whytehead said that, as usual, he had a pleasant duty to perform, namely, to present to the lodge more gifts on the part of its members. Bro. G. Lamb had done a quantity of painting, staining, &c., for the lodge on entering its new premises, and had forwarded to the Treasurer a receipted bill for the whole amount. Bro. Shonksmith had presented a quantity of glasses, engraved with Masonic emblems and the number of the lodge. Bro. W. Stephenson had given a set of match trays for the smoke room table, and three antique goblets engraved with Masonic emblems; and he himself begged to present to the library the Abbé Barruel's "History of Jacobinism," in four volumes.

Votes of thanks were passed for these gifts and the lodge was closed with "Hearty good wishes." The brethren then adjourned to the supper room, the capacity of which was tried to its utmost limits. An excellent supper had been provided by the Tyler, to which justice was done, and after the wreck had been removed the usual loyal toasts were given. Bro. T. B. Whytehead gave the toast of "The Falcons." He said for some years it had been an annual pleasure to him to visit Thirsk at a certain period and to instal the W. Masters of the Falcon Lodge, whom he regarded as his Masonic children, the youngest of whom he was pleased to see smiling on his left. The Falcon Lodge had shown marvellous activity considering its dimensions and locality. It had a beautiful little hall of its own and did good and intelligent work in Masonry. He hoped that they had that night inaugurated in York a new feature in the way of Masonic visiting which would be continued and extended.

Bro. Z. Wright responded, saying how gratified he and his brethren had been in witnessing the clean working of the Eboracum Lodge, and how much surprise they had felt at the beautiful details of the furniture and the general excellence of the new premises. He said that the Falcon Lodge had not as much work on hand as their entertainers, but they kept their working tools in good order, and ready to work up any good material that was presented to them.

Bro. Canon Camidge proposed "Prosperity to the Eboracum Lodge," and referred to his early friendship with Bro. Whytehead, when as schoolfellows they often rowed up the river Ouse against stream and wind. Now, however, they were embarked on the stream of Masonry, with both wind and stream in their favour, and he trusted that the voyage so auspiciously begun would continue as happily. He congratulated the Eboracum Lodge upon its success and the good work it was doing, and concluded by speaking in the highest terms of Freemasonry and its value to society and its influence on the happiness of mankind. The toast was responded to by Bro. J. Blenkin, P.M.

The toast of "The Visitors" was given by Bro. W. Brown, S.W., and responded to by Bro. G. Kirby, P.M.

Bro. J. T. Seller, P.M., proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and Bro. G. Balford, P.M. and Treas., responded.

Bro. W. B. Dyson gave "The Healths of the [Candidates]," and both of them responded.

Bro. Whytehead gave "The Masonic Charities," and spoke of the work done by the lodge in that direction, which had been mainly owing to the efforts of their Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., whom he had hoped to have seen amongst them that evening.

Bro. T. Horsley responded, and after the Tyler's toast the meeting broke up.

During the evening several songs were given by Bros. G. Kirby, P.M., Major McGachen, P.M., J. E. Wilkinson, H. Mennell, and others.

CLEATOR MOOR.—Stirling Lodge (No. 1989). This Cumberland lodge held a meeting on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at the lodge room, Market Hall. Present: Bros. Chas. Gowan, W.M.; Henry Ward, S.W.; Richd. Walker, J.W.; John J. Robinson, Sec.; Henry Rothery, S.D.; James Welch, J.D.; Jos. Dickinson, D.C.; Jas. Johnston, I.G.; John Caffrey, Tyler; Kirkeonel, P.M.; Baxter, P.M.; and John J. Robinson, P.M. Visitors: Bros. L. Ward, W.M. 1400; Rev. Jos. Tyson, P.M. 1532; and Jos. Dickson.

During business Bro. Wm. H. Redfern was passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. Robt. Hindmarsh was initiated. Three candidates were also proposed for ballot at the next meeting. A pleasant evening was afterwards spent, interspersed with songs, &c.

INSTRUCTION.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Cambervell New-road, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult. There were present Bros. J. D. Smith, W.M., R. Rowlands, S.W.; Buckridge, J.W.; P. J. Tull, S.D.; C. Brady, J.D.; White, I.G.; J. Hill, Preceptor; R. Walden, Sec.; T. Taylor, G. Stokes, W. H. Doys, A. O. Side, and Simpson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The installation ceremony was fully rehearsed in all its parts by Bro. J. D. Smith, the Installing Master, Bro. R. Rowlands, Installed Master, and Bro. W. Doys,

Director of Ceremonies. The W.M. invested his officers. It was proposed and seconded that Bro. Buckridge should be the W.M. for the ensuing week—carried unanimously; the working to be initiation ceremony, charge, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture. Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-hill. Present: Bros. J. Stephens, W.M.; S. J. Humfress, S.W.; A. E. Hubert, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M.; Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; M. J. Green, S.D.; W. Thomas, J.D.; W. J. Stratton, I.G.; C. Hunt, P.M.; J. Hutchings, C. R. Wickens, L. C. Hendry, J. H. Dew, J. McCulloch, C. J. Grove, and S. Samuels.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Baker, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. C. Hunt being the candidate. Bro. Hendry answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The 2nd Section of the lecture was worked, and the lodge called off for refreshment, and afterwards called on again, and the 3rd Section of the lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Thomas and Hendry were elected joining members. Bro. Humfress was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

CLAPTON LODGE (No. 1365).—The weekly meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Hackney. Present: Bros. Bunker, W.M.; Cubbon, S.W.; Oldham, J.W.; Draper, S.D.; Archer, J.D.; Grey, I.G.; Finch, acting Preceptor; Church, Sec.; M'Laren, Barnes, Berry, Cattlin, Morley, and Bennett.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes duly confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Barnes acting as candidate. Bro. M'Laren being a candidate for passing, was interrogated and trusted. The W.M. then opened the lodge in the Second Degree, and Bro. M'Laren was passed to the Degree of a F.C. Bro. Cattlin being a candidate for raising was interrogated and trusted. The W.M. then opened the lodge in the Third Degree, and Bro. Cattlin was raised to the Degree of a M.M. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree. On the proposition of Bro. Finch, acting Preceptor, seconded by Bro. Oldham, J.W., that Bro. Cubbon occupy the chair at the next meeting, this was carried unanimously. It was then proposed by Bro. Oldham, J.W., and seconded by Bro. Morling, that the Sections be worked by the lodge on the fourth Friday in March, and that Bro. Watkinson, 1728, occupy the chair—this was also carried. Several new members were then proposed by different brethren, and on being put to the vote were admitted unanimously. The Secretary then read a few letters, and nothing further offering, the lodge was closed. The attention of brethren is called to the Section meeting in March; a hearty welcome will be given to all who attend.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. W. J. Mason, W.M.; A. Hardy, S.W.; E. F. Ferris, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511; Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543; Sec.; E. C. Mulvey, S.D.; J. Potter, J.D.; J. S. Henry, I.G.; W. H. Chappell, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974; J. Stephens, W.M. 1425; M. J. Green, C. J. Morse, O. W. Battley, J. Smith, H. Curtis, E. Arbib, and P. W. Rogers. Visitors: Bros. J. Greenbaum, 1017; and S. Barrow, 1425.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Thomas and Green candidates respectively. Bro. Hardy was elected W.M. for next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bros. Greenbaum and Barrow were elected members. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent-garden, W.C., on the 25th ult., when there were present Bros. E. L. P. Valeriani, W.M.; H. G. Marsden, S.W.; C. H. McQueen, J.W.; W. F. McQueen, S.D.; J. W. Tacon, J.D.; B. Solomon, I.G.; E. C. Mulvey, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer; F. Kedg, G. Coleman, P.M.; J. Rowe, C. Grassi, B. Holeyman, W. F. Thorpe, J. Bromley, J. D. Graham, T. A. Dickson, Frank Gulliford, C. Richards, J. Woodward, and T. E. Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. B. Holeyman having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. With the permission of the W.M., Bro. G. Reynolds acted as S.D. Bro. W. F. McQueen offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, the usual questions were put, well answered, and Bro. W. F. McQueen retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Bro. W. F. McQueen resumed the office of S.D. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. E. C. Mulvey worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, Bro. C. Grassi proposed that Bro. J. D. Graham, 1559, be a joining member of this lodge of instruction—seconded by Bro. J. Rowe, carried unanimously. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. Coleman, P.M., proposed that Bro. E. C. Mulvey be W.M. for the ensuing week. He had kindly acted as Preceptor that evening; his place in the lodge should have been S.W.—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. G. Coleman, P.M., proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. E. L. P. Valeriani for the able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction, and also for the clear and precise manner he had worked the ceremonies of initiation and passing—seconded by the J.W., carried unanimously. The W.M. made a suitable reply. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Conghlan, W.M.; Green, Jun., S.W.; Forscutt, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, Treas.; A. Hayes, Sec.; Stevenson, S.D.; Hume, J.D.; Arnold, I.G.; Wits, P.M.; Folsom, Musson, Nice, Coleman, Taylor, Gilbert, Geisel, Clarkson, and Harris.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Geisel, F.C., answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bros. Gibson and Taylor candidates. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gilbert candidate. The explanation of the tracing board was then very ably rendered by the W.M. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 27th ult. Present: Bros. Sims, W.M.; A. Williams, S.W.; Perdue, J.W.; W. W. Williams, S.D.; F. Williams, J.D.; J. Brown, I.G.; W. Johnson, Sec.; George Gardner, acting Preceptor; V. Wing, J. Wood, A. Tibbury, D. Smith, and R. Wimpey. Visitor: Bro. Johnson, Eccleston Lodge.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree and questions being asked leading to the Third Degree, Bro. F. Williams was entrusted. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was worked. Lodge resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Johnson candidate. On the Master rising for the third time, the annual dinner committee announced that all arrangements were completed for the celebration to take place on Monday, March 15th, at 7.30 sharp, when all Masons are kindly invited. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT CHAPTER (No. 1745).—This chapter met at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 22nd ult. Among those present were Comps. T. C. Walls, P.G.P. Soj., Middx., M.E.Z.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., H.; J. Strugnell, P.Z., J.; J. Young, S.E.; J. Lister, P.S.; Louis Lardner, 1st Assist.; R. Webber, 2nd Assist.; Parkinson, Janitor; T. Simpson, Herbert, and others. Ex. Comp. W. P. Webb, M.E.Z. 177, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The design for the founder's jewel was approved. Letters pleading inability to attend were received from Comps. the Rev. J. Brownrigg, M.A.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., G. Org.; C. F. Matier, P.Z.; Hablett, and Bro. W. Malthouse, C.C., a candidate for exaltation.

The chapter was then closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

The customary toasts followed.

LIVERPOOL.—Everton Chapter (No. 823).—The annual convocation of the above chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult. There were present Comps. T. H. Carefull, M.E.Z.; H. Trevitt, P.Z.; R. Warriner, P.Z.; Maurice Hart, P.P. G.P.A.S., P.Z.; John Beezley, H.; John Humphreys, J.; J. Mantle, S.E.; W. Brassey, Treas.; P. Ball, Jan.; James Hunter, R. Arden, R. H. Webster, D. Callow, Josh. Gertray, and S. Outram. Visitors: Comps. Henry A. Tobias, P.Z., S.E. 1502; J. Archer, J. 1502; M. Aronsberg, H. 1502; A. D. Hesketh, P.Z. 1356; A. A. Cotter, P.P.G.S.B., P.Z. 249; Richard Edwards, 249; and J. C. Robinson, H. 249.

After the chapter had been opened, and the minutes read, Comp. Maurice Hart proceeded to install the three Principals for the ensuing year: Comps. John Beezley, M.E.Z.; John Humphreys, H.; and W. Brassey, J.; which ceremony he performed in his usually masterly manner, he being ably assisted by Comps. Carefull and Hesketh. The M.E.Z. then invested the following: Comps. Joseph Hunter, S.E.; Robt. Arden, S.N.; R. H. Webster, Treas.; and Thos. Delamere, P.S. The Auditors then presented the annual balance-sheet, which proved very satisfactory, and was passed as read. After the transaction of the usual routine business the chapter was closed.

The companions then sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Comp. Casey. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

The M.E.Z., in a very able speech, proposed "The Health of the Installing Chief, Comp. Maurice Hart," and complimented him on the able and efficient manner in which he had performed the ceremony.

Comp. Hart responded in suitable terms.

"The Health of the Visitors" having been proposed and responded to by Comp. Tobias, the companions separated after spending a most enjoyable evening.

During the evening a splendid gold P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Carefull, the retiring M.E.Z.

INSTRUCTION.

CAMDEN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 704).—A convocation of the above chapter was held at the Moorgate Hotel, Finsbury-pavement, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. The ceremony of exaltation was most ably rehearsed by the following companions: Ex. Comp. Gregory, M.E.Z.; Comps. Carter, H.; Knight, J.; Slyman, S.E.; Whiting, S.N.; Shirley, P.S.; and Vine, as candidate. R.A. Masons in search of perfect ritual cannot do better than attend the above chapter of improvement, where Comp. Edmonds so ably presides. The comfort of the companions is well looked after by our worthy host, Comp. Bolton.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W., on Saturday, the 27th ult., when there were present Comps. T. C. Pratt, Z.; F. Swain, H.; Capt. H. S. Andrews, J.; H. Dehane, S.E.; Capt. A. Nicols, S.N.; and J. Cruttenden, P.S.

The chapter was declared opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Coulter candidate. A vote of sympathy with Comp. Cruttenden was passed on the death of his grandfather, who had passed his 90th year. It was announced that the V.W. D.P.G.M. of Berks and Bucks, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., would on an early occasion preside and rehearse a ceremony. The chapter was then closed.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).—A convocation was held on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the Alwyn Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Highbury. Present: Comps. F. Brasted, M.E.Z.; J. Strugnell, H.; H. Jenkins, J.; T. C. Edmonds, S.N.; W. Radcliffe, P.S.; J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; A. Haslip, and J. Carter. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Sheffield acting as candidate.

Mark Masonry.

WHITEHAVEN.—Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 25th ult. Bro. Wm. Bewlay, W.M., P.G.I.G., occupied the chair, supported by the following officers: Bros. Thos. Atkinson, I.P.M., P.G.J.O., as S.W.; J. Bowes, as J.W.; Thos. Brakenridge, M.O.; Thos. Rowlings, S.O.; W. J. Tyson, J.O. and Org.; Rev. Jas. Anderson, Chap., P.G. Chap.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G. Sec., Treas.; W. D. P. Field, Reg. and Sec.; D. Atkinson, S.D.; J. Casson, I.G.; T. Richardson, Tyler, P.G. Tyler; Dr. Muir, and others.

The minutes were read and confirmed, when the lodge—being the first since the installation—was formed into one of instruction. Two candidates having been proposed for advancement, the lodge was then closed.

We are pleased to learn since the meeting that Bro. Thos. Atkinson, the I.P.M. of the lodge, intends to offer his services as a Steward at the next Festival, and we feel sure the Fletcher Lodge will support him in his laudable efforts.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 293).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Jackson-street, on Monday last, when, in spite of the inclemency of the weather, there was quite an average attendance of officers and members. The W.M., Bro. C. B. Ford, was assisted by the following brethren: Bros. J. G. Smith, I.P.M.; D. Sinclair, P.M.;

John Page, S.W.; W. F. Carmon, J.W.; J. T. Harrison, M.O.; R. Whitfield, S.O.; W. Brown, J.O.; J. H. Elliott, as Sec.; H. F. Dryden, S.D.; R. W. Klyne, J.D.; R. Wilson, I.G.; John Hedley, S.S.; J. Curry, Tyler; A. Simpson, M. J. Wheatley, J.O. 362; G. W. Mitchell, 362; and others.

After the preliminary business had been disposed of, Bro. J. A. Armstrong (regularly balloted for) was advanced as a M.M.M. by the W.M., who did his work for the first time in a very satisfactory manner. The lodge was then closed, when those present adjourned for refreshment and harmony.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PREMIER CONCLAVE.—A well attended meeting of this old and prosperous conclave was held at the Masonic Rooms, 16A, Great Queen-street, on the 1st inst. Among those present we noticed Sir Knights T. C. Walls, G. Sub-Prelate, &c., M.P.S.; Dr. Mickley, V.E.; Dawes, S.G.; H. J. Lardner, H.P.; T. Cubitt, G.I.G., P.M.P.S., Treas.; J. Mason, G.H.C., Recorder; George Kenning, P.M.P.S.; the Rev. P. M. Holden, G.P., P.M.P.S.; Massa, P.M.P.S.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M.P.S.; Shirley, P.M.P.S.; Marsh, P.M.P.S. (hon. member); Dr. Woodman, P.M.P.S., G. Treas.; E. A. Harris, J. Harris, and others. Among the numerous visitors we noticed Sir Knights C. F. Matier, G.I.G. for South Lancashire; Penfold, Cumberland, Moon, Venn, Baron de Ferrieres, Foulger, Spice, C. Hogard, Grand Recorder, and others.

The minutes of the previous conclave having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. T. G. Robinson, 58; J. Shilcock, P.M. 449; C. E. Keyser, P.M. 404; J. Purrott, P.M. 1479; N. Prower, M.A., 1349; A. Proudfoot, 201; W. Harris, 201; and H. Harris, 201, and it proving to be unanimous, they were duly installed as Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, by the M.P.S. The election of M.P.S. for the year ensuing resulted unanimously in favour of Sir Knight Mickley. Sir Knight Dawes, was elected V.E.; Sir Knight T. Cubitt, Treas.; and Sir Knight Gilbert, Sentinel.

A Past Sovereign's jewel having been voted to the M.P.S., the conclave was closed in due and ancient form, and the sir knights adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern to banquet, under the presidency of the M.P.S., where they were joined by several distinguished officers of the Grand Conclave. The customary toasts were duly honoured.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—Royal Kent Chapter (No. 8).—This chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Bro. Thomas M. Watson, assisted by his officers, on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street. Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33, and Inspector General of the North-Eastern District, was received under an arch of steel, and saluted.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. This being the installation meeting, the M.W.S. elect, Ex. and Perfect Bro. Charles Rutter Fry, was presented by the Grand Marshal to the M.W.S., who installed his successor with great care and solemnity. The following officers were then appointed: Ex. and Perfect Bros. Thos. M. Watson, P.M.W.S.; Henry Hotham, Prelate; Henry Maddison, 1st General; M. Logan, 2nd General; W. F. Carmon, Treasurer; Seymour Thomas Bell, Recorder; Dr. C. D. Drury, Grand Marshal; Armstrong, Raphael; Mathew Henry Dodd, D. of C.; Armstrong, Herald; E. Marston, Capt. of Guard; and Kennedy, Outer Guard. The address to the brethren was given by Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33. Business of the evening being over, the chapter was closed.

The brethren assembled at the Douglas Hotel, at seven o'clock, and sat down to a sumptuous banquet, presided over by the M.W.S., Bro. Charles Rutter Fry, having on his right Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33, and on his left Ex. and Perfect Bro. Thomas M. Watson, I.P.M.W.S.; Ex. and Perfect Bro. R. A. Luck, P.M. W.S. The vice-chair was occupied by Ex. and Perfect Bro. Henry Maddison, 1st General, supported by a good muster of the brethren. The loyal toasts were given from the chair in a most excellent spirit, and duly honoured.

Ex. and Perfect Bro. Henry Maddison proposed "The Health of Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister" in flattering terms, which was responded to most feelingly by the Ill. brother, who stated that age was setting upon him, and that he began to think that he ought to resign to make room for some other worthy brother to follow him, but the brethren, with that kindness they always evince, would not hear of it, and trusted that their old and valued friend might be long spared to come amongst them.

Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister proposed "The Health of the M.W.S., Bro. Charles R. Fry," with all the honours they could give him. That worthy brother responded in a truly Masonic spirit, giving most excellent advice to the brethren, and before concluding proposed

"The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Thomas M. Watson, I.P.M.W.S.," who responded most heartily.

"The Health of Ex. and Perfect Bro. Henry Hotham, P.M.W.S.," was proposed by the M.W.S., and all expressed themselves sorry that indisposition prevented him being with them, he having only missed these meetings twice in many, many years.

"The Health of the Officers" was proposed by P.M. W.S. R. A. Luck. Ex. and Perfect Bro. Wm. Logan responded, and a very happy evening was spent by all.

Letters of apology were received from Ill. Bros. Wintern, 30, and Col. J. Monks, 30, several other Ex. and Perfect brethren being unable to attend.

Cryptic Masonry.

GRAND MASTERS COUNCIL (No. 1).—This prosperous and influential council met at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, Holborn, on the 26th ult. Among the brethren present we noticed Bros. Alfred Williams, T.I.M.; Thomas Poore, P.D.M.; Capt. J. E. Anderson, Deputy Master; Thomas Cubitt, P.C.W.; F. Davison, G. Treas., Treas.; T. C. Walls, D.G.M., P.T.I.M.,

Recorder; G. Graveley, C. of G.; Spice, S.S.; Bryant, J.S.; Clark, D. P. Cama, Baron de Ferrieres, Shirley, Chitson, Powell, J. L. Mather, Le Feuvre, Fountaine, Catterson, Graves, Shilcock, Robinson, Steele, and others. Bro. C. F. Matier, P.D.M., G.R., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. Hanley, Gregory and Hay, and it proving to be unanimous in their favour they were impressively greeted, admitted, and received as M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.E.M. by Bro. Poore, ably assisted by Bro. Bryant, and others. The bye-laws as revised by the special Committee were read, approved, and ordered to be printed. Bros. Fountaine and Powell were appointed Auditors. The election of T.I.M., Treasurer and Sentinel, resulted respectively in favour of Bros. Capt. J. E. Anderson, F. Davison, and E. Mills. Several letters of resignation having been received, and apologies for non-attendance read, the Recorder gave notice of motion "That for services rendered to the Order Bros. C. F. Matier and R. Berridge be elected honorary members."

The council was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Holborn Restaurant. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed.

GRAND IMPERIAL CONCLAVE OF THE MASONIC AND MILITARY ORDER OF ROME AND OF THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

The annual assembly was held on Monday last, at 16A, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn, when there were present Sir Knights W. R. Woodman, M.D., P.G. Viceroy and G. Treas., on the throne; T. Cubitt, G.J.G., as G. Viceroy; C. F. Matier, Intendant General of Lancashire, as G.S.G.; J. G. Marsh, P.G.A., as G.J.G.; Rev. P. M. Holden, P.G.H.P., as High Prelate; John Mason, G. Chancellor; C. F. Hogard, G. Recorder; G. Powell, G. Chamberlain; George Kenning, G. Preceptor; E. H. Thiellay, G. Examiner; T. C. Walls, G. Sub-Prelate; T. Massa, G. Asst. Treas.; H. Venn, G. Inspector of Regalia; J. Moon, G. Std. Br.; H. J. Lardner, G. Asst. Marshal; J. S. Cumberland and H. H. Shirley, G. Heralds; F. Wood, Int. Gen. Kent; Dr. Penfold, Deputy Int. Gen. Kent; J. R. Foulger, W. G. Lemon, A. H. Bateman, Rev. H. Cummings, G. F. Tuckey, Baron de Ferrieres, H. C. Heard, J. Harris, T. G. Robinson, W. E. Dawes; John Gilbert, Sentinel; and others.

Grand Conclave having been opened in Imperial form the minutes of the assembly of the 5th March, 1885, were read and confirmed.

The GRAND RECORDER read the following report of the Executive Committee, which, on motion duly made and seconded, was unanimously received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:—

"To the Grand Imperial Conclave of the Masonic and Military Order of Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine.

"The Executive Committee beg to submit their annual report, and although they regret to state that the Order has not in the last few years made that progress which it was hoped and expected it would do, during the last few months there has been a marked increase of vitality in several directions.

"The accounts of the late and present Grand Treasurers from December, 1882, to 31st December, 1885, have been duly audited, with the result that there is found the following balance, viz.:

"On General Account ...	£64	6	10
„ Grand Almoner's Fund ...	41	7	0
„ K.H.S. and S. John Fund ...	12	4	6
Total ...	£117	18	4

"The amount of arrears from various conclaves is very considerable, and the Executive Committee recommend that the amounts due be at once required, so that the financial position of the Order may be placed on a proper basis.

"Several conclaves that have been in abeyance are anxious to resume work, and the Committee recommend that the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder be authorised to arrange with the conclaves such a commutation of arrears as may appear equitable and expedient.

"Sir Knight Chillingworth having resigned the appointment of Intendant-General of Kent, a position he has held for some years with advantage to the Order, the Most Ill. Grand Sovereign, Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., has been pleased to appoint Sir Knight Frederic Wood, of Bostol Hill, Abbey Wood, as his successor in that high position, and, with a view to the whole division being well cared for, Sir Knight Wood has appointed Sir Knight Penfold, of Rainham, his Deputy.

"The M. Ill. Grand Sovereign having granted a charter for the formation of the Pentangle Conclave at Chatham, was pleased to attend on the 14th August last, and performed the ceremony of inauguration and dedication.

"The best thanks of the Imperial Grand Conclave are due to Sir Knight Kenning for having so kindly placed an office at the use of the Executive Committee, and it is felt that as the knowledge that there is a permanent habitation of the Order in London becomes more generally known, it will considerably advance the interests of the Order.

"The M. Ill. Grand Sovereign was pleased to appoint Sir Knight Alfred R. Robinson, of Landport, to be an Intendant-General unattached.

"Wm. ROBT. WOODMAN, G. Treas.

"CHAS. FREDK. HOGARD, G. Recorder.

"T. C. WALLS, G. Sub-Prelate."

The revised statutes, as recommended by the Committee appointed on the 5th March last, and approved by the M. Ill. Grand Sovereign, were read "seriatim" by the GRAND RECORDER, when

Sir Knight J. S. CUMBERLAND proposed that Statue XVIII. be omitted, which was seconded by Sir Knight POWELL. After some discussion, in which many Sir Knights took part, the amendment was put, and, as only five voted for it, was declared lost.

Sir Knight HOGARD then moved that the statutes as now read be adopted, which motion, having been seconded by Sir Knight LEMON, was carried "nem. con."

Sir Knight HOGARD nominated Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., J.P., for re-election as M. Ill. Grand Sovereign. Sir Knight POWELL having seconded the nomination, it was

carried unanimously, as was the re-election of Sir Knight Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett as Grand Viceroy, proposed by Sir Knight MARSH, seconded by Sir Knight DR. MICKLEY, and Sir Knight Woodman, Grand Treasurer, proposed by Sir Knight WALLS, seconded by Sir Knight VENN.

The GRAND RECORDER then read the following list of appointments as members of the Grand Council made by the M. Ill. Grand Sovereign:—

Sir Knight J. W. Ellison Macartney,	M.P.	...	G. Sen. General.
" " Thomas Cubitt	...	...	G. Junr. General.
" " Ambrose Hall	...	...	G. High Prelate.
" " John Mason	...	...	G. High Chancellor.
" " C. F. Hogard	...	...	G. Recorder.
" " C. H. Rogers-Harrison	...	...	G. High Almoner.
" " George Powell	...	...	G. Chamberlain.
" " James Lewis Thomas	...	...	G. Architect.
" " W. Roebuck	...	...	G. Marshal.
" " George Kenning	...	...	G. Orator.
" " E. H. Thiellay	...	...	G. Historiographer.

He also appointed the following Sir Knights as members of the Grand Senate:—

Sir Knight H. Dicketts	...	G. Preceptor.
" " T. C. Walls	...	G. Examiner.
" " T. Massa	...	G. Prefect.
" " Rev. H. Cummings	...	G. Sub-Prelate.
" " C. E. Peek	...	G. Vice-Chancellor.
" " A. R. Robinson	...	G. Asst. Recorder.

The Grand Conclave then proceeded to elect 12 Grand Senators out of a list of 17 Sovereigns and Past Sovereigns, who had nominated according to the statutes, and scrutineers having been appointed, under the presidency of Sir Knight Walls, they were obliged to make a true return, and after collecting the balloting papers, they retired to count the votes, and, on their report, the ACTING G. SOVEREIGN declared the following duly elected:—

Sir Knight J. S. Cumberland	...	G. Sub-Almoner.
" " Dr. G. Mickley	...	G. Insp. of Regalia.
" " H. J. Lardner	...	G. Std. Bearers.
" " W. G. Lemon	...	G. Swd. Bearer.
" " H. H. Shirley	...	G. Organist.
" " J. Moon	...	G. Asst. Vice-Cham.
" " H. Venn	...	G. Asst. Marshal.
" " C. H. Driver	...	G. Herald.
" " H. Penfold	...	G. Dir. of Cer.
" " C. W. Pridmore	...	G. Steward.
" " Alfred Williams	...	
" " Frederic Wood	...	

The following Sir Knights were elected as members of the Executive Committee: Sir Knights C. F. Matier, T. C. Walls, J. Mason, W. G. Lemon, and G. Powell; and as members of the Grand High Almoners' Committee, Sir Knights H. H. Shirley, J. R. Foulger, and H. Venn. Sir Knight Gilbert was re-elected Grand Sentinel.

Letters of regret and apology for their unavoidable absence were read from Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., M. Ill. G. Sov.; Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, G. Viceroy; C. H. Rogers-Harrison, G. High Almoner; J. Lewis Thomas, G. Architect; W. H. Kelly, Chief Intendant General Leicestershire; C. Knott, Intendant General Hants and Isle of Wight; G. P. Brockbank and T. B. Whythead, Intendants General, unattached; H. Dicketts, G. Preceptor; A. R. Robinson, G. Asst. Recorder; and Lewthwaite, P.S. and Recorder 36.

The Grand Conclave was then closed in Imperial form, and a banquet was held at the Freemasons' Tavern in conjunction with that of the Premier Conclave, which was very well served, and will be remembered with pleasure by all who were there.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

It will be very gratifying for the subscribers to hear that "our girls" have again been particularly successful in the Cambridge Local Examination. Out of 20 entered, 18 have been successful, viz.:—two in the Senior examination and 16 in the Junior, one of the former and five of the latter passing with honours as follows:—

SENIORS.—Honours: Class III.—Julia Harvey; and Passed, Distinguished in Religious Knowledge, Edith Hicks. JUNIORS.—Honours: Class II.—Jane Taylor. Honours: Class III.—Distinguished in Religious Knowledge, Mary Wyatt. Honours: Class III.—Cecily Jardine, Agnes Dealey, and Ellen Senior; Passed, Gertrude Ashworth, Clara Coates, Edith Corney, Ada Crow, Grace Barham, Catherine Hide, Mabel Lewis, Mabel Osmonde, Juliet Priestley, Mary Spalding, and Ethel Stone.

This result could only have been achieved by good steady work throughout, and we must offer our hearty congratulations, not only to Miss Davis and her able staff of assistants, but also to the pupils themselves.

INSTALLATION OF THE DUKE OF ABERCORN AS G.M. IRELAND.

This auspicious event took place in Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, on Wednesday, in the presence of a numerous and distinguished gathering of brethren, among whom were Bro. R. W. Shekleton, Q.C., Deputy Grand Master under the late Duke, by whom the ceremony of installation was performed, and who was subsequently reappointed and reinstated as Deputy Grand Master; and Bro. the Marquis of Headfort, G.S.W.; the Rev. J. A. Galbraith, Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin, as G.J.W.; Lord Plunket, Archbishop of Dublin, G. Chaplain; Lord Castletown; Lord Justice Fitzgibbon; Judge Townshend; Sir G. Porter; Sir W. Barrington; and other leaders of the Craft in Ireland.

His GRACE, in returning thanks for his election, expressed his determination to do all in his power to maintain the dignity of the Society.

We shall give further particulars of the meeting next week, when the press of important matter upon our space will be less severe.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales arrived at Bicester on Thursday evening, the 25th ult., to visit Lord Chesham, Master of the Bicester Hounds, at Stratton Audley. It is announced that his Royal Highness will visit North Wales during the summer, and will be present at the National Eistedfodd at Carnarvon.

MASONIC CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.

The Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, in their report for the past year, congratulate the brethren of the province on another year of prosperity and usefulness. The income from donations and subscriptions for the year 1884 amounted to £1251 3s. 4d. The annual festival and ball produced £300 4s. 2d. The interest on invested capital and cash in banker's hands yielded £723 1s. 4d., and returned income-tax £39 1s. 3d., making the total income, from all sources for the past year, £2323 10s. 1d., being an increase of £188 2s. 4d. compared with that of 1884. The unusual sum produced at the annual ball may be largely attributed to the presence of the Prov. Grand Master, many brethren on this account being induced to act as Stewards who otherwise would not have done so, and the Committee trust that they may soon again be favoured with his Lordship's presence.

During the past year 168 children received the benefits of the Institution at a cost of £1344 2s. 6d. There are now 10 children on the combined fund, who are educated, clothed, and maintained. No payment had been made this year on behalf of two of them in consequence of the Committee having paid in 1884 a lump sum to place them in the R.M.I. for Boys, for the whole time they are entitled to remain on the foundations of our Institution. Two are in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, London, by annual payment, and the other six are placed out in other first-class schools, under special agreements and upon advantageous terms.

Since the last report 37 children (being all applicants duly qualified) had been elected, and 23 had ceased to be on the foundation. From many of the latter the Committee had received letters expressing their gratitude for the favours received and the help afforded them, enabling them to obtain a good and lasting education, which, but for the existence of this Institution, they could not otherwise have received. This knowledge of good accomplished, the Committee thought, was a sufficient reward for the bounty of the brethren, and to the officers and Committee for any labour expended by them in the working of the Institution.

The report concludes: "That the demands upon our resources will increase in a much greater ratio in the future than in the past may be judged by the fact that 21 children will come up for election at the next court. Still, for the near future, we have ample funds at our disposal; but, should any special claims be made, we doubt not that the same liberal spirit which has characterised the brethren's benefactions in the past will be bestowed on a charity which can proudly boast that it has never for want of funds had to send a poor orphan empty away."

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

The annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, which meets for study at Freemasons' Hall at seven o'clock on every Friday evening throughout the year, was held in the Temple, on Friday, 26th ult., under the presidency of the Most Hon. the Marquess of Hertford, Senior Grand Warden of England. It is said to have been one of the largest gatherings of the kind that has ever taken place, and the work done, as was said by Bro. Fenn later in the evening, was the best that has been done, even within his experience of Emulation Lodge Festivals.

Bro. Thos. Fenn, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, and Treasurer of the lodge, occupied the Master's chair, having the Marquess of Hertford, G.S.W., on his right. On the dais were a large number of Grand Officers, among whom were Bros. Lord Cremorne, P.G.S.W.; Swinburn Laurie, G.M. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Reg.; Col. James Peters, P.G.S.B.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Dr. Gooding, P.G.D.; Rev. T. Cochrane, P.G. Chap.; Col. Shadwell Clerke, G. Sec.; C. A. Murton, P.G.P.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; C. Harding, G.A.D.C.; C. E. Willing, P.G. Org.; E. M. Lott, G. Org.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; Fredk. Binckes, P.G.S., Secretary of Boys' School; F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary of Girls' School; H. T. Garrod, G.P.; Dr. Meadows; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br.; C. Bassano, P.M. 66; F. T. Bennett, S.W. 619; W. A. Dawson, P.M. 1768; A. Escott, P.M. 1593; A. Fyson, J.W. 1768; J. G. Garson, J.W. 657; A. Gibbings, W.M. 63; H. Pritchard, S.W. 1415; G. C. Pulsford, P.M. 1593; A. A. Richards, W.M. Grand Stewards Lodge, P.P.G.W. Middx.; F. R. Spaul, P.M. 1124, Secretary Emulation Lodge of Improvement; R. C. Sudlow, P.M. 203; E. L. Walford, J.W. 905; Alfred Watson, 1826; Phineas Abraham, 539; J. W. Goodinge, 1818; W. H. Hosegood, 1044; John S. Levett, 709; J. C. Wilbee, 256; W. R. Stephens, 90; J. Elliot, 1973; T. Hastings Miller, 1964; F. S. Furrer, 534; John Draper, 534; John Dale, 1613; Samuel Pope, 1610; Frank J. Ruddle, 1768; Edward Bond 860; Edgar Hughes, 2000; A. Hassey, Empire; O. Barnett, 742; Fredk. Ross, 3; J. S. Scott, 1615; Walter Holcombe, 173; A. G. Waterhorne, 173; W. Winnett, W.M. 59; Heather Bigg, W.M. 235; W. E. Horne, 1826; C. H. Bull, 1791; Wm. Davis, 1694; H. E. Sanderson, 1507; C. M. Malthen, 263; A. W. Orwin, 191; Thos. Orr, 1572; W. O. Robinson, 1973; F. Blyth, 1973; Edward Ansted, 69; E. H. Thiellay, 2060; Thos. Cohu, 192; James Phare, 554; C. Holden, 2096; R. K. A. Roumier, 1537; F. St. Metcalfe, 66; Fredk. Hall, 2100; C. W. Mapleton, 256; Fredk. Gaskell, 1593; C. F. Thompson, 185; Ralph Clutton, 143; Charles Martin, 23; E. B. Ivrey, 1026; E. R. W. Hedges; C. F. Carnegie, 1; H. W. E. Saunders; William Wallis, 1593; Wm. Radcliffe, 211; J. P. Fitzgerald, 1364; Geo. Allen, 720; Joseph Pollard, 2000; G. E. Davenport, 534; Samuel Oxenham, 2096; E. G. Van Tromp, 969; Wm. Clifford, 1826; H. Woodburn King, 66; S. M. Pipe, 1306; W. H. Lee, 975; J. P. Green, 976; Thos. Howes, 1599; Wm. Gotts, 823; W. O. Lyon, P.M. 34; G. H. Foan, 1614; Edward F. de Zoete, 21; J. Chas. White, 63; J. M. Southwell, 1420; Wm. W. Lee, 1897; F. J. Michod, 1593; A. G. Wulff, 1361; E. E. Berlandina, 2108; E. C. Mather, 23; E. St. Clair, 2060; R. T. Cook, 435; R. J. Webber, 907; Joseph T. Harrison, 278; Henry H. Myers, 1017; Percy W. Wall, H. W. Brooks, 534; H. Curtis, Wm. Lincoln, C. F. Hogard, H. B. Laurie, Charles J. Jacomb Hood, C. E. Wilson, Thomas Henry Gardiner, L. Browne, G. W. Armstrong, W. P. St.

Leonards Chubb, C. J. Grove, John Phillips, C. J. Greene, P.M. 256; G. Booth-Heming, 256; F. W. Oldfield, Hugh M. Hobbs, M. Farnfield, Arthur Proudfoot, Wm. H. Ingham, W. A. Prince, W. C. Wilkinson, Frederic R. Farrow, 1196; George Preston, E. Legg, Frederick Levick, 404, P.P.G.S.D.; J. P. S. Roberts, R. Nettlefield, P.M. 66; D. R. Wise, H. A. Wills, P.M. 23, P.G.S.; H. Lindley Truman, Charles Tyler, C. W. C. Webb, C. W. A. Trollope, Theobald Ringer, P.M. 1308; J. E. Le Feuvre, J. Barber Glenn, 3; D. Carpmal, J. H. Lavies, Howard Smith, Ernest Turner, W. R. Parker, J. R. Beauford-Hinks, George Basset, E. M. Money, N. Goodwin, H. G. Hills, H. J. Wicks, J. G. Tongue, H. J. J. Dumas, 410; F. A. Harvey, W. Rowley, 1924; A. B. Guenigaults, W. D. Harding, Joseph Langton, William Saint, John L. Mather, S. B. Wilson, W. G. Oates, Philip Sharpe, Edward E. Harding, Eugene Montennis, G. H. Bishop, W. G. Sams, Emil Behnke, J. W. Gaze, Harry Tipper, W. C. Taylor, W. H. D. Pearse, C. F. Matier, J. Kay, Frederick Carter, L. Nownham, Henri Bué, J. Lancaster, N. H. Turner, A. Money, C. A. Nicholls, R. Bugge, John E. Hunt, G. P. Merrick, S. G. Glanville, Arthur Baume, W. R. Brown, F. W. Smith, Ernest T. Smith, J. H. Edwards, A. Darwin, T. E. Scott, P.M. 771; H. Scott Ritchie, G. Barham, F. R. Abraham, and E. C. Massey.

In response to the W.M. in the chair, Bro. Swinburn Laurie, G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, was duly greeted, and in acknowledging the salute, Bro. LAURIE said he thanked the presiding officer and brethren for the honour that had been done to the Grand Lodge over which he presided by the compliment which had been paid to him.

Bro. FENN then proceeded with the work of the evening, which was the Second Lecture, the questions being answered by the following brethren: 1st Section by Bro. C. BASSANO, P.M. 66; 2nd Section by Bro. A. MARVIN, P.M. 1768; 3rd Section by Bro. A. GIBBINGS, W.M. 63; 4th Section by Bro. C. W. A. TROLLOPE, W.M. 1826; and 5th Section by Bro. J. E. HUNT, W.M. 1768.

At the conclusion of the lecture Bro. the Marquis of HERTFORD, G.S.W., rose and proposed a vote of thanks to the working officers of the lodge, who had given so much pleasure to those present by the admirable manner in which they had performed the work, which could not possibly have been better done.

The motion having been seconded by Bro. Lord CREMORNE, was put to the meeting by the G.S.W., and carried unanimously.

Bro. FENN, in reply, said that, although not a working officer, it was usual for the brother who occupied the chair to respond on these occasions. He thanked his lordship and the brethren for the cordial manner in which this vote had been passed. The brethren who had been examined had he was sure done their very best in answering the questions put to them.

The lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, after upwards of 50 brethren had added their names to the roll of members.

The Most Hon. the Marquess of HERTFORD presided at the supper which followed the lodge meeting. When the cloth had been withdrawn his Lordship, who was warmly greeted on rising, said: Brethren, we live in very curious times now, for at a dinner which took place a few evenings ago the toast I am going to propose was received with hisses; and when one sees that, one is so horrified that he be almost afraid to propose that toast in some cases, lest the same thing should happen again. But in a room like this, in a company like this, composed of Freemasons, I have not one fear of a single objection being taken to the toast. (Applause.) There is no more loyal body of men in the world that the great Masonic body—(renewed applause)—and I feel perfectly sure that every brother whom I am addressing here to-night feels as heartily ashamed as I did when I read of this disgraceful outrage on her Majesty a few nights ago, and that you will agree with me in thinking that it ought to have been reproved then and there by some who were present at the time. But in this assembly I have no reason to fear the reception this toast will meet with when I ask you to rise and drink "The Health of her Majesty the Queen."

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. In asking the company to drink to "The Health of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the CHAIRMAN said he believed he was asking them to drink the health of a man who had the interests of Freemasonry most thoroughly at heart. He conceived there was no better Mason than his Royal Highness, and, as he had had occasion to remark in that room only two nights ago, it was perfectly extraordinary how his Royal Highness found time to work as he did at his Masonic duties, considering the enormous amount of other duties that were thrown upon him.

In proposing the next toast, his LORDSHIP said he had just before remarked that they were fortunate in having a Grand Master who took such an interest in Freemasonry, and he thought he might go further, and go on and say that the Prince of Wales was fortunate to have such a Pro Grand Master as the Earl of Carnarvon, and such a Deputy Grand Master as the Earl of Lathom to take his place when occasion required. These Grand Officers were too well-known in Masonry to require any words of his to recommend the toast when he asked the company to drink to their health. They were men of eminence, men who had spent many years in looking after the best interests of Freemasonry, and he was therefore sure that he need not use further words, but might at once ask them to drink to their "Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Lathom," with which he would couple the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past. He was in a difficult position with regard to this toast, as from his office in Grand Lodge he was himself included in the toast, and the brethren therefore must excuse him from making any observations upon it. With the toast he would couple the name of Lord Cremorne, Past G.S.W.

Lord CREMORNE, in reply, said that he could not help feeling somewhat in a false position in being called upon to return thanks for the Grand Officers, of whom there were so many present, and most of whom were so infinitely his superiors in every way. But, having been called upon, he must make the best of it, and ask the company to accept his thanks for the very kind way in which this toast had been received, and to accept also the expression at the same time of their great pleasure at the perfect way in which the Masonic working in the lodge had been done that evening. He should be sorry to miss this opportunity of saying also

a word on his own account, to express his gratitude for the great assistance he had received during his period of office from certain visits he had paid to the Emulation Lodge. He felt that his words would be readily echoed by many who were there, and by many who were not present. He would not detain them longer than once more to thank them heartily for their kind welcome to the Grand Officers that evening.

Bro. PHILBRICK—who was received with applause—said that their kind greeting to the emblem of authority which he held in his hand told him that they appreciated the toast he had the honour to propose—"The Health of their Noble Brother their Chairman that Evening, Lord Hertford," who had presided over them with so much satisfaction to the brethren and so much credit to himself. Short speeches were the rule of the evening, and properly so. They had had good Masonic work in the lodge, and they ought to keep that which rose to their lips within due bounds. Those of them who were present two nights ago knew of the noble exertions the Craft then made to support the presidency of Lord Hertford, who then took the chair at the Festival of one of the three great Masonic Charities. His lordship's presidency was the spring of Masonic benevolence, and when they had so honoured a man to preside, no mere passing cloud of commercial depression and distress that there might be in the country could repress the benevolence in the hearts of Freemasons. They might fairly congratulate their noble Chairman on the distinguished success which attended his presidency on Wednesday. On the present occasion they could bear witness that his lordship's presidency had been happy and genial. Long might the Emulation Lodge of Improvement have Chairmen who would rival their present one. Bro. Philbrick concluded by calling on the brethren to drink to the health of the Marquess of Hertford, their Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN, in reply, said that he was extremely obliged to Bro. Philbrick and the brethren for the very kind way in which the toast had been proposed and received. He thanked them for having asked him to preside on this occasion. It had given him the very greatest possible pleasure to do so. He was not a very old Mason, otherwise he should feel more ashamed of not having before now got introduced to see the working of the Emulation Lodge. He hoped he might be allowed, and that he might have future opportunity of seeing how the work was done. It must be of immense advantage not only to every one who attended the lodge, but it must be of enormous advantage to the Craft in general that there should be a lodge like this, in which there should be so many members willing and able to give up so much time to work up the ritual and ceremonies of Freemasonry, so as to set a good example to all other bodies. He himself lived chiefly in the country, and attended as many lodges as he could within his province; but he must confess that until that night he had never seen the whole of the work done without a single small mistake from beginning to end. He was sure that the brethren who had that evening taken part in the working must feel proud of themselves, and their audience, as Masons, could not but feel proud of them. He wished that the country lodges could send some of the brethren periodically to see how the work was done; he thought if country lodges did that it would be productive of good to the Craft in general. He thanked them most cordially not only for the reception they had given to the toast, but for the honour they had done him in asking him to preside that evening. Before he sat down perhaps he might be allowed to propose the next toast, which was "Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement." After what he had said it was hardly necessary to ask them to drink that toast. Success was assured already. No greater success could attend the Lodge of Emulation in the way of work than had attended it that evening. He was informed that no less than 52 new members had put their names down for enrolment that evening. He was told that since the lodge had been started 5000 members had been enrolled. That was an enormous number, and if those 5000 had attended and seen the working, and gone to their own lodges and tried to copy the example set them at the Emulation, it must have been productive of great good. He accordingly drank success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and he asked the brethren present all to join him in doing so. With that toast he would couple the name of Bro. Fenn, a man whose name was thoroughly well known in Masonry, a brother who had worked for years—he would not ask Bro. Fenn how many years—but he thought it was a good many that he had been working hard for the good of Masonry. No one who had seen Bro. Fenn that night, and the way he had done the work in the lodge, could doubt that he had the whole work of Masonry at his fingers' ends.

Bro. FENN, in reply, said that it afforded him great satisfaction, as a member of the Committee whom he had the honour to represent, to hear the commendations of his lordship, and to observe the way in which they had been received in the lodge. That honour, however, was not due to them, but to the brethren who answered the questions. He might perhaps conclude that not all of those present were as capable as he was himself of speaking to the correctness of the work; and he must say that, often as he had presided on these occasions, he had never heard the work done with the almost absolute perfection with which it had been done that night. The lectures were now very rarely given in private lodges, and it was only on occasions like the present that brethren had the chance of hearing them. Probably some who were present that night had heard portions for the first time, and he hoped that what they had heard would create a curiosity in them, and induce them to come on a Friday night and hear more about those matters, which in private lodges were veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. He must express a hope that among the 52 new members some might desire to emulate those who had worked that evening, that they might be inclined to acquire a knowledge of the lectures, and prepare themselves to work at the next festival. If they did, they would meet with the greatest assistance, and every instruction they could desire, from the members of the Committee, and he would particularly commend them to the instruction of Bro. Sudlow. The Emulation Lodge of Improvement worked under the warrant of the Lodge of Unions, whose working was adopted by resolution by the United Grand Lodge in 1816. Looking over the lists of members lately, he learned that some of the founders of the Emulation Lodge were members of the Lodge of Unions. He found as far back as 1826—that was to say, three years after the Emulation Lodge was founded—a name that many of those present would recollect—that was the name of William Farnfield, whose son was present—as a member of the Lodge of Unions, so that

there was a connection between the Lodge of Unions and the Emulation. Bro. Farnfield was a member of this lodge in 1826, and he (Bro. Fenn) had thus had the privilege of consulting a brother who actually brought them back to a period within three years of the actual foundation of the Emulation, so that if any period of tradition existed, Bro. Farnfield connected himself with the far past, and he thought that gave them a right to say that the working of this lodge was the working of the Unions Lodge in 1816. Bro. Fenn concluded by thanking his lordship and the brethren very much for their good wishes, and assured them that none could wish it greater success than the members of the Committee, who would do all they could to promote that success.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary, said he was permitted to propose a time-honoured toast, which was always given at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. Lodges of Instruction must be attached to some regular lodge, under whose warrant they met to work. There were, as they knew, cases where the father conferred honour on the son, and were the son conferred honour on the father. This lodge was essentially a case in point. The Emulation Lodge of Improvement, as they were aware, worked under the Lodge of Unions, which only a few months ago held its centenary meeting under their good Bro. H. J. Green. That lodge had worked for over a hundred years, and while it must look with pride and affection on its offspring, the Emulation Lodge of Improvement must be proud to work under so excellent a parent. The toast he had to offer was "Success and Prosperity to the Lodge of Unions," with which he would couple the name of its Worshipful Master, Bro. Heming.

Bro. HEMING, in response, said that he felt somewhat diffident, owing to his youth in Masonry, in returning thanks for a lodge which had just celebrated the hundredth year of its existence. In looking over some of the old minute books he found that the Emulation Lodge of Improvement had met under the warrant of the Lodge of Unions for fifty-five years, having commenced in 1831, and, looking over the work it had done under its many worthy Preceptors—their worthy Bro. Fenn not being the least among them—the Lodge of Unions felt pride and pleasure in being its foster parent, and he trusted that the connection which had lasted so many years would never be severed. In the name of the Lodge of Unions he begged his lordship and the brethren to accept their thanks for the honour done them by that toast.

The toast "Prosperity to the Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. H. J. P. DUMAS, P.G.D., and replied to by Bro. BINCKES, who, in doing so, referred to the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, over which Lord Hertford had presided, as one of the most successful Festivals of Masonic Charities that had ever been held, and said that these two Festivals must be more closely linked the cause of Charity with the cause of improvement.

Bro. LAURIE, G.M. Nova Scotia, said that to him it was a most decided step in advance that, while he came there as a visitor, he was not recognised as a stranger, and, though so kindly treated as a guest, he was honoured by being requested to propose a toast, so that he was made to feel one with them and one of them. It had been with him a great subject for wonder that at the investiture of the officers of lodges, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, immediately the Installing Officer placed the Master in the chair, the Master and Wardens were thoroughly ready for their duties, and it looked as if the Installing Officer had the power of turning out ready-made Masters. But he had now come behind the scenes, had been introduced into the manufactory of officers, and he had been struck with the accuracy of the work done. He knew, of course, that this was, so to speak, examination day of the college that had been run through the preceding year, but if all were as apt as those who had answered Bro. Fenn's questions—if these were a fair illustration of what was behind—then he felt that to this Lodge of Emulation very great credit was due for the immense improvement that had taken place in the working of lodges, which improvement reacted upon those under the sister Grand Lodges, and, in his position, as Presiding Officer of a sister Grand Lodge, he could say that it had been a very great boon for him to be present that evening. But lodges of instruction would be nothing without officers to come forward, as the working officers had come forward that evening, to illustrate the lectures as aptly and capably as had been done that night. He gave them "The Health of the Working Officers," coupling it with the name of Bro. Sudlow.

Bro. SUDLOW returned thanks for the Working Officers, saying he was sure that, from the flattering remarks that had been made by the Grand Officers, the Working Officers would feel themselves amply recompensed for any trouble they had had in rendering themselves perfect. He could not, however, sit down without giving expression to the feeling, which, he was sure, animated every member of the lodge, at having the pleasure of being presided over again at this festival by the lodge Treasurer, Bro. Fenn, who had presided for many years, and would, he trusted, be spared for many years to continue in that position.

Bro. C. A. MURTON, P.G.D., proposed "The Health of the Stewards," to whom he said they were all very much indebted, as they had done their duty very heartily and well. With that toast he would couple the name of Bro. Dennis Brown.

Bro. DENNIS BROWN briefly returned thanks, and then the Tyler's toast brought this very successful festival to a close.

We cannot refrain from congratulating the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Spaul, on the complete success of the Festival in all its details.

THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

There are, necessarily, some additions and corrections to be made in respect of our account last week of the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. In the first place the time, as usual, was too short to allow of our verifying all the statements which then seemed perfectly reasonable, and in the next there is almost invariably some further information which reaches us and places matters in a somewhat different light. However, while we are glad to say the additions are many, the corrections are remarkably few.

First as to the corrections, which are as follow:—

DERBYSHIRE.

Bro. J. Harrison, whose list amount to £63, was returned

as Steward for the Province; he should have been described as Steward for the Phoenix Lodge, No. 1235, Buxton, of which he is the W. Master.

WARWICKSHIRE.

This Province—or rather one of its lodges—the Rectitude, No. 502, Rugby, was returned as contributing £21 15s., that being the amount of Bro. I. Brooks's list. But we did not know—indeed, we could not have known at the time—that the bulk of the noble Chairman's list of £208 7s. was made up of Warwickshire moneys, the Provincial Grand Lodge having voted 25 guineas (£26 5s.) to be placed on his lordship's list, and the Lodge of Lights, No. 468, Birmingham, having contributed towards his total the sum of £55 13s., while there were other contributions from Warwickshire which were also included. This renders it necessary we should make honourable amends to the Province for having unwittingly limited its total to the £21 15s. of Bro. Brooks's list for Lodge No. 502, the fact being that the sum of its subscriptions, including that list, must have reached quite £150, if not more.

We must also mention that, but for the hurry of writing, we should have drawn attention to the handsome list raised by Bro. W. A. Scurrah, W.M., as Steward for the Henry Levander Lodge, No. 2048, Middlesex. This list amounted to £140, of which, we understand, £120 was contributed by the members themselves, and, considering how recent is the creation of the lodge, it certainly deserves a word of praise for its services on this occasion.

The following are the sums which have been received since the Festival, and were not included, therefore, in the returns we published last week:

LONDON.

Lodge.			
65 Bro. G. Schadler	...	a further	£5 5 0
901 " H. Harbord	...	a further	5 5 0
1608 " Dr. H. W. Kialmark	...	a further	2 2 0

PROVINCES.

CHESHIRE.

89 Bro. John Clayton	...	a further	6 6 0
89 " Walter Kenworthy	...	a further	6 6 0

CORNWALL.

The Province			
Bro. Controller S. G. Bake	...	a further	10 10 0

HERTS.

Lodge			
1580 Bro. W. J. Thody	...	a further	2 2 0

KENT.

1414 Bro. Rev. T. S. Curteis	...	new list	12 1 0
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MIDDLESEX.

2105 Bro. D. P. Cama	...	a further	5 5 0
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SOMERSETSHIRE.

The Province			
Bro. W. Rice	...	a further	6 6 0

SUFFOLK.

Lodge			
		a further	10 10 0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

377 Bro. J. Consterdine-Chadwick	...	a further	15 15 0
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YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST).

57 Bro. J. Walton	...	new list	42 0 0
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It should be also mentioned that the sums subscribed by some of the Stewards, to which no amounts were credited, are included in the lists of other Stewards. Thus, Bro. W. Lake's £10 10s. is contained in the list of Bro. Controller Bake, for Cornwall; Bro. Capt. George Lambert's £21 in the list of Bro. C. Lambert, Lodge No. 198; and Bro. W. J. Murlis's £10 10s. in Bro. Bartle's list of £250, for Lodge No. 1642.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards will take place to-day (Friday), at Freemasons' Hall, at 4 p.m.

Obituary.

BRO. DAVID DAVIS.

We regret to announce the death on Sunday last of Bro. David Davis, of the Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, and Secretary of the Royal Savoy Lodge of Instruction, No. 1744. Bro. Davis was very much respected, and his death will leave a gap not easily filled. It is remarkable that Bro. Davis's predecessor as Secretary of the Royal Savoy Lodge of Instruction—Bro. Sillis—died in January of last year. However, though Bro. Davis had not held the office long, he had held it long enough to have won the appreciation of its members.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

BETTISON.—On the 31st January, at 40, Tollington-road, Holloway, London, the wife of Mr. Sidney Bettison, of a son.

LEE.—On the 24th ult., at Christ's Hospital, the wife of Bro. the Rev. R. Lec, of a son.

RINGER.—On the 21st ult., at 19, Lower Seymour-street, Portman-square, the wife of Deputy-Surgeon-General Theobald Ringer, P.Z. 1533, P.M. 1308, P.P.G.A.D.C. Wilts, &c., of a son.

MARRIAGE.

NUGENT—CHAPLIN.—On the 2nd inst., at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, J. E. Nugent, son of the late Sir P. Nugent, Bart., to Julia Margaret, daughter of the late J. C. Chaplin.

DEATHS.

MANTLE.—On the 5th ult., at Glanville-villa, Wickham, Chichester, Sussex, Mr. George Mantle, aged 72 years.

WALTERS.—On Sunday night, the 28th ult., at 5, Richmond-villas, Summerley-street, Garratt-park, Garratt-lane, Lower Footing, from the effects of an accident, Walter Andrew Walters, aged 10 years, youngest son of Bro. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M. 73, &c.

The Chiswick Mark Lodge, No. 357, held their regular meeting on Saturday, the 20th ult., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bro. George Gardner, Founder and S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., and nominated for Provincial Grand Honours.



We are asked to state that there will be no meeting of the Langton Lodge of Instruction, on Thursday, 10th inst.

The Duke of Connaught has been gazetted honorary Colonel of the Royal East Kent Yeomany Cavalry.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—The final meeting of the Board of Stewards will be held this day (Friday) at 4 p.m., at Freemason's Hall.

Bro. C. M. Norwood, M.P., presided last week at the 26th annual meeting in London of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom.

Bro. the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., arrived at Windsor Castle on Saturday last, and had the honour of dining with the Queen and Royal Family.

Bro. Sir E. J. Reed, K.C.B., who had to resign his seat on being appointed Junior Lord of the Treasury, has been again returned to Parliament as Member for the Borough of Cardiff.

Bros. Sir Algernon Borthwick and W. Digby Seymour, Q.C., were among those present at a special Court, on the 26th ult., of the Plumbers' Company, and took an active part in the proceedings.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a meeting at the Mansion House, on Monday, of the Masters and Clerks of the Livery Companies of London, in reference to the forthcoming Indian and Colonial Exhibition at South Kensington.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will give a dinner at the Mansion House to a number of the bankers and merchants of London on Wednesday, the 17th inst., when the Chancellor of the Exchequer has received and accepted an invitation to be present.

Bro. Lord A. Hill, M.P., and Lady Arthur Hill, and Bro. and Mrs. Akers-Douglas were among the guests at the dinner party given on Saturday last by the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury, at their residence in Arlington-street.

There were present at the second meeting this season of the Fox Club, Bros. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., the Earl of Arran, Lord Hothfield, V. A. Williamson, the Hon. J. F. W. Fennes, and the Earl of Cork.

Bro. Lord Wolesey presided at a meeting held at the Royal United Service Institute, on Friday, the 26th ult., when Lieut.-Gen. Sir Gerald Graham read a paper on "Infantry Fire Tactics." His lordship offering some valuable remarks at the close of the discussion which followed the paper.

Bros. C. Barry and Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., were members of a deputation from the Royal Institute of British Architects which waited on the Earl of Morley, H.M.'s First Commissioner of Works, on Monday on the subject of the new Admiralty and War Offices.

Bro. Lord Mayor Staples presided at a meeting held at the Mansion House, on Monday, of the Committee of the Lord Mayor's Fund for the relief of distress among the unemployed. Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Evans, General Goldsworthy, and Col. the Hon. W. Le Poer Trench were present. The fund was stated to have reached £65,000.

It is worthy of mention that the Twelfth List of Subscriptions to the Mansion House Fund for the Relief of the Unemployed includes a sum of £10 10s. given by the Sir Thomas White Lodge, No. 1820, in lieu of holding their usual monthly banquet. This is a praiseworthy act of self-denial on the part of the members of the lodge, which cannot be allowed to pass unrecognised, and we have gladly made room for it in our news of the week.

At the annual meeting of the members of the Loughborough Masonic Club on Thursday, the 25th ult., it was unanimously resolved that the club be dissolved, the reason for doing so being that the objects for which the club was formed—many years ago—had through various circumstances ceased to exist. The Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction, which was incorporated with the club, will now continue on the same basis as other lodges of instruction, and will meet as heretofore at the Station Hotel, Camberwell, every Saturday at 7.30. At the lodge meeting on Saturday last, the painstaking and worthy Bro. J. R. Stacey, W.M. Strand Lodge, was unanimously re-elected Preceptor; Bro. A. Stokes, P.M. 1839, elected Treasurer and Bro. H. A. Stunt, W.M. 1320, re-elected Secretary.

The ball given last week at Freemasons' Tavern by the Ward of Aldersgate, to their respected civic chief, Bro. Alderman Staples, Lord Mayor of London, and the Lady Mayoress, proved to be one of the greatest successes achieved by the inhabitants of that Ward. There was a numerous and brilliant company, the music was of the best, the rooms were tastefully decorated, and lastly, there was an excellent supper, to which all present did ample justice. The guests included, in addition to his lordship and the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Evans, Bro. Sheriff and Mrs. Clarke, Bro. A. J. and Mrs. Altman, Bro. Deputy and Miss Sims, Bro. and Mrs. Renals, Bro. J. and Mrs. Paget, Bro. R. and Mrs. Fell, Bro. M. R. Webb, Bro. F. M. and Mrs. James, Bro. W. H. and Mrs. Froom, Bro. A. B. Hudson, Bro. G. V. and Mrs. De Luca, Bro. G. M. and Mrs. Taylor, and Bro. J. W. and Mrs. Gooding. The supper was served in the Crown, the Glee, and the Sussex rooms, Bro. Altman occupying the chair in the Crown room, where the principal guests were assembled, and the toasts of "The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress," "The Chairman," and "The Sheriffs" were very enthusiastically received. The Stewards and the Hon. Sec., Bro. J. Paget, did their work splendidly, and the company did not separate till an early hour the next morning.

The Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, has removed its quarters to the Criterion, Piccadilly, and in future will meet on Thursday evenings at eight o'clock. The first meeting will take place on Thursday evening next, when Bro. W. C. Smith, S.W. 1563, the Preceptor, will rehearse the ceremony of installation.

Bro. Sheriff Clarke presided at the inaugural dinner, at the Holborn Restaurant, on Wednesday, of the London Lincolnshire Society.

Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton presided on Friday, the 27th ult., at a meeting of the Royal Commission on the Blind, the Deaf and Dumb, &c.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will hold their usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall to-morrow (Saturday), at the usual hour (4 p.m.)

The regular monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution takes place at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 10th inst., at 4 p.m.

The Lord Mayor's fund for the relief of the Unemployed amounted to £66,000 on Wednesday, on which evening our Grand Lodge voted a contribution to the fund of £210.

Bro. Lord Mayor Staples presided at a meeting held in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, on Saturday last, of the students of the London Society of University Teaching.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., presided at a mass meeting of British seamen, held at the Sailors' Institute, Shadwell, on Monday, to consider the grievances of that numerous and deserving class of men.

A dinner was given at the headquarters of the Honourable Artillery Company last week to Bro. Major Spicer and Captain Simmons on their retirement from No. 2 Company, Bro. Colonel Harding, G.A.D.C., being among the guests.

Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. Hertfordshire, Abel Smith, M.P., and Baron Dimsdale, M.P., were present at a political dinner held at the Agricultural Hall, Watford, on Wednesday. Bro. C. E. Keyser was also among the guests.

Bros. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., and Lord Wantage, K.C.B., are among those who have intimated their intention to be present at the banquet, shortly to be given at Willis's Rooms, to the Earl of Idlesleigh.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Evans has very kindly consented to preside at the 19th anniversary dinner of the London General Porters' Benevolent Association, which will be held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Friday, the 30th April next.

Many of the brethren will learn with satisfaction that Bro. D. Sherwill, of the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, for some years manager of the Guildhall Tavern, has returned to London, and has been appointed in a similar capacity at the Queen Anne Restaurant, Cheapside, E.C.

Bro. Sheriff and Mrs. Clarke, and their niece, visited Spalding on Wednesday, the 24th ult., where our respected brother opened a bazaar representing Old London in winter, and afterwards gave an invitation ball in the Assembly Rooms. Everything passed off well.

Bro. T. Beard, son of Bro. T. Beard, C.C., sailed recently in the Saragossa for the Mediterranean, whither he has been ordered for the benefit of his health. He was accompanied by his brother, Bro. C. O. Beard, and we trust the change of scene and climate will prove beneficial.

At the recent meeting of the Sons of the Clergy, at which Bro. J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treasurer, presided, grants amounting to £900 were made towards education in schools and colleges, and for purposes of emigration, musical and hospital training, and apprenticeship.

Bros. Sir Roper Lethbridge, M.P., Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., Alderman and Sheriff Evans, Alderman Whitehead, and J. F. B. Firth were among the principal guests at the 54th anniversary dinner, at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 25th ult., of the Linen and Woollen Drapers', Silk Mercers', Lacemakers', Haberdashers', and Hosiers' Institution. The total of the subscriptions amounted to £3800.

Bro. Captain George Lambert, F.S.A., presided at the half-yearly meeting held at the Horological Institute, Northampton-street, Clerkenwell, on Thursday, the 25th ult., of the Goldsmiths' and Jewellers' Annuity and Asylum Institution. The financial report was very satisfactory, the income exceeding that of any previous period by £2237, and, after meeting all expenses, and devoting the Life Subscriptions to the purchase of Stock, there remained to be carried forward a balance of nearly £547. The number of annuitants on the Fund is 71, as against 60 at the beginning of the year just closed. The report was received with every demonstration of approval, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

MORTGAGES.—MESSRS. JAMES are in a position to Supply Money to ANY EXTENT on the following Securities:—Landed Estates, Houses, Shops, and Offices, Warehouses and Wharves, Life Interests, &c., Reversions, Borough Rates, &c., at the lowest current rates of interest. Prompt Settlement. 11, Staple Inn, London, W.C.—[ADVT.]

ANOTHER CURE OF BRONCHITIS (this week) by DR. LOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS.—MRS. D. M. SHEPHERD, 19, South Saint David Street, Edinburgh, writes:—"I have great pleasure in recommending DR. LOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS, having used them years ago with best results to myself while suffering with Bronchitis. I have always recommended them to my friends, and in many instances received as grateful thanks as though I had compounded them." In Asthma, Consumption, Bronchitis, Coughs, Colds, Shortness of Breath, Phlegm, Pains in the Chest, and Rheumatism they give instant relief and a rapid cure. DR. LOCOCK'S WAFERS taste pleasantly. Sold at 1s. 1/4d., 2s. 9d., 4s. 6d., and 11s. per box, by all Druggists.—ADVT.

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

Bro. James Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, will rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation at the Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489, at the Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park-road, on Monday, the 22nd inst. Brethren to appear in full Masonic clothing.

The annual meeting of the Southdown Lodge, No. 1797, Hurstpierpoint, took place at the New Inn on Wednesday, the 17th ult., when Bro. W. Batt was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by his predecessor in office, Bro. Dr. G. J. Malcolm. Among the visitors were Bros. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; C. Nye, W. Ardley, P.G. Org.; E. Broadbridge, Dr. Smith, and others.

Bro. Dr. A. de Courcy Lyons was installed W.M. of the Lodge of Agriculture, No. 1199, Congressbury, on Thursday, the 18th ult., the ceremony being most impressively carried out by Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D., D.P. G.M. of Somersetshire. There was a numerous gathering of members and prominent brethren from all parts of the province, and a capital banquet followed in honour of the occasion.

The installation banquet of the St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 1636, Brighton, which should have taken place in January, but was postponed in consequence of the lamented death of R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., P.G.M. of Sussex, was held in the Royal Pavilion on Tuesday, the 23rd ult. There was a large muster, and among the visitors were Bros. F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd., Sec. of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; G. S. Godfree, P.P.G.S. of Works; W. Ardley, P.G. Organist; and others. In the course of the lodge proceedings, a letter from Bro. Sir C. R. Burrell, Bart., acknowledging the vote of condolence passed by the lodge with the family of their late Prov. Grand Master, was read, and when lodge was closed the postponed festivity in honour of the installation of Bro. H. S. Gates, W.M., took place, a most enjoyable evening under that worthy brother's presidency being the result.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, the 6th inst. Monday—Joppa Lodge; Lodge of Unions; Regularity Chapter; German Society of Benevolence. Tuesday—Grosvenor Lodge; Mr. Johnson's Ball; Albion Lodge; Royal York Lodge. Wednesday—North of Thames C.C. L.V. Ball; Grand Officers' Mess. Thursday—La Tolerance Lodge; St. James's Chapter; St. Andrew's Lodge; Victoria Rifles Lodge; Westminster and Keystone Lodge; Caledonian Society; Friends of Foreigners in Distress. Friday—London Inverness-shire Association Ball; Fidelity Chapter; Royal Kensington Lodge; Odd Volumes. Saturday—Phoenix Chapter; London Wheelers' Soirée; St. James's Soirée.

On Saturday last an attempt was made at Brixham to steal the articles deposited in the cavity underneath the foundation-stone of the Masonic Hall, laid on Thursday, the 25th ult. The cavity contained a bottle, inside which were coins of the realm, a record of the ceremony, the roll of the lodge, and other mementoes. The stone, which weighs upwards of 3 cwt., is situate on the north-east part of the building, facing the road near to All Saints' Church, and was left secure on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday morning, on Mr. Philip Hayman, the builder, visiting the spot, he at once detected that some of his crow-bars had been removed from their places, and on looking about he was astonished to find that the foundation-stone had been lifted from its place, and that the crow-bars had been made use of to effect this. He at once got the stone lifted and found all the articles that had been deposited there safe. Of these he took possession. It is considered that plunder was the object of those who raised the stone, but they must have been disturbed before they had secured their booty. The affair has caused quite a sensation in the town, and it is said a reward will be offered for the detection of the offenders.

MASONIC "AT HOME."

On Thursday, the 25th ult., by invitation of the W.M. and officers of the Portsmouth Lodge, a most successful "At Home" was held at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street. The hall was prettily decorated, the usual Masonic adornments being supplemented by pretty floral designs, cleverly executed by Messrs. Fay, of Southsea. By special dispensation of the Provincial Grand Master, the members of the Craft appeared in Masonic clothing. The Blue Lodge was strongly represented, and there were several prominent Masons in the purple decorations of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge had one representative in the person of Bro. Edward Terry, the eminent comedian, as Grand Steward, and there were also present members of the Provincial Mark Lodge, the Rose Croix, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, Royal Arch Degree, Scottish Constitution, &c. The guests numbered about 130, and were received by the W.M., Bro. H. E. Loader, and Mrs. Loader. The banqueting hall was set apart for refreshments, and elaborately decorated, the silver plate used on the occasion having been lent by Mr. E. Emanuel, of the Hard. The oyster bar was a novel feature. The orchestra was occupied by Mr. Wilton's band, and it goes without saying that the music was excellent. The guests included Bro. Captain and Mrs. Kennedy, Bro. Dr. and Mrs. Keith Welsh, Bro. Dr. C. Knott, Bro. A. R. Holbrook and Miss Parks, Bro. Arthur Jolliffe, Bro. Ernest Hall, Bro. M. E. Frost, Bro. and Miss Broughton, Bro. and Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Jackson, Bro. and Mrs. C. Emery, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Williams, Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Bolitho, Bro. J. Gieve, J.P., Bro. J. W. Gieve, Misses Gieve, Bro. G. D. Lovegrove, Bro. G. Felton Lancaster, Mrs. Mildred, Miss Mathews, Bro. Perry, Bro. Ray, Bro. and Mrs. Scaddan, Bro. and Mrs. Sanderson, Bro. G. Whitehall, Bro. Major Totterdell, Bro. and Mrs. Thackara, Bro. H. P. Holley, Bro. A. Holley, Bro. E. Hyams, Bro. and Mrs. G. Bond, Bro. Brickwell, Bro. F. G. Bradbear, Bro. and Mrs. G. T. Cunningham, Bro. W. R. Curtiss, Bro. and Mrs. Pearson, Bro. W. Gunnell, Mrs. Gregory, Bro. and Miss Gilmour, Bro. and Miss Dempsey, Mrs. Low, Bro. and Mrs. Bernstein, Bro. and Mrs. H. Simpson, Bro. and Mrs. A. G. German, Bro. W. Bates, Bro. F. Sanders, Bro. S. R. Ellis and Miss Ellis, Bro. C. Smith, Bro. T. E. Smith, Miss Smith, Bro. Outridge, Bro. and Mrs. J. M. Foster, Bro. and Mrs. G. Reading, and others. The duties of Stewards were carried out by Bros. Thackara, Whitehall, Broughton, H. P. Holley, and Jenkins.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, March 13, 1886.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star & Garter, Kew Bridge.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, 7.30.
Ecclestone, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq., W., at 8.

MONDAY, MARCH 8.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner-stone, F.M.H.
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn Fields.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
" 1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1670, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.
" 2012, Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
" 2030, The Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster.
Chap. 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark 104, Macdonald, Guildhall Coffee Ho., Gresham-st.
Rose Croix 53, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snarborough, at 8.
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.
Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W., at 8.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Cambria-rd., S.E.
Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
Rose of Denmark, Gauden Ho., Clapham-rd.-station, 7.30.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9.

Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1269, Stanhope, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 1668, Samson, S. Air-st., Regent-st.
" 1805, Bromley, St. Leonard's Vestry Hall, Bow-rd.
" 1837, Lullingstone, M.H., Wilmington, Dartford.
" 1969, Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall.
" 2127, Drury Lane, Theatre Royal, Drury-lane, W.C.
Mark 223, West Smithfield, 8A, Red Lion-sq.
Rose Croix 71, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.

Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon-street, 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10.

General Committee Benevolent Institution, at 4.
Lodge 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
" 87, Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1228, Beacontree, Private Ro., Red Lion, Leytonstone.
" 1306, St. John, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E.
" 1349, Friars, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
" 1610, Northern Bar, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1629, United, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Oakley-st., Chelsea.
" 1986, Honor Oak, Moore Park Ho., Honor Oak.
Chap. 1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hot.
Mark 284, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Hot., Tottenham.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, 8.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Pannure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Queen's Westminster, 79, Ebury-st., S.W., at 7.45.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, Haunch of Venison, 1, Bell-yd., Fleet-st., at 8.
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.
West Smithfield, Red Lion, Red Lion-court, Fleet-st., at 7.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 238, Pilgrim, F.M.H. (worked in the German language.)
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st., E.C.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 879, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1457, Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1598, Ley-Spring, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-rd., Notting-hill.
" 1708, Plucknett, Bald Face Stag, East Finchley.
" 1791, Creaton, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1987, Strand, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 2047, Beckenham, Public Hall, Beckenham.
Chap. 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 907, Royal Albert, White Swan Tav., Abchurch-lane.
K.T. D, Mount Calvary, 8A, Red Lion-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.
Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hot., Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., 8.
Creaton, Wheatstear Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Gueiph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., at 8.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st. Kennington.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, 6.30.
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12.

Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
" 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1536, United Military, Lord Raglan, Plumstead.
" 1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
" 1997, John Carpenter, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 2000, Earl of Mornington, 8A, Red Lion-sq.
Mark 144, Grosvenor, Café Royal, Regent-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Crown Hot., Essex-st., Strand.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hot., 40, Gt. Portland-st., W.C.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tav., at 6.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.
Ubique, 79, Ebury-st., Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.
Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
Kintore Mark, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, 9.
Lily Chapter, Greyhound Hot., at 8.
Pannure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 7.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
Royal Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, 7.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
" 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1607, Loyalty, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
" 1686, Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.
" 1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 2029, King Solomon, 33, Golden-sq.
Chap. 1423, Era, Albany, Twickenham.
" 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.

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