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THE NEW DECLARATION OF FAITH BY THE G. O. OF FRANCE.

LAST week we referred at some length to the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland forbidding all intercourse between itself and its subordinate Lodges on the one hand, and the Grand Orient of France and its subordinate Lodges on the other. We expressed our firm belief that this resolution was perfectly justifiable, adding that under the circumstances in which the ruling Masonic bodies in the two countries were placed, we did not see what other course it was possible for our Irish brethren to have adopted. We have since heard that at the next Quarterly Communication, in December, of our United Grand Lodge of England, notice will be taken of this flagrant departure by the French Grand Orient from the ancient landmarks of the Order. There is yet ample time to consider the propriety of any step it may be proposed to take in this country on this question. We are not situated as is the Grand Lodge of Ireland, that is, there have been for some years past no official relations between the Grand Orient of France and our Grand Lodge. We do not imagine, therefore, there will be any official communication made to the latter by the former. Still some notice will have to be taken of the conduct of the Grand Orient, but the time and the manner of doing this must, of necessity, be left to our governing authorities. That the omission from the new first article of the Constitution of all reference to a belief in a Supreme Being is an eversion of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry we have already said is undeniable, and that some resolute condemnation of this new definition of Freemasonry will be necessary is beyond all doubt; but, in the absence of any official relations between the two Grand bodies, it may be desirable to pursue some other course than that which the Grand Lodge of Ireland has thought it wise to adopt. However, it is not our intention at the present time to discuss what will have to be done, our purpose is to touch upon the general question at issue between our and French Freemasonry.

Let us first notice the sweeping character of the change introduced into the Constitution of the Grand Orient. Till this year the first article, after defining Freemasonry as an "Institution essentially philanthropic, philosophic, and progressive," and as having in view "the search after truth, the study of universal morality, the sciences, and the arts, and the exercise of beneficence," went on to declare formally "Its fundamental principles are the existence of God, the Immortality of the soul, and the responsibility of man towards his fellows. It regards liberty of conscience as a right proper to every one, and excludes no one on account of his religious faith (*croyances*). Its device is—Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity." Now, the first article, after defining Freemasonry in almost exactly the same terms as before—the word "philosophic" is alone omitted—goes on thus: "Its principles are absolute liberty of conscience and the responsibility of man towards his fellows. It excludes no one for his religious faith. Its device is—Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity." The grounds on which the propriety of this material change in the Constitution will be found in *le Monde Maçonnique* to be that Freemasonry is not a religion, and consequently that it is not its duty to affirm doctrines and dogmas in its Constitution—that is, of course to make any declaration of religious faith. On referring to the same journal, it will be seen that it was at the instance of Bro. de Saint Jean, President of the Council, that

the clause, "It excludes no one for his religious faith," was added. So far, and looking at the matter calmly and judicially, these reasons appear to be sound enough. Freemasonry is not a religion, and therefore has no business to introduce any religious declaration into its constitutions. But we must go a little further, and examine the report of the Commission appointed to deal with the question. In that report, we find the following reasons given for the suppression of so much of the second paragraph of the old first article as declared a belief in God and the immortality of the soul to be necessary. They are these: (a) Such portion of the paragraph in question is in direct contradiction with the paragraph next ensuing; that is, a belief in God and the immortality of the soul is in antagonism with liberty of conscience. (b) It must often times cause great embarrassment to Venerables (Worshipful Masters) and Lodges who, in certain circumstances, must either evade or violate the law. (c) And not only this, but it must embarrass profanes who, when anxious to seek admission into the Society, find themselves suddenly arrested by this barrier of dogmatism which their conscience will not permit them to cross (*se voient tout à coup arrêtés par cette barrière dogmatique que leur conscience ne leur permet pas de franchir.*) (d) Because such a declaration is useless and entirely foreign to the purposes which Freemasonry has in view. A Society of Savants does not think it necessary to adopt some theological formula as the basis of its statutes; it studies science independently of all religious dogmas, and why should it not be the same in the case of Freemasonry, whose field of operations is already large enough? Now, the most important of these reasons, we may almost say the only one which is worth serious attention, is the third. We do not consider a declaration of faith in the existence of God as irreconcilable with entire liberty of conscience, because we cannot bring ourselves to believe that any just and upright man denies the existence of God. Liberty of conscience, according to our notions, implies freedom for every one to hold what religious views he pleases; it excludes that licence which denies the existence of God. As for the embarrassments which W.M.'s and Lodges may occasionally experience, when a candidate declines to swear his belief in God, we do not regard this as of serious moment. Our laws, like those of other societies, are made to suit ourselves, not those who do not belong to us. If these latter are disinclined to accept the regulations of our Society as binding upon their conscience, let them remain outside our gates. At Rome we must do as Rome does—or stay away. Candidates must be prepared to abide by the laws of Freemasonry, or stay without. So as to the fourth and last reason, no one has ever imagined it necessary to confound theology with science. On the contrary, in every kind of discussion conducted within our Lodges, be they formal, historical, scientific, or of any other description, the expression of anything like an opinion on religious as on political topics is strictly forbidden. In a well-regulated Lodge of Freemasons there is not the slightest fear that any brother will have reason to feel hurt by the expression of any religious opinion to which he is conscientiously opposed. Therefore, there is not, there has not been at any time, the slightest danger, that the discussions of science would ever degenerate into a conflict of religious opinions. The real objection to the retention of the article as it was, will be found in the third reason (c) assigned for the amendment of the second paragraph of the article, namely, that men who do not believe in God are excluded, so long as a declaration of religious faith

is required of them. This we take to be a very just and proper ground of exclusion, not only for the reason we have just given, viz., that Freemasonry is called upon to enact laws and regulations not to suit the peculiar views of outsiders, but in accordance with the views of its constituent members; but likewise because we cannot bring ourselves to regard one who denies God as a fit person for initiation into our Society. It may be, as the report of the Commission already alluded to points out, that the formula now struck out of the French Constitutions found its way thither only as recently as 1849, and, therefore, that Freemasonry in France is but returning to its old form of faith. But in ascertaining the character of Freemasonry we must go further back than a generation. We must revert to the earliest Constitutions as settled by the founders of modern Freemasonry, that is, to the laws compiled by Payne, Anderson, Desaguliers, and others, and approved by the first Grand Lodge—that is to say, first in order of time—of the Speculative Era. Thus we find the first of the Old Charges declares that “A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understands the art, he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine. But though in ancient times Masons were charged in every country to be of the religion of the country or nation, whatever it was, yet it is now thought more expedient only to oblige them to that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves; that is, to be good men and true, or men of honour and honesty, by whatever denominations or persuasions they may be distinguished; whereby Masonry becomes the centre of union, and the means of conciliating true friendship among persons that must have otherwise remained at a perpetual distance.” Here then it is laid down clearly, firmly, and deliberately that Theism is the first principle of Freemasonry. This is the solemn declaration made by the founders of Speculative Freemasonry at a time when, as far as can be determined with any approach to certainty in these remote days, there was not a single Lodge of Freemasons, as we now understand the word, outside the limits of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. Surely it is not unreasonable, when we are seeking for a definition of Freemasonry, to allow some little weight to the solemn statements of those who founded it. They knew perfectly well what they were about when they framed the laws of our Society. It is said there was a Lodge in Paris in 1725. There may have been, but whenever Freemasonry first appeared in France, it derived its origin from the Grand Lodge in London, and was founded in accordance with the principles proclaimed by the latter. As to the statement that the formula as to the Deity was introduced for the first time in 1849, into French Freemasonry, we have no French Constitutions at hand for reference, but we would ask our French brethren to explain how, in such case a certain ornament of the Lodge in the second degree of their Rite is said to represent “le G. A. qui ne tient que de lui seul la L. dont il brille.” There have been unfortunately so many revolutions in French Freemasonry that it is probably very difficult to determine its character at or for any period of time; but we have some idea the few words we have written above figured in the lecture or “Institution” of the F.C. or 2nd degree a good round quarter of a century before 1849, if not at a much earlier date; and we assume that just as our ritual and lectures are in accordance with our Constitutions, so their ritual and lectures are in accordance with theirs. We imagine, further that “le G. A.” would not be introduced if his existence were not recognised. Of course, if we have stated anything that is wrong, our French readers will not be slow to correct us. At all events, we are under the impression that a belief in God, as one of the fundamental principles of French Freemasonry, is not of so recent a date as 1849; but be this as it may, what is commonly known as “the French Rite,” includes the “Modern English Rite,” and to this extent the principles of the two should be identical.

We might go still further, and point out that the legends of the old operative Guilds are all based on faith in the Supreme Being; but as these guilds flourished only in Christian countries, their faith was Christian in its character. The founders of Speculative Freemasonry were, as we said last week, a body of choice spirits who saw how fatal was religious and political bigotry, and who set themselves, therefore, to fashion a system of morality which should enable men of all political and religious opinions to meet together on an equal “footing and in complete harmony.

The motto they adopted was “liberty of conscience,” thus deliberately excluding that “want of conscience” which makes men atheists. We repeat, “the man who claims to think as he likes in matter of religion”—by which, of course, we mean the man who claims to believe or not to believe in God, just as it suits him—is not a fit and proper person to be admitted into Freemasonry. We are content to accept the exposition offered by Rebold, the French Masonic historian, of the doctrines and purpose of philosophic Freemasonry. “These doctrines,” he says, “are symbolised by the three great lights which illumine its temples, and which represent the love of God, the love of man, and the love of virtue.” [*Ces doctrines sont symbolisées par les trois grands luminaires qui éclairent ses temples et qui représentent l'AMOUR DE DIEU, l'AMOUR DE SON PROCHAIN, l'AMOUR DE LA VERTU.*] And, again, “This purpose is symbolised by the universal temple of truth, of humanity, of fraternity, that temple in the construction of which true adepts work incessantly, and add to it each his stone, to the end that the edifice—the vastest which will ever have existed, for it should know no other limits than the world—may one day upraise itself in all its grandeur and beauty, as a lasting testimony of gratitude to the glory of the G.A.O.T.U.”

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

THIS Grand Lodge met in Quarterly Communication on the 12th September, under the Presidency of Bro. Percival Lowell Everett, who was numerously supported by the Grand Officers and representatives of the Subordinate Lodges. Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form with prayer, the minutes of the previous Communication were taken as read and approved. Codes and amended codes of bye-laws having been referred to the Committee on Bye-Laws, and a petition for formal healing having been referred to the Committee on Healing, a petition to stay proceedings in respect of a particular Lodge in conferring degrees was referred to a special Committee. The Charter of Hiram Lodge, Copiapo, Chili, which had ceased to exist, was placed among the archives. A letter from the pro tem. Grand Secretary of G. Lodge of New Hampshire was then read, announcing the death of Bro. John A. Harris, who had filled the office of Grand Secretary since 1873. A record was thereupon ordered to be placed on the minutes containing full particulars of the eminent services rendered by the deceased brother in the high positions he had held in Craft, Arch, and Templar Masonry, as well as in the Ancient and Accepted Rite; and also an expression of sympathy with the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire in respect of the loss it had sustained “in the death of so eminent a brother and so zealous, devoted, and faithful a labourer in the cause of Masonry.” Communications having been read from the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick and Dakota, announcing the destruction by fire of their libraries, it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, Chairman of the Library Committee, to furnish duplicates of the Proceedings of the Massachusetts and other Grand Lodges as far as might be possible. The Committee on the proposed amendments to the Constitutions asked and obtained leave to defer their Report till the annual Communication in December. The Committee on Healing also obtained further time for delivering their Report. The Report of the Committee on Charters on the petition of Pilgrim Lodge was accepted. The death of Bro. Sam. K. Hutchinson, a Past G.W., having been announced, the Committee submitted an elaborate, highly eulogistic, and sympathetic report on the loss of one who had rendered such signal services to Freemasonry, and who, in the course of a long and honourable career, extending over more than fifty-one years, had attained such high positions in the various branches of Masonry. The Report concluded with a series of resolutions embodying this regret for his loss, and the sympathy of Grand Lodge with the surviving members of his family; to whom the Recording Grand Secretary was requested to transmit copy of the same. A Report, recommending the expulsion of an unaffiliated Mason from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, for highly immoral conduct, was approved. An appeal by certain members of a particular Lodge against the Report of an Investigation Committee of said Lodge, relative to the worthiness of a candidate who had been balloted for and initiated,

and requesting that the case might be reheard, was rejected, leave being given to the petitioners to withdraw their appeal. The reason on which the Report was based was to the effect that the said Investigation Committee having heard the case and delivered their Report, their Report, in accordance with previous decisions, must be regarded as final. The Report of the Committee on Bye-Laws having been accepted, a Committee of three was appointed to consider and report as to the expediency of preparing a Digest of Masonic Law, and the Regulations of Grand Lodge as to subordinate Lodges. Bro. Nickerson having drawn attention to the deplorable state of the grave-stone marking the resting-place of Bro. Henry Price, first Grand Master of Massachusetts, and considering that a suitable monument should be erected to his memory, moved that a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars should be placed in the hands of the Board of Directors for the purpose. The motion was agreed to unanimously. Bro. Nickerson then presented, on behalf of Bro. Henry J. Parker, three old autograph letters, to the late Hon. Timothy Bigelow, namely—one from Benjamin Russell, a former G.M., dated 23rd September 1804, the second from Josiah Quincy sen., dated 4th February 1809, and the third, from Bro. Gov. Christopher Gore, dated 24th January 1810. Thanks were voted to Bro. Parker, and shortly afterwards Grand Lodge was closed.

Following this is a Record of the Minutes of the Special Communication held on the 17th September, for the purpose of dedicating, in accordance with the invitation of the City Council, the monument erected in Boston to the memory of those members of the Army and Navy who had fallen during the Great Civil War. The corner-stone of this monument had been laid six years before, with due Masonic ceremonial, and it was fitting the dedication in public should be of the same character. The assembly on this occasion was such as we in England are not accustomed to. The Grand Lodge went in carriages to the Common, with the Boston Commandery of Knights Templar, to the number of about two hundred, as a body-guard, while the Grand Commandery, with fourteen subordinate Commanderies, inclusive of the Boston, and to the number, bands and Boston Commandery inclusive, of sixteen hundred men, formed the escort. The procession numbered in all, according to official reckoning, over 25,000, and extended over a length of six miles. It is hardly necessary we should enter further into the details of this imposing ceremony. Suffice it to say, that everything passed off admirably, and that G. Master Everett delivered a most eloquent and soul-stirring address, in which, while skillfully avoiding any allusion to the divergent political views of the States during the war, he did full justice to the military virtues and patriotism of those who had sacrificed their lives on what they regarded as the altar of duty. Grand Lodge having returned to the Masonic Temple, was closed in ample form with prayer. Two letters of thanks, one to the R.E. Grand Commander Rev. H. W. Rugg, G.C. of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, for having furnished the escort and body-guard, and the other to the E. Commander of the Boston Commandery and his Officers and Knights for having acted as the body-guard of Grand Lodge, complete the interesting record.

We learn from the *Masonic Jewel*, that the several Grand Masonic Bodies of Arkansas held their annual meetings last month. The Grand Commandery was the first in order of time, and the following are the principal Officers for the ensuing year, namely:—Sir Knight E. H. English Grand Commander, J. H. Van Hoose Deputy Grand Commander, R. E. Salle Grand Generalissimo, John Vaile Grand Captain General, J. B. Grooves Grand Prelate, and L. A. Pindall and W. R. Miller Grand Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. The Grand Council was held on the 6th ult., when Comp. J. P. McCowan was elected G.M. for the ensuing year. Comps. S. W. Williams D.G.M., J. H. Van Hoose, Gr. Ill. M., and L. Minor Gr. Pr. Cond. of Works. The following are among the newly elected Officers of the Grand Chapter. Comps. Jonathan W. Jordan G.H.P., M. M. McGuire Dep. G.H.P., H. N. Halton G.K., J. H. Van Hoose G.S., and J. B. Grooves G.C. The Grand Lodge was held on the 8th. Bro. J. F. Hill being elected G.M., Bro. Geo. Thornburgh D.G.M., and Bros. J. P. McCowan G.S.W., W. M. Steele G.J.W., G. H. Meade G. Treasurer, and L. E. Barber G. Secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE MACE FUND.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

33 Golden-square, 16th November 1877.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We have much pleasure in announcing that Mr. Mace has taken a "Second Class" in his recent Theological Examination at Cambridge, and that he purposes taking Holy Orders at the next ensuing Ordination, to be held in December.

We feel sure that so satisfactory a result cannot but be highly gratifying to all subscribers to the "Mace Fund," and to the friends and supporters of our Boys' School. We are, therefore, anxious to complete the objects of the Fund, and to raise a sufficient sum to pay the balance of his College and Tutorial expenses, and to give him a start in his new career.

Whilst thanking you for past support, and soliciting your further co-operation in this final appeal,

We are, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

W. F. PORTLOCK DADSON, Treasurer.

FREDERICK BINCKES, Secretary R.M.I.B.

N.B.—As Captain Portlock Dadson will shortly leave England. Wm. Paas, Esq., No. 8 Duke-street, St. James, one of the Trustees will be happy to receive and acknowledge subscriptions.

VALLEY OF NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I fail to see any cause for rejoicing at your allusion to the so-called "Supreme Grand Council 33° Valley of New Zealand." I likewise fail to see that it is a matter which should engage the attention of any other S.G.C., more especially the so-called "Supreme Grand Council in Golden-square," I should feel obliged if your correspondent "Rose Croix" would inform me, through the columns of the CHRONICLE, what power any schismatic body of Masons are possessed of to prevent any other body of Masons meeting as a S.G.C., under the authority of a foreign Grand Lodge, or even under a forged charter.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A KNIGHT OF THE ROSE CROIX 11°.

Orion Chapter, No. 3, 12th November 1877.

"A MATTER FOR INQUIRY."

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to the letter signed "A P.M.," and referring to the installation of Master in the Mark degree, I can only say the first and second questions can be answered in one. The W.M. of a Lodge has an absolute right to call on any one who is duly qualified, whether P.M. of the Lodge, or P.M. in the Lodge, to perform any of the ceremonies appertaining to the degree, and in reality performs the ceremony himself by deputy. *Qui facit per alium facit per se.* The third question, What becomes of the rights of the P.M.'s? I shall simply answer by saying, the P.M.'s have no rights when the W.M. is present in Lodge, whether in the chair or not, the privileges they possess being only committed to them in the absolute absence from the meeting of the W.M.

"A P.M.'s" account of the meeting seems to me very temperate, and I must express my regret that so irregular a proceeding should have taken place, and I trust "A P.M." will feel it his duty to bring the violation of the ancient landmark before the General Board of the Mark degree. I can assure him he will find no "turning-about or wheeling-about" in any of its members.

I shall be glad to hear privately from "A P.M." if he will write to your care, for which purpose I enclose my card,

And remain, yours fraternally,

P.G.W. and P.D.P.G.M.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A short time since I also visited a Mark Master Mason's Lodge in the West of England, and, according to my idea, the ceremony of installation was very efficiently performed by a brother not a member of the Lodge, but a P.M. of another Lodge meeting in the same building.

As there was a question asked by a visiting brother (high in office in the Province), I should think we both refer to the same occasion. Of course, we cannot discuss questions of Ritual, but I may say from recollection that the ceremony was as nearly as possible according to the one authorised by the Grand Lodge. There was no book used (as I have seen on some other occasions), and therefore the P.M.'s remark about the "spick and span new ritual, manufactured and turned out, and presented with an air of authority," is purely imaginative,

and has really nothing to do with the question. It serves only as a peg to hang a slur at the changes of form of ritual, which have heretofore occurred in this degree.

The questions asked are—

1. Has a Past Master, duly qualified in his own Lodge, any right to occupy the chair of a Lodge into which he has not been installed?—Most distinctly *yes*, if requested by the W.M. of the Lodge to do so.

2nd. Has a W. Master the right to vacate his chair and request a visitor to assume the authority thereof?—Again, *yes*. It has been decided by the highest authority that the W. Master can call on any qualified brother to perform his functions, such brother being considered the mouthpiece of the Master, who is responsible for what may be done.

3rd. What becomes of the rights of the Past Masters, who in the absence of the Master resume certain powers?—Our worthy P.M. here answers his own question, by presuming absence of the Master to mean absence from the Lodge, which is the only common-sense view of the matter. He says the Master remained in the Lodge, the Past Masters had therefore no rights, and nothing could become of them.

Only one remark more. There was no P.M. of the Lodge present who could have performed the installation ceremony, and the brother who kindly did it was thanked by the members and visitors for undertaking the duty at a short notice, thus preventing the necessity, which has occurred ere now, of the larger portion being read.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,
P.M.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—In your paper of the 10th appeared a letter, headed "A Matter for Inquiry." For the information of the P.M. making the inquiry, allow me to observe: The Constitutions of Mark Masonry are based on those of the Craft. That the questions propounded by a P.M. have been very clearly laid down by our acknowledged highest Masonic authority, the Grand Registrar.

To the 1st question, the reply, is undoubtedly, *Yes*—if invited by the then W.M. To the 2nd, *Yes*—provided the brother so invited is a P.M.

In my opinion, the absence of a W.M. means absence from his chair, not necessarily absence from the Lodge.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,
A P.M. of M.M.M.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1445.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—As the one "who still holds a very important office" alluded to in a communication addressed to you by "Query," I am in duty bound to state that that part of it referring to the question asked by a Brother is not quite correct, as the W.M. did not mention that he was *not* a member of the Lodge, but after I had explained to him that the matter had been introduced to the Grand Secretary, with whom I had an interview, the W.M. stated that no doubt he would be able to inform the Brother at the next meeting of the Lodge, but he believed that the answer would be in favour of the Brother, he having paid the founder's fee, and held offices under the first, second, and fourth Masters of the Lodge.

I remain, yours fraternally,

14 Mount-place, E.
13th Nov. 1877.

J. CLARK, S.W. 1445.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Upon reading a somewhat "hazy" letter under the above heading in your last issue, it appears to me that divested of the "fog" that surrounds it, the facts of the case are, that certain brethren associated together, to found a new Lodge, and, I presume, all deposited a sum of money to purchase the furniture, &c. Now some signed the petition to the M.W.G.M., but not all, therefore those who did not do so are the brethren that your correspondent "Query" refers to in his letter. I gather that some of these so-called founders were appointed to office on the occasion of the Consecration, therefore the stigma rests upon the first W.M., and not upon those brethren who unfortunately came after him in the chair of K.S.

I have been informed by a member of the Lodge that the then Secretary was considered quite an "oracle" with respect to Masonic matters, it seems strange that he did not warn his protégé, the W.M., that he was doing wrong. That brethren of other Lodges may not be placed in the same dilemma is the reason of my troubling you with this letter. I also think the question should be ventilated.

Yours fraternally,

Tooting, 14th November 1877.

E. H. N.

SIGNING ATTENDANCE BOOK.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In glancing over the *Times* report of the trial of the Detectives, I find that one of the witnesses states that the

signature book of Lodge ——— was taken into the banqueting room, so that brethren arriving early to the banquet might sign their names. I have always understood that the book was for receiving the signature of those members who attended the duties of their Lodge. Is the banquet Lodge business?

Yours fraternally,

A PROVINCIAL MASON.

12th November 1877.

MEETINGS AT TAVERNS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allusions have frequently been made in the columns of your valuable journal as to the inexpediency of Lodges meeting at taverns.

The remedy for the evil complained of is in the hands of the Masons themselves, and by a little co-operation the evil would soon disappear, and Masonry be freed from the imputations referred to by your correspondents.

Private Masonic Clubs and Halls are established in most provincial towns, where Lodges can, and do meet, free from the influence of taverns and tavern proprietors.

London has hitherto been without a private Masonic Club. It now has one, in every way suitable for the meetings of numerous Lodges, and if Masons are sincere in their desire to remedy the evils arising from holding Lodges at taverns, they have it in their power to do so, by meeting at the London Masonic Club, where they will find every facility and accommodation for such gatherings.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN GEORGE DUNN, Secretary.

London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street.

P.S.—The following Lodges have already availed themselves of the benefits offered:—The Felicity, No. 58; the Pilgrim, No. 238; the Langton, No. 1673; the Felicity Chapter, the London Masonic Lodge of Instruction, the Pilgrim Lodge of Instruction.

THE SURREY MASONIC CLUB.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At length there seems to be a prospect that the vicissitudes through which the Surrey Masonic Hall has passed will result in a satisfactory disposal of the building to the purposes for which it was originally intended, and that, after all, it will become a useful adjunct to the Craft, and a credit and an ornament to the Masonic Order.

It is unnecessary to dilate upon the difficulties which have surrounded the undertaking from its inception, and it would be unwise to too closely criticise the hitherto lukewarmness of the South Metropolitan brethren generally, and the actions of the Directors of the late Company, which, together, have impeded the progress of the work. Suffice it to say that the Hall is now in the hands, and under the control, of one or more persons thoroughly interested in all that concerns the good of Freemasonry, and that he or they intend to afford to all members of the Order, at least the opportunity of proving that they are ready to practically evidence that unity of purpose which they so earnestly expressed before the completion of the building.

As a first step to this desideratum, the Surrey Masonic Club has been started, under excellent auspices, and will commence business on the 1st of December next. I hope you will give me space to enlarge on the facilities afforded by the building itself, for the successful carrying on of such an undertaking, and on the reasons why it should have unqualified support from the numerous brethren connected with the important district having the Surrey Masonic Hall for its centre.

And first, as to the building. It is situated in a main road from Westminster Bridge southward, close to the Camberwell Station of a railway connecting Victoria with the heart of the city, from either of which places it is but a quarter of an hour's journey. It possesses a spacious and comfortable temple, filled with all necessary Lodge furniture, and accessories for the perfect working of our ceremonies, together with ante-rooms and a large dining-room contiguous thereto. There are also rooms to be set apart for the use of the Club, as reading-room, smoke-room, and billiard-room, with all proper offices and cellars for stowage of wines and provisions; and, though last not least, the large hall itself, capable of accommodating comfortably above 800 persons, and which, it is to be hoped, will speedily be required for Masonic purposes only, and not (to quote the Sphinx) for "mendici, mimæ, balatrones, hoc genus omne." So much for the excellent accommodation which can be afforded, as well for direct Masonic uses as for those of the new Club.

Reasons why the Surrey Masonic Club should be thoroughly supported are "as plentiful as blackberries," but I fear to risk your refusal of space by attempting to state them *in extenso*. Let me name a few of the principal, leaving my readers to supply others, according to their individual opinions.

Freemasons only will be admitted as members, and consideration being given to their payments as subscribers to their several Lodges, the Club subscription has been fixed at only half-a-guinea per annum. From and after the 1st of January next a joining fee of half-a-guinea will be required from each new member; but prior to that date all who may be accepted in proposition and ballot will be admitted without joining fee. *The Club will be proprietary*, and no member will have monetary responsibility beyond the amount of his subscription. For this subscription, the use of reading-room, supplied with leading newspapers, reviews, magazines, and periodicals, together with a first-class circulating library, smoke-room, billiard-room, and general con-

veniences, will be at the *daily* service of each member from eleven o'clock in the forenoon until nearly midnight. Arrangements will be made for the supply of refreshments, under regulations carefully framed, to secure a proper use, and prevent the abuse of those necessities to social enjoyment, and the whole conduct of the Club will be under the control of a general committee, selected annually from amongst the members, and for whose actions in relation thereto the proprietary will accept all responsibility.

With such advantages as are above stated may not the promoters of this Club fairly expect that they will have the support of many hundreds of their brethren, and by means of their aggregate subscriptions enable the proprietor or proprietors of the Surrey Masonic Hall to devote the entire building to the sole use of the Craft; whilst the income from other indirect sources might well maintain the Club itself? I look upon this opportunity for securing the Hall as a place for Masonic purposes only as the chief reason for the united efforts of the South Metropolitan brethren. Another important reason is, that by the congregating of the members of numerous Lodges in the general society of the Club the grand principles of our Order will be promoted to an extent beyond the power of each individual section of the Craft. And again, the oft-reiterated desire to separate our Lodge meetings from the baneful influence of the ordinary tavern will be consummated. These are but a few of the many arguments which might be adduced in favour of the project, and these for the present must suffice.

Now for a *practical reply from the brethren themselves!* The Club is formed by fifty members, from amongst whom fifteen well-known Masons have been selected for general management during the ensuing year. It will open on the first day of December next, and up to the first of January 1878 candidates may be admitted *without joining fee*. If by the latter date there are not at least 300 members enrolled, I, for self, and many others say, that all the talk of the past few years as to the necessity for the Hall and the support which should be given "*when it was erected*" is but as

"A tale

Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,
Signifying—*nothing!*"

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours very truly and fraternally,

P.M., P.Z.

Clapham, 10th Nov. 1877.

PRECEPTORS OF LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—As Preceptor of a New Lodge of Instruction, where there are some old M.M.'s, who frequently interrupt and oppose me, I should like to have the opinion of some old preceptor as regards my real position.

1st. Am I not to be considered the Master and ruler of the Lodge in all matters connected with Freemasonry?

2nd. If my working differs from others, has any one the right to interrupt me, or to try to alter my way of working?

3rd. Has any member a right to bring propositions before the Lodge without my consent, although they have nothing to do with the ritual?

4th. Have I the right to vote on questions referring to the bye-laws, although I am an honorary member.

Yours fraternally,

A NEW PRECEPTOR.

NEEDING HELP.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Will you allow me a small space in your valuable paper to direct the attention of your numerous readers to the melancholy condition of the family of the late Bro. David Goddin, who died 4th January 1875, leaving a widow and seven young children totally unprovided for. The widow has been keeping a small school, but this she has had to relinquish in consequence of her extreme ill health. It is feared she is fast sinking, a victim to that fatal malady consumption. Help for the dear little children is most earnestly solicited. I am gratified in being able to say that one girl, Minnie Constance, was elected to the School last October, and the eldest son is earning a few shillings per week. With these exceptions, the family are without the means of support. The particulars of the case are well known to several brethren, who are desirous to render aid to the unfortunate family. Mrs. Goddin's address is 114 Graham-road, Dalston, N.

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES LACEY P.M. 174, &c.

Exmouth-street, Stepney, E.

[We shall be pleased to receive and hand over any contribution, however small, that may be sent us.—Ed. F.C.]

Death.

On the 15th inst., at the residence of her father, at Upper Norwood, after protracted sufferings, ELIZABETH, the beloved wife of WALTER SPENCER, passed away in peace.

THE ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

THE regular meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, the 9th inst., and, notwithstanding the fact of many members connected with the municipalities of various towns being absent at the elections of mayor, the Convocation was more numerously attended than on any previous occasion. From a long connection with the Order we are qualified to speak on the subject, and we have no hesitation in saying that this was one of the most successful meetings at which we have had the honour of being present. The throne of the Order was assumed by the R.W. Prov. G.M. Bro. John Sutcliffe, who proceeded to open the Chapter of H.R.M., assisted by the acting guardians—Bros. J. E. Hall as S.G.G., Thomas Entwistle as J.G.G., and Pollitt as G. Guarder. The minutes of the last meeting were read and verified, and ballot was taken for a large number of candidates, who were all elected. The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, then ascended the throne, and the following candidates were presented for advancement: Bros. Sparkes, Gallagher, Lloyd, William White, and the Rev. T. Abbot Peters, Head Master of Alston College. The sections of the Tower were worked by Bros. Dr. Griffiths, Dr. Spratley, J. E. Hall, and C. P. Bell. The service was musical, and was conducted by Bro. T. Hargreaves, who presided at the organ.

The Grand Lodge of R.S.Y.C.S. was then opened, and the candidates received the honour of knighthood from the Prov. G. Master. The sections were worked by Bros. C. F. Matier and J. E. Hall.

We must congratulate Bro. Sutcliffe on the magnificent effect produced by the accuracy of the ceremonial, and on the possession of a team of officers equalled in our experience by few, and certainly surpassed by none. The Knight Companions then adjourned to banquet, at which Bro. Sutcliffe presided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and the party separated at an early hour. Besides those brethren already mentioned, we observed Bros. S. B. Ellis, R. Hopwood Hutchinson, J.P., D.L., W. H. Prince, Batterworth, Chapman, Higgins Grand S.B., Gibb Smith Grand B.B., Duffield Treasurer, Chadwick Secretary, and many others.

The next meeting will be held at Sheffield, on the second Friday in March, and will be the first occasion on which a meeting of the Royal Order of Robert the Bruce has ever been held in Yorkshire. Floreat Domus.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

THE regular monthly meeting of the Edinburgh Red Cross Conclave, No. 1, was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Friday, the 9th instant, Ill. Sir Knight J. Crichton G.T. M.P.S. in the chair, J. Fleming P.V. acting E.V.E., J. Carmichael M.D. S.G., J. H. Balfour J.G., R. S. Brown P.S. acting H.P., A. Brown Treas., W. Edwards Recorder, J. Melville Aide, E. S. Webb S.B., F. L. Law Organist, C. G. C. Christian P.S., Charles McBride No. 44 (E.C.), and a good attendance of Sir Knights. The Conclave having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. S. Webb M.M. No. 36 having been proposed at previous meeting was ballotted for, and the ballot being clear, that brother was regularly admitted and installed a Knight of the Order. A meeting of the committee on bye-laws was appointed for the following week. The Conclave was thereafter closed.

The *Masonic Record of Western India* announces that the delay in the appearance of its September issue was caused by the unexpected death, after a few days' illness only, of Bro. G. Bease, the proprietor and publisher of our estimable contemporary. Bro. Bease was initiated into the Hope Lodge, No. 350, Scottish Constitution, in 1853, and in 1871 was received into the Mount Calvary in the East Preceptory. The *Record* will be conducted by Bros. Atkins and Spur, in the interest of the Widow, to whom, as well as to the other members of the family, we offer our sincere but respectful sympathy.

Our readers will learn with great regret the loss of an old and esteemed brother, who died very suddenly on Saturday last. Bro. Joseph Last was born on Christmas Day 1809. He was initiated in the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, about thirty years since. He joined the Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, and there served the office of W.M.; he was the oldest member but one in the Robert Burns Chapter; he was one of the founders of the Prudent Brethren Chapter, and was elected Treasurer; was also a member of the Red Cross of Constantine Conclave, No. 2. He was a life governor of all the Institutions, and to each he served the office of Steward, taking up goodly sums. He will be regretted by surviving relatives and a numerous circle of Masonic and private friends, to whom he had endeared himself by his many good and charitable acts. The poor and afflicted will lose a good friend; his charity knew no bounds save those of prudence.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday last, at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. Present—Bros. W. H. Saunders Prov. G.S. W.M., S. H. Knaggs S.W., H. Court sen. J.W., W. Wigginton P.P.G.S. of Works, &c., Sec., J. P. Taylor S.D., H. W. L. Vaughan J.D., H. Court jun. Organist, F. M. Ashley I.G., Harrison Tyler; Past Master Bro. F. Honeywell, &c. Visitors—Bros. W. Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Alfred Clarke P.M. 255, E. Farwig J.W. 180, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385. Business—Lodge being formally opened, Mr. T. G. Newton was initiated into the Order. After this ceremony Lodge was called off. On resuming, Bro. Knaggs, the S.W., was presented for the benefit of installation. He having taken the obligation was installed, and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. H. Court S.W., Taylor J.W., D'Orsey Chaplain, Wigginton re-appointed Sec., Sugg Organist, Court Assistant Organist, Vaughan S.D., Ashley J.D., Dr. Palmer I.G., Walls Prov. G. Organist D. of C., Briggs Steward, Richinell W.S., Harrison re-appointed Tyler. A vote of thanks was proposed by the W.M., and unanimously voted to the Installing Master (Bro. Wigginton) for the efficient way in which he had performed the duties of the evening. Lodge was then closed. After banquet, the usual first three toasts having been disposed of, the W.M. gave the health of the Prov. G.M. Throughout the Province this toast was always well received. All knew what Bro. Col. Burdett had done for Freemasonry. The name of Bro. Hammond was coupled with the toast, and Bro. Wigginton was also asked to respond, he representing the Province of Worcestershire. Bro. Hammond considered it a great honour to have his name mentioned in connection with their esteemed Provincial Master. He also referred to the many good qualities of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Little. Bro. Wigginton tendered his thanks on behalf of outside Provinces. Bro. Saunders proposed the health of the W.M., whom he designated as true a brother as could be found. He was the first initiate of the Lodge, and had, during its short existence, been ever thoughtful of its welfare. The W.M. considered it a great honour to be placed in the chair of the Lodge. Being the first-born of the Lodge he might almost say that he had been in office from the day of his initiation. The health of the Installing Officer followed. So long as the Lodge lasted the memory of Bro. Wigginton, the founder and the Master for the first two years of its existence, would remain. Bro. Wigginton briefly responded, after which the W.M. gave the Past Masters; the I.P.M. Bro. Saunders had shown his good qualities, by the interest he ever took in the welfare of the Charities and the Order generally. In reply, Bro. Saunders stated that, being a founder of the Lodge, he had always worked for its welfare. He had ever endeavoured to uphold its dignity, and would continue so to do. The health of the Initiate was next honoured; he expressed his gratitude at the reception which had been accorded him. The Visitors, who the W.M. was pleased to see, were next toasted, and Bro. Clarke responded. The Officers was acknowledged by the S.W.; and the Chaplain, Secretary and Treasurer, by the Chaplain and Secretary. To the toast of the Masonic Press, Bros. Morgan and Walls replied, after which Bro. Saunders proposed the Masonic Charities, exhorting each brother to work strenuously on their behalf. The Tyler was next summoned, and closed the proceedings by toasting our distressed brethren.

Canterbury Lodge, No. 1635.—The brethren met on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, under the presidency of the Rev. John Robbins D.D., Rev. Canon Harford M.A. S.W. and W.M. elect, J. H. Davis Sec., &c. Among the brethren present as visitors were Bros. T. A. Fenn P.G.D.C., J. Horvey G.S., Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., Col. Burney, Col. Clebe, E. P. Albert P.G.P., Cusins, Marlis P.M. 1612, Barry 197, Mead, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. G. H. Boughton and J. Edmiston were raised to the 3rd degree. Bros. Tuer and Hunt were passed to the 2nd degree. A Board of installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Rev. Canon Harford M.A. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge and duly installed. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. invested his Officers—Bros. Rev. John Robbins D.D. I.P.M., J. Keene S.W., Dr. Sugg J.W. and Sec. pro tem, H. Eull S.D., J. H. Davis Treas., Gordon Davis I.G., Rev. Francis Byng Chaplain. The W.M. presented an elegant P.M. jewel to Bro. Robbins D.D., for the able manner he had discharged his duties as the first W.M. and founder of the Lodge. The Rev. Bro. returned thanks for the presentation. Several matters in connection with the Lodge were discussed, and it was then closed. The brethren adjourned to the Grosvenor Restaurant, New Bond-street, for refreshments, after which the usual toasts were given. Col. Burney returned thanks for the Grand Officers. The health of the W.M., I.P.M., and Officers were given and responded to, and the Tyler concluded the proceedings of a very agreeable and harmonious evening.

Panmure Royal Arch Chapter, No. 720.—This Chapter held its regular meeting on Monday, the 12th November, at the Horns Tavern, Kennington. Present—M.E. Comp. G. H. Newington Bridges Z., E. Comps. Geo. Waterall H., Mark S. Latham J., James Stevens P.Z. and Scribe E., H. C. Levander P.Z. Treas., and R. H. Harvey P.Z.; also Comps. R. N. Field P.S., A. C. Burrell 1st A.S., Samuel Poynter 2nd A.S., Thomas Meggy Steward, John Gilbert Janitor; G. T. Thornes, Alfred Youngman, &c.; and visiting Comps. P. Dakers P.Z. 583, Walter Foster, Thos. Edmondston and H. Jarman, all of the Macdonald Chapter, No. 1216. The Chapter was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, and Comps. below the chairs were admitted. Ballots were taken for Bros. Edward Mitchell, of the Panmure Lodge, No. 720, and Thomas Preston, Sec. of the Royal Leopold Lodge, No. 1669, and those brethren were exalted into the Royal Arch degree. A few matters of business detail having been

disposed of, the Chapter was closed, and Comps. adjourned to refreshment. The usual toasts were duly honoured, and both exaltees and visitors expressed their great satisfaction with the work which had been performed. The Companions separated at a reasonably early hour.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday evening last, 15th Nov., at 7.30. Present—Bros. Norden W.M., Da Silva S.W., Biddle J.W., Webb Preceptor, Grammer Sec., Maidwell S.D., Frazer J.D., W. Lipscombe I.G., and numerous other brethren. The ceremony of the 3rd degree was rehearsed, Bro. Aarons acting as candidate. The 1st section of the 3rd lecture was worked by Bro. Horsley, assisted by the brethren. The 2nd section by Bro. Horsley, Bro. Maidwell answering the whole of the questions of this section. The 3rd section was also worked by Bro. Horsley. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to the W.M. Bro. Norden, it being the first time he had presided at this Lodge of Instruction. The Lodge was then closed in ancient form.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings. Present—Bros. J. H. Dodson W.M., Chapman S.W., Cooper J.W., W. G. Dickens Secretary, J. C. Dwarber Treas., Brown S.D., White J.D., Linscott I.G., P.M. Bro. Biugemann Preceptor; Bros. Soper, R. P. Tate, Webster, Thompson, Corner, and several other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, minutes of preceding meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Thompson, a candidate for passing, answered questions, was entrusted and withdrew. Lodge opened in 2nd degree, and Bro. Thompson passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Tate. Lodge resumed to 1st degree. Bro. Chapman was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed, in perfect harmony, and adjourned to Tuesday, 20th inst.

Friendship Lodge of Instruction, No. 100.—The first meeting of this Lodge was held at the Crown and Anchor Hotel, Gt. Yarmouth, on Friday, the 9th inst, when there was a fair muster of brethren. The chair was taken by Bro. Bonfellow I.P.M. P.G.A.D.C. Norfolk, the other officers being Bro. Capt. Dods S.W., Howes P.M. S.W., Stanbridge S.D., Palk J.D., A. D. Bennett I.G., P. Glover P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks Secretary pro tem. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. Johnson acting as candidate. Afterwards various matters of business were settled, Bro. James Bond being appointed Preceptor, and Bro. A. D. Bennett Secretary and Treasurer. Considering that several brethren were engaged the same evening in connection with the Corporation (this being the day of appointing the mayor of the borough) there was a good attendance, and the meeting was very successful. We wish the new venture (which entirely owes its origin to the indefatigable exertions of Bro. Glover) every prosperity.

London Masonic Lodge of Instruction.—A meeting was held on Monday last, at the Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Sharratt W.M., Joseph Langton S.W., C. E. Smith J.W., J. E. Shand Secretary, C. J. Hogg Treasurer, Dobbing S.D., Barnett J.D., J. D. Langton I.G.; Bros. W. Smallpiece Preceptor, Edell, Rumpff, Rogers, Bauman. Visitors—Bros. C. F. Cooke 1673, Otto Strauss 1673, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385. Business—Lodge formally opened. Ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Rogers candidate. Lodge called off to refreshment, and resumed. Bro. Bauman was entrusted, and, Lodge being advanced, passed to degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Smallpiece gave the lecture on the tracing board; the W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree. Four brethren were unanimously elected members. Bro. Joseph Langton was chosen to fill the chair at the next meeting, and three members having been appointed to audit the accounts, the Lodge was closed.

Rowley Lodge, No. 1051, Lancaster.—The regular meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on Monday, 5th November. The W.M. Bro. T. Jackson presided; there were also present Bros. N. W. Holme S.W., Alfred Sherriff J.W., H. Longman I.P.M., Dr. J. D. Moore P.G.S.B. England, W. J. Sly P. Prov. G.D., G. Taylor S.D., J. T. Jackson J.D., John Hatch P.M. and Secretary 281, and a number of brethren and visitors. After the usual business had been transacted, Bro. Dr. Moore delivered an interesting lecture on "the Botany of Freemasonry," which was listened to with great attention by all present. At its close a hearty vote of thanks was, by acclamation, awarded to that worshipful brother for his instructive lecture. Two candidates were proposed for initiation, and the proceedings of the evening terminated.

On Wednesday evening, the 7th inst., an emergency meeting of this Lodge was held, when Lieutenant W. H. Chippendale of the Royal Engineers, was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

Capper Lodge, No. 1076.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 8th November, at the Masonic Hotel, Victoria Docks. Present—Bros. John Dorton W.M., John White S.W. and W.M. elect, F. Brien J.W., John Henderson Secretary, B. Brayshaw P.M. Treasurer, Macarthy S.D., Tapley J.D., Wm. Dorton D.C., Corkey and Mitchell Stewards, Job I.G., Norman Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Day, Holliday, Knox, Gaskell, West, Ashdown and Watkins. Visitors—Bros. A. C. Rees P.M. and P.P.G.S.B. Dunedin N.Z., Tidyman W.M. 1327 P.G.O. Essex, S. D. Ewins S.W. and W.M. elect 766, W. F. Catcheside 1063 and others. Business—The installation of the W.M. elect. This beauti-

ful ceremony was worked by Bro. Dorton W.M. in his usual eloquent and impressive manner. This was followed by the presentation and investiture of the following officers:—Brien S.W., Macarthy J.W., Brayshaw P.M. Treasurer, Mitchell Secretary, Tapley S.D., Job J.D., W. Dorton I.G., Corkey D.C., Nevins and Mason Stewards, Sherwin Organist and Norman Tyler. Mr. Old, who had been previously balloted for, was duly initiated by Bro. White W.M. The Lodge was duly adjourned, and the brethren having done ample justice to the banquet, a pleasant and harmonious evening was enjoyed by all present.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Met at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 14th inst. Bros. Blinkhorn W.M., Walker S.W., Andrews J.W., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, J. Constable P.M. Treas., J. K. Pitt Hon. Sec., Powell S.D., Christopher Tyler, Aarons, Webb, J. Peartree, &c., &c. The second ceremony having been rehearsed, three of the sections were worked. It was arranged that the Fifteen Sections should be worked on the last Wednesday in this month. Bro. C. H. Webb J.D. 174 and S.W. 1607 to take the chair. Proceedings to commence at 7 p.m. sharp.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 13th Nov. 1877. Present—Bros. Wm. Fraser W.M., Daniel S.W., Harris J.W., Maidwell S.D., Forrest J.D., Cohen I.G., Rudderforth Preceptor, Hollands Sec., Marks, Aaron, A. Posener, Wharman, Swan. The Lodge was opened, minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Aarons answered the questions leading to the 2nd degree, was entrusted, and in due course passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Fraser vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Cohen W.M. 205, who rehearsed the 3rd degree, to the gratification of the brethren. Bro. Maidwell gave the Traditional History. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Wm. Fraser. Bro. Daniel was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The annual supper will take place on the 20th inst. Brethren wishing to attend can obtain tickets from Bros. Maidwell, Daniel, Rudderforth, Harris, or Hollands Sec.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 880.—Held its weekly meeting on the 13th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Perry W.M., Brown S.W., Williams J.W., J. Lorkin S.D., C. Lorkin J.D., Stevenson I.G., Dallas Secretary, Smyth Treasurer, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Sanders, Farss, Bonner, Wardell, Perrin, Christian, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form; the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed; the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Delafons acting as candidate. The Lodge was then resumed to first degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Christian acting as candidate. The brethren were then called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed Masonic duties. Bro. Dallas worked the 2nd section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Brown was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was closed in due form.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—A very numerous assemblage of brethren (upwards of seventy) met on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, E. Such an immense gathering is rarely seen at a Lodge of Instruction. The fame of Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. 933 as one of the most able, if not the ablest, exponent of the Masonic ritual and lectures, together with the distinguished names upon the list of those who were to work the responses, sufficiently accounted for the attraction. The result was not disappointing. To sit for upwards of three hours listening to the exposition of the lectures in the wearisome manner in which the task is not unfrequently performed, is a caution and a penance, and to an individual endowed with intellectual culture in soever, small a degree, positively agonising. On the present occasion, however, with such a president and so intelligent a staff of most efficient workmen, the effect was most gratifying, and the interest in the proceedings never flagged for one instant throughout the whole of the evening. The chairs were occupied by Bros. T. J. Barnes P.M. W.M., T. Austin P.M. S.W., J. Berry P.M. J.W., and among those present were Bros. E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, C. Lacey P.M., T. Mortlock P.M., W. H. Myers P.M., J. Constable P.M., J. Hugget the W.M. of the mother Lodge, Geo. Hollington Secretary, &c., &c. The sections were worked in the following order:—1st Da Silva, 2nd Campbell, 3rd W. J. Rawley, 4th Hogg, 5th Williams, 6th Pinder, 7th Ives, 8th Cambridge, 9th Rudderforth, 10th Berry, 11th Turquand, 12th Brown, 13th Myers, 14th Taylor, 15th C. H. Webb. Bro. C. Lacey moved a vote of thanks to the W.M. for the efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties. Bro. Gottheil, in seconding the motion, thought it derogatory to Bro. Barnes to thank him for efficiency which has been well established for many years past, and is besides a compliment given to the merest tyro. The thanks of the brethren were eminently due to him for his successful labours in rectifying and purifying the ritual and lectures from many anomalies which had disfigured them. It was easy to distinguish the work of a brother who had been directly or indirectly under Bro. Barnes's tuition, it being free from common faults, both in grammar and diction. The vote was carried unanimously. Bro. Barnes, in thanking the brethren, observed that it was a great pleasure to him to be surrounded on this occasion by so numerous an assembly. From the very earliest period of his Masonic career he had strenuously rejected any teaching that appeared to his mind faulty. His first Preceptor had been the late Past Master Saque, whom some of them might remember as a very stubborn kind of teacher, and many a hard battle was fought upon different points between them. His endeavours had been sneered at and frequently condemned, but he was happy to say that the mode

of working he advocated was steadily making way. A fair sample had been presented that evening, for most of the brethren who had given their services had received instruction either from himself personally, or from those whom he had previously taught, and were regular attendants in the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, the work of whose Preceptor was similar to his (Bro. Barnes's) own. He would conclude by thanking the brethren who so kindly, and very ably, assisted him, and without, in the slightest, detracting from the excellency of the others, would especially distinguish Bro. Campbell, a young Scotch Mason, who, upon his arrival in this country, but a few short months ago, was absolutely ignorant of anything pertaining to English Freemasonry, and it was remarkable how quickly he had progressed in so short a time. A vote of thanks to the section workers was carried *nem con.* Some twenty new members were elected. The following letter was handed round by Bro. C. Lacey:—

"Exmouth-street, Commercial-road, E.
"November 1877.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You, and the brethren of your Lodge, are respectfully invited to attend a meeting of SUBSCRIBERS TO THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS, at the Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, E., on Monday evening, 19th November 1877, at 8.30 p.m., to consider the arrangements which have been made to concentrate the votes of the brethren, so that a more equitable return may be the result, and the candidates for admission to the different Institutions receive that aid and support which the urgency of the case may require.

"Believe me, yours faithfully,

"CHARLES LACEY, P.M. 174, 1625, &c."

The ceremony will be performed first, and the meeting take place afterwards. In the first part of the proceedings Bro. W. J. Rawley will occupy the chair.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS.

Arrangements have been made for working the sections at the following Lodges of Instruction:—

On Tuesday, the 20th November, at the Jordan, No. 201, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W.

On Saturday, the 24th November, at the Eccleston, No. 1624, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. Bro. I. L. Conlton as W.M.

On Monday, the 26th November, at the St. James's Union, No. 180, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 7. Bro. Woods as W.M.

On Monday, the 26th November, at the Hyde Park, No. 1425, the Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington, at 7. Bro. George Read as W.M.*

On Tuesday, the 27th November, at the Constitutional, No. 55, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Bro. Tate 862 as W.M.

On Wednesday, the 28th November, at the Confidence, No. 193, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. Bro. C. H. Webb as W.M.

On Thursday, the 29th November, at The Great City, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.

On Friday, the 30th November, at the Hervey, No. 1260, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 7. Bro. G. King jun. as W.M.

On Friday, the 30th November, at the Metropolitan, No. 1056, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., at 6. Bro. Tate 862 as W.M.*

On Friday, the 30th November, at the Royal Standard, No. 1298, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 7. Bro. T. Cull as W.M.

On Tuesday, the 4th December, at the Royal Arthur, No. 1360, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 7. Bros. Collings as W.M., Read S.W., Robinson J.W.*

* The following are the brethren who will work the various sections in the Hyde Park, Metropolitan, and Royal Arthur Lodges, on the days referred to above.

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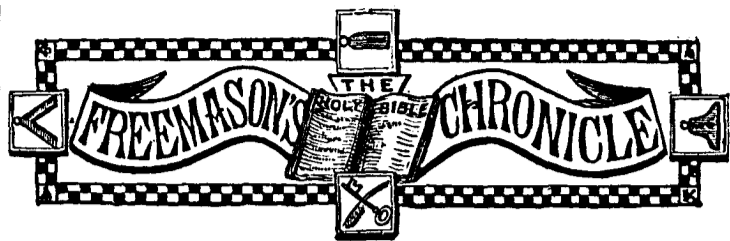
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

AS last Friday was the anniversary of the Prince of Wales's birthday, the Queen and the Princess Beatrice visited the Princess of Wales at Abergeldie. The latter with her three daughters subsequently lunched with Her Majesty at Balmoral, and later in the day went down to the ball-room, where the ladies and gentlemen of the Court and the servants and tenants were assembled, and drank to the health of the Prince. At Sandringham the usual festivities were necessarily curtailed in the absence of the Princess of Wales. But the Prince, with the Duke of Cambridge and the Crown Prince of Hanover went out shooting. Afterwards His Royal Highness and guests visited the Royal mews, where the labourers were regaled with the customary dinner of roast beef and plum-pudding. The healths of the Queen, and the Prince and Princess of Wales were drunk with enthusiasm. On Saturday, the Duke of Cambridge and the Maharajah Dhuleep Singh quitted Sandringham on the termination of their visit, and on Monday the Crown Prince of Hanover and the Duke of Teck, the latter of whom arrived on Saturday, left for Cambridge. The same day the Prince himself left for Merton, on a visit to Lord and Lady Walsingham.

Lord Mayor's Day was one of the most dismal we can remember for some years past, but the show itself was on a larger and more magnificent scale than usual, so that there was no appreciable difference in the crowds which gathered along the line of route. As this was of unusual length, the passage of the cortège occupied a long time in moving towards Westminster, and the presence of Cleopatra's Needle, or at least a counterfeit presentment of it, and of the huge car, with the attendant elephants and dromedaries, caused considerable delay, especially going under Temple Bar. The Lord Mayor's Ward, which is always traversed on these occasions, was very gay with Venetian poles, triumphal arches, and bunting, and his Lordship's reception here, and indeed along the whole route, was hearty if not enthusiastic. On reaching Westminster, the Common Serjeant presented Lord Mayor Owden to the Lord Chief Baron, and the latter congratulated his Lordship on the honour to which his fellow citizens had raised him, being, as it was, the highest civic honour it was possible for him to obtain. In doing this, however, Sir Fitzroy committed a capital error by introducing politics into his speech. The civic dignitaries headed by their chief then retired, having previously invited Her Majesty's Judges to the banquet, and the procession then returned *via* the Thames Embankment and Queen Victoria-street to Guildhall. In due course, and when the Lord Mayor had received his guests, the most distinguished among whom, especially the Prime Minister and the Turkish Ambassador, were greeted with enthusiasm, the banquet was served. On the removal of the cloth, the loving cup was passed round. Then followed the usual succession of loyal, political, and civic toasts, the speeches of Musurus Pasha in response for the Diplomatic Body, and of the Earl of Beaconsfield on behalf of Ministers, being listened to with the greatest interest and loudly applauded. Thus auspiciously, in every respect but that of the weather, did the new civic chief enter upon his term of office.

It seems that the Mansion House Indian Famine Relief Fund has reached a total of £466,000, and there are still donations coming in to further swell the amount, though the Fund itself has been closed. The expenses of collection, &c., under all heads, is under two per cent., a result which must be considered highly satisfactory. The total raised by subscription throughout the British Empire is over £660,000, or in round figures, two-thirds of a million sterling. This large amount has been of immense service in alleviating the sufferings of our poor Indian fellow-sub-

jects, and cannot fail to raise the respect in which the Paramount Power is held among them. It will now become the duty of the Viceroy to see that precautionary measures are taken with a view to prevent similar calamities in the future. Measures for irrigating the country should be undertaken on a large scale, or a few years hence we shall be met with a similar catastrophe. All this will necessarily cost money, but famines cost not only money, but a terrible sacrifice of life as well.

On Saturday and Sunday the country was visited by a tremendous gale, which ultimately increased to a hurricane, and much damage both at sea and land has been caused. Many vessels have been wrecked along our coasts, and in some cases the loss of vessels has been accompanied by loss of life. Dover, Brighton, Margate, Ramsgate, and other well-known resorts, are among the places which have suffered most severely, or off which great loss at sea has been sustained, while inland parts have not escaped without damage to property.

This evening, between 9 and 10 p.m., if all goes well, Gale of Islington will complete his task of walking 4,000 quarters of a mile in as many successive periods of ten minutes' duration. As in his last feat at Lillie Bridge, there have been several members of the Press in attendance throughout, so that the record will be in every respect satisfactory. It certainly is a marvel that any man should be able to last out as Gale has done for nearly four weeks with periods of rest during five or six minutes, alternating with his work. Yet, except at the beginning of the second week, Dr. Gant, who is in medical attendance upon him, has reported favourably of Gale's condition. We do not think this second performance has proved him to be a greater pedestrian still, but we trust he may accomplish it, now that he is so near the end, and what is more to the purpose, that he may benefit sufficiently to rest contented with the laurels he has already gained. Up to some minutes after half-past eleven on Thursday night the distance covered was 3,716 quarters, or 929 miles, so that there then remained 284 quarters, or 71 miles to be walked, in order to complete the task.

On Wednesday night, the Hall of the Scottish Corporation, in Crane-court, Fleet-street, was destroyed by fire. The Corporation traces its origin to a period shortly before the accession of James I. to a society established for the purpose of relieving indigent Scottish residents in London. In 1665, a charter of incorporation was granted, by which the society was empowered to hold lands and erect a hospital. A second charter was granted in 1775 by George III., and the premises which have been this week, it is believed, wholly destroyed by fire, were purchased from the Royal Society in 1782. There were several fine portraits in the principal hall, and a chapel, belonging to the Corporation, is also said to have been burnt down. The building, which was one of the oldest in the neighbourhood, was surrounded by numerous courts and alleys, and these are supposed to have been more or less seriously damaged.

There is naturally great excitement in France, and especially in Paris, over the present political crisis. Marshal MacMahon, it is expected, will stand firm by his Ministry, and there are rumours that the majority of the Senate will support him. The Opposition have lost no time in challenging the conduct of Ministers, but the general opinion appears to be that they have damaged rather than benefited their cause. The speech of M. de Fortou, a prominent member of the De Broglie cabinet, appears to have been a most telling one, and lashed the Opposition into a state of the greatest fury. What the upshot of the difficulty will be remains to be seen.

There is a lull in the warlike operations in Bulgaria, that is, as regards the action of the principal armies. Suleiman Pasha has been making several reconnaissances, and in each case has achieved a certain measure of success. There has been more firing in the Shipka Pass, but with what effect is not very clear. Chefket Pasha has been removed from his command at Orkhanie, and Mehemet Ali Pasha, lately in command on the Lom, is busily engaged in organising an army with which to attempt the relief of Osman Pasha in Plevna. As regards this last General, and the condition of the army under his command, the most conflicting rumours continue to reach this country. On the one hand, we are told that his surrender is only a matter of days, as he has only a short supply of provisions and ammunition; but the days pass one after the other and yet Osman makes no sign of exhaustion; on the contrary, he goes on making

his position stronger and stronger. On the other hand, we hear that his supplies, especially of animal food, will last him for some weeks or even months. One thing seems beyond all question, the Russians have succeeded, or nearly succeeded, in surrounding Plevna. General Skobeloff has been conducting a series of operations along Osman's different lines of communication, and not only have Dubnik and Teliche fallen, but several other positions of greater or less importance have been carried by the Russians. Osman meanwhile makes no sign. He goes on, as we have said, adding to his defences. One of his outworks, which the Russians call the Green Hill, was assaulted during a fog and taken, but this does not affect his main position. In Asia, the Russians, after a series of wonderful successes, have met with a very considerable repulse in an attack on Erzeroum. The Turks must be wonderful fellows to recover after such tremendous losses, and, standing once again at bay, inflict so considerable a defeat on their successful enemy. Still, it cannot be denied that, in the main, the result of the campaign in Asia has been adverse to the Turks. It will be difficult for them to organise a third army strong enough to drive their enemy back to within sight of Alexandropol, as did Moukhtar Pasha after his first considerable victory. Still, while Kars and Erzeroum hold out, Armenia cannot be said to be lost. The rumours of peace which have been flying about appear, unfortunately, to have but little or no foundation. Indeed, Servia is said to be on the point of rushing into the conflict, as though the disasters she suffered last year were not enough for the principality. However, her conduct, whatever it may be, will surprise no one.

We offer our congratulations to Bro. Alderman Stone, P.G.J.W., on his appointment as Treasurer to St. Thomas's Hospital. At an adjourned meeting of Governors held on Wednesday, at the Board Room of the Hospital, Mr. Chambers moved, and Mr. Alderman Sidney seconded, the appointment of our worthy brother, and the motion was carried unanimously. In returning thanks, the newly elected Treasurer expressed his determination to devote himself most heartily to serving the interests of the Hospital.

It has given us much pleasure to insert the letter, which will be found in another part of our columns, on "the Mace Fund" from Bros. Captain Portlock Dadson and F. Binckes, Sec. Boys' School. As our readers are aware, Mr. Mace for whom the fund has been raised is a former pupil of the Institution at Wood Green. Some time since he conceived a wish to take holy orders, but the funds necessary to enable him to fulfil that wish were wanting. In this dilemma, a few friends of the Institution, who knew his career in the School had been an honourable one, and among whom our Correspondents figured most prominently, came forward and resolved that, if possible, a sum should be raised sufficient to pay his expenses while studying at Cambridge. They started a subscription, which has so far met the case successfully that Mr. Mace, after the usual course of study, has distinguished himself by taking a second class in the recent Theological Examination at his University. This is eminently satisfactory, as showing that the *protégé* was in every way worthy of the kindly interest taken in his career. But there is still a balance of college and tutorial expenses to be paid, and as Mr. Mace purposes entering Orders at the Ordination next month, there will be needed a something further to start him fairly on the way. To provide this additional amount is the object of Bros. Captain Dadson and Binckes's present appeal, and we have every confidence their appeal will not be in vain. Mr. Mace has proved himself to be an able, as he had previously shown himself to be an honourable, young man. The duties to which he proposes to devote his life-long energies are of a serious and most responsible, as well as of an arduous and exacting, nature. We trust, under these circumstances, the response of Craftsmen interested in "Our Boys" will not only be a sufficient but also a liberal one. We may add that, as Captain Dadson is about to leave England, the present trustees are Benjamin Head, Esq., 12 Earl's-court-terrace, Kensington, and William Paas, Esq., 8 Duke-street, St. James's.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 17th NOVEMBER.

- 108—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney. (Installation at 3 o'clock.) Banquet at Guildhall-tavern, at 6 o'clock.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 19th NOVEMBER.

- 45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, at 5.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1125—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

- 102—Unanimity, Kings Arms, North Walsham.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
382—Royal Union, Chequer's Hotel, Uxbridge.
388—Prudence, Three Tuns, Halesworth, Suffolk.
424—Borough, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
588—St. Botolph, Corn-exchange, Sleaford.
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimbome.
703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1168—Benevolence, Town Hall, Sherborne.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 9 p.m. (Instruction.)
1477—Sir Watkin, Savings Bank, Mold.
1486—Duncombe, King's Arms Hotel, Kingsbridge, Devon.
1502—Israel, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1564—St. John, Prince of Wales Tavern, Knaphill, Surrey.
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.

TUESDAY, 20th NOVEMBER.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 7. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersen Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.
51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester. At 6.45
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
334—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefin.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.

WEDNESDAY, 21st NOVEMBER.

- General Committee Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Grand Stewards' Lodge, Freemason's Hall.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Haydock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. at 3.30.
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
606—Segontium, Masonic Hall, Carnarvon Castle.
631—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
1010—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1036—Walton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirkdale.
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1161—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Horsea.
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

THURSDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER.

- House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)

- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, at 4.30.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

FRIDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER.

- House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, Annual Festival, at 6.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Counts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
48—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead. (Instruction.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SATURDAY, 24th NOVEMBER.

- 108—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

- 149—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Moltham.
308—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY.

- 61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
408—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury, Yorks.

TUESDAY.

- 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

WEDNESDAY.

- 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

THURSDAY.

- 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
K. T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Dewsbury.

FRIDAY.

- 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
K. T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

SATURDAY.

- 1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

- MONDAY—41—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.

- TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.
405—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.

- WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 82 Nicolson-street.

- THURSDAY—302—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

York Mark Lodge (Time Immemorial).—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at York, when there was an unusually large attendance of members. Bro. Dr. Paley, W.M. of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, Ripon, Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, and Bro. T. Humphris, Eboracum 1611, were duly advanced to the honourable degree by the W.M., Bro. G. Balmford, the whole of the Officers being at their posts, Bro. T. S. Camidge presiding at the organ. The next business was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. T. B. Whytehead S.W., who had been unanimously elected at the last meeting, and this was done according to ancient form, Bro. Thomas Cooper P.M. acting as Installing Master. The W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. George Balmford I.P.M., the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett S.W., the Rev. W. Valentine J.W., T. Cooper P.M. Treas., G. Garbutt Sec., M. Cooper Reg. of Marks, J. Hollins M.O., J. Tissiman S.O., C. G. Padel J.O., J. S. Cumberland S.D., Matthew Millington J.D., G. Simpson M.C., A. T. B. Turner I.G., J. Redfare Tyler. The consideration of the report of the Bye-Laws Committee was, on the motion of the W.M., adjourned to the next regular meeting in January. The W.M. also moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Millington, who had presented a collar and jewel of office for the Inner Guard, a post which he had held last year, with credit to himself and the Lodge, and this was carried by

acclamation. The names of two brethren were proposed and seconded as candidates for joining, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren then adjourned to a capital supper, supplied by Bro. J. Toes, of the De Grey Rooms, York. Owing to the lateness of the hour the toast list was very much abridged. The W.M. in the course of his remarks, in proposing the health of the newly advanced candidates, two of whom were from the West Riding, said that he was at present making enquiries which he hoped would lead to the elucidation of the history of Mark Masonry in the City of York, which at present was in a very confused state, and should he be successful he hoped before his year of Mastership had expired to be able to place the brethren in possession of many deeply interesting facts—he could not say exactly unknown—but at present lost sight of, and any assistance he should receive from any of the brethren he should esteem very highly. The I.P.M., in some observations, said that the circumstance of a brother being installed W.M. of a Craft Lodge and W.M. of a Mark Lodge on two consecutive nights was very unusual, but he knew their W.M. well, and that he was one of the most enthusiastic of Masons, and regarded not time and trouble where the interests of Masonry were concerned. Indeed the numerous responsible offices he now held in the *Haut Grades*, as well as the Craft, proved his great love for everything connected in any way with the oldest society in existence. A most social and intellectual evening was spent, and the meeting was considered one of the most successful in the annals of the Lodge. The W.M. read a very kind letter he had received from the Grand Sec. (Bro. F. Binckes), expressing regret at not being able to be present, as also one from Bro. J. W. Woodall P.G.M.O., to the same effect, and conveying hearty congratulations. Amongst the brethren present, besides those previously mentioned, we noticed: Bros. Major Prissick, J. Sampson, G. Seller, J. Ward, J. Morgan, J. F. Taylor, W. H. Gainforth, J. Matson 64 S.C., &c., &c.

Albion Lodge, No. 9.—Met on Tuesday, the 6th November, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields. Present—Bros. W. T. Scott W.M., F. McCarthy S.W., S. Coste P.M. and D.C. J.W., James Abbott P.M. Secretary, T. Moring P.M. Treas., L. W. Harvey S.D., J. Robey J.D., E. Coste Steward, J. Rawles Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Marsh, Palmer, Vallentine, Cater, Willey, &c. Visitor—Bro. W. Marflet. After all preliminaries had been observed, Mr. Geo. Scruton Gregory was initiated into the Order.

Metropolitan Royal Arch Chapter of Improvement.—Met on Tuesday, the 13th November, at Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michaels-alley, Cornhill. There were present Comps. G. S. Row M.E.Z., D. Haslett H., F. Brown J., John Boyd Treas., Thos. W. White S.E., J. Seex S.N., C. W. Noehmer P.S., G. L. Walker, J. B. Sorrell, S. H. P. Moore, P. Wagner, G. Potter, A. Lucking, N. Gluckstein, G. D'Arcy, E. Gottheil, G. Waterall, Thos. Bull, W. Smallpiece, J. Constable, B. Groner. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, after which the Comps. below the rank of Principal retired, and in accordance with previous arrangement Comp. E. Gottheil worked the installation ceremonies of the three chairs, the Comps. below the higher rank retiring in each case. Upon their re-entry Comp. Seex, in flattering terms, proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. Gottheil, who upon its being carried, briefly expressed his acknowledgments, remarking that it always afforded him great pleasure to be of service either in Lodge or Chapter. Comp. N. Gluckstein desired the acceptance by the members of the Chapter of his sincere thanks for their kindness in having placed the sum of £5 upon his list as Steward for the Benevolent Institution. After the election of officers for the ensuing fortnight, the Convocation was adjourned.

Temple Lodge, No. 101.—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. Bro. Thomas E. Taylor W.M. presided; and there were present Bros. J. H. Thomas S.W., Thomas Cox J.W., Walter George S.D., G. C. Boor J.D., Walter Beard I.G., H. J. Reynolds Sec., James Bond Treasurer, and E. Fradd W.S.; with P.M.'s Wynne, Scott, Hastelow, Beard, F. Cox and Grimbley, as well as a goodly array of brethren. Bros. Altman and McNeil were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed by the W.M. in a very able and impressive manner. Bro. Scott P.M. was nominated as Steward to represent the Lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a sum of ten guineas was voted out of the Lodge funds to be placed on Bro. Scott's list of subscriptions. The sum of five pounds was also unanimously voted to relieve a distressed brother who had formerly been a member of the Lodge. Letters of condolence were directed to be written to the families of the late Bros. Farthing jun., P.M. and James Smith, who had died since the last meeting of the Lodge. Subsequently the brethren adjourned to the banquet, provided by Bro. Painter.

Polish National Lodge, No. 534.—The first meeting since the recess was held on Thursday, 8th instant, at Freemason's Hall, W.C. The W.M., Bro. J. Cumming, presided, and he was supported by Bros. Ebner S.W., J. Aspinall J.W., W. Paas P.M. Sec., J. Taylor S.D., Dr. Jagielski J.D., Dr. Jackson I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Rath, Col. Szulczewsky, Nowakowsky, and Moore. Amongst the Visitors we noticed Bros. W. Saegert P.M. 548, J. H. Oppenheim 1602, Richard Carbery 25, G. H. Smith 1305, H. Clark 788, and W. W. Morgan 1385. After Lodge had been formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, several important matters in connection with the Lodge were discussed. The question of how to reward the energy displayed by the Immediate Past Master during the period he presided over the Lodge was fully considered, and a proposal was made that he be

presented by the Lodge with the Commander's Jewel, which has always been recognised by the members of the Polish National Lodge as a distinction to be conferred only for special services, and is always highly prized by those brethren who have been considered worthy to receive it. After some routine business, the Lodge was closed. After the banquet, the W.M. gave the Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Rath, in proposing the health of Bro. J. Cumming, said:—Brethren,—It is my pleasing duty to speak on a subject which will, I am sure, enlist all your attention, by reason of its importance, and its bearing on the destinies of the Lodge. The W.M., who would willingly have passed over this toast, because of its reference to himself and his office, has no wish to interfere with the accepted customs of our social gatherings; he has therefore desired me to discharge my duty on this occasion with as much modesty as he himself would have used had he been called upon to speak for himself. Well, brethren, it is very often the case in ordinary business that people receive large amounts by way of payment on account for performances to come, and in anticipation of services to be rendered. These, of course, are large in proportion to the certainty and the confidence we feel that those services will really be performed. We are to-night placed in a somewhat similar position with reference to our Worshipful Master, inasmuch as this is the first time he has been called upon to preside at a working Lodge. The hopes and the good wishes with which we all greeted him on his installation were so much paid to him on account for what we expected from his energy, ability, and earnestness in our great cause, and he has in his turn given you to-night a first instalment of the solemn obligations to which he stands pledged by virtue of his high office. You have all seen him at work, and you have felt that a new, and I may say, a different master spirit has taken possession of the chair; if new and different, this change was none the less pleasing, and it reminds me of a curious conversation of the famous Moscheles, the philosopher, with the late King William III. of Prussia. The King, an ardent Christian, and no less an ardent patron of men of letters and sciences, who loved to gather around his court all the celebrities of the age, once asked the great Jewish philosopher why he was not a Christian? to this Moscheles replied, "That there were many beautiful flowers in the garden, each of which had a peculiar sweetness of smell and hue about it, one essentially differing from the other, but all of them equally pleasing and acceptable; and so it was with the different religions. Each of them were different from the other, but that all of them were equally pleasing and acceptable to God." Our W.M., although of a different hue from those that have preceded him, will I have no doubt from what we have seen of his acts to-night, be equally acceptable to the brethren, and none the less so because he is the newest edition, and a highly-conscientious, active, and well-instructed successor to King Solomon. Bro. Cumming, in acknowledging the compliment, assured the members he would always do all he possibly could to advance the interests of the Polish National Lodge. He then proposed the health of the Past Masters. They were all aware that amongst that august body they had some most able and energetic men. Their Immediate Past Master, Bro. Rath, had well performed his duties; Col. Szulczewsky was one of the founders, and, whenever his health permitted, he was to be found in his place in the Lodge; Bro. Moore had been an able representative of the Lodge at the several Charity Festivals, while other of their Past Masters were universally known and respected throughout the Craft. He regretted there were not more present that evening, but he called on the brethren heartily to recognise the toast. The I.P.M., Bro. Rath, replied as follows:—W.M. and Brethren,—If a spirit of modesty was inculcated in me by our W.M., in speaking of him and of his office, the lesson ought not to be lost on me when speaking of myself. Grateful though it might be for me to hear that the few services which I have been privileged to perform have met with the recognition of my fellow workers, still a truly zealous brother ought never to look back and rest contented, but to consider the many things that are still to be done if continued progress is to be ensured. The W.M., as the guiding spirit of the Lodge, is always the one great centre around which we must gather, and from whom we must receive our first impulses; still, there is yet some sphere of useful action left to others, every one should exert himself in his place, but particularly so those who have in times past known the responsibilities of office. The I.P.M. is the *alter ego* of the W.M., and has especially some direct means of doing that for his brethren which, when the W.M. is unavoidably prevented from doing, is cast upon him to look after and to perform. I need hardly tell you that I am all times ready to do all in my power to further the cause of Freemasonry in general, and this our mother Lodge in particular. And, as the proverb says, "Le style c'est l'homme," from his style you can judge the man, so you will judge my future actions from the manner in which I have performed my duties in the past; if those gave you satisfaction, I trust my further endeavours will likewise meet with your applause. Col. Szulczewsky observed that it was almost superfluous for him to offer any remarks after what had fallen from Bro. Rath. However, he felt he could not let the opportunity pass. It was thirty years since he exercised the rights of W.M. in the Lodge. He was one of its founders, and it was with painful feelings he recalled to mind the many dear friends who had passed away since then. There was one consolation; since he vacated the chair, there had been many able brethren who had filled it, but no one had done so more ably than their I.P.M., and he (Col. Szulczewsky) was pleased to hear that the brethren deemed him worthy of the highest distinction they could confer. The speaker then addressed a few words to the brethren on the reasons that had led to the formation of the Polish National Lodge, and concluded by trusting that a bright future was before them. After an acknowledgment from Bro. Moore, the W.M. gave the Visitors, and to this toast Bro. Saegert replied. The health of the Officers was replied to by Bros. Aspinall, Taylor, and Dr. Jagielski. After the Tyler's toast, and between the several speeches, some capital songs were given, Bros. Dr. Jackson, Taylor, Dr. Jagielski, Runtz, Carbery, &c., exerting themselves most successfully.

St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.—A meeting was held on Tuesday last, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Present:—Bros. Alfred Green W.M., Alphonse Guttman S.W., Jas. A. Withers J.W., D. Drysdale P.M. Sec., C. Greenwood P.M. Treas., Alfred Withers S.D., W. Radcliffe J.D., Dr. Waters I.G., T. C. Speight Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Carter, Lavers, Lavers, Young, Linsdell, Wilden, &c. Visitors Bros. John Brookes 3, R. G. Mussabini (Canongate, Kilwinning) 2, A. Martin jun. 188, W. W. Morgan 1385. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Henry Green jun., as a candidate for initiation; it resulted favourably, and that gentleman was introduced and received instruction in the mysteries of Freemasonry. The ballot was then taken for the re-admission, as a joining member, of Bro. Alfred Best; the result was satisfactory, and Bro. Best again took his seat as a member of the Lodge. Some little discussion then took place in reference to the bye-laws, and the alterations that were proposed received the approval of the members. The Lodge was then closed. The banquet was capitally served under the superintendence of Bro. Jennings, and justice was done to a bountiful repast. On the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were speedily gone through. Bro. Carter P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. He regretted the illness of their I.P.M. Bro. Pycroft, on whom, had he been present, this duty would have devolved. The toast of the W.M. was always well received by the brethren of the St. Michael's Lodge. Bro. Green, by industry, perseverance, and hard work, had won the respect and esteem of all, and the brethren appreciated the ability he displayed in carrying out the duties of his post. The W.M. thanked Bro. Carter for the kind expression he had uttered in proposing the toast. He would always do everything in his power to advance the interests of Freemasonry, and thereby encourage and foster the happy feeling exhibited that night. The next toast was the health of the Past Masters, to which Bro. Drysdale responded. He was the father of the Lodge; he had always been well treated by his sons, and of many of them he had good reason to be proud. He assured the younger members that the Past Masters were ready at all times to render them help in carrying out any of the duties that might devolve upon them. The next toast was the health of the Initiate; the W.M. offered, on behalf of the members, their new brother a hearty welcome. He assured him that if he trod in the footsteps of the P.M.'s a bright Masonic future was before him. After an acknowledgment from Bro. Henry Green, the health of the Visitors was proposed by the W.M., who called on Bro. Mussabini to respond. Bro. Mussabini, who has just returned from the seat of war in the East, commenced his remarks by expressing, on behalf of his brother Visitors, their thanks for the hospitality they had received. He complimented the Master on the manner in which he had conducted the proceedings, both in Lodge and at the banquet. He then gave a digest of his experience in Bulgaria. Our brother stated that he found very little knowledge amongst the Turks in reference to Masonic matters, the Russians, on the contrary, seemed to be thoroughly alive to the advantages obtainable by a proper carrying out of the principles inculcated by Freemasonry. The health of the Officers of the Lodge was next given, and to this Bros. Guttman, Withers, Radcliffe and Waters responded. The Tyler was then summoned, and the brethren gave full recognition to his toast. The evening's enjoyment was added to by the vocal ability displayed, many of the brethren possessing musical talent of a high order; notably we may mention the W.M., Bros. P.M. Linsdell, Alfred Withers and Bach.

Marquis of Lorne Lodge, No. 1354, Leigh, Lancashire.—The annual meeting of the Marquis of Lorne Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Leigh, on Wednesday, 7th November, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The W.M. Dr. Hull was supported by his Wardens and Officers, and an unusually large number of members and visitors. The Lodge was opened in solemn form, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the chair of K.S. was assumed by W. Bro. John Bowes P.M., P. Prov. G.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, as Installing Master. Bro. Dr. Evans S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bros. Dr. Hull and P.M. Smith for the benefit of installation. The first part of the ceremony being concluded, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, when all brethren below the degree of Installed Master, except the W.M. elect, were requested to retire, and Dr. Evans was entrusted and left the Lodge room. A board of Installed Masters was opened by Bro. Bowes, assisted by Bros. James Parkton P.M. as S.W., D. W. Finney P.M. as J.W., Dr. Hull as I.G., and P.M.'s Dr. Duncan and Hout. The W.M. elect was re-admitted and installed according to ancient custom, and proclaimed from the centre, saluted and greeted as Masters have been in all ages. The W. brethren were then "called off," and having discharged their duty in that situation were in due time "called on," and the Board of Installed Masters closed in the name and fear of the Most High. The Master Masons were now summoned, and the W.M. was proclaimed, saluted and greeted in this and the other degrees, after which he nominated and invested his officers for the ensuing year. The auditors made their report, from which it appeared that there was a handsome balance to the credit of the Lodge. After votes of thanks to the various officers the W.M. presented, on behalf of the Lodge, to Bro. Kerfoot, Organist, a massive gold ring, suitably inscribed. Bro. Kerfoot, who was visibly affected, acknowledged the gift, and said that when he received the degree of a M.M. he considered he had got all he desired. He thanked the W.M. for the flattering terms in which he had spoken of him as a man and a Mason, and said it would ever be his study to merit the good opinion of the members of his Lodge. Bro. James Jackson P.M. said their thanks were due in an especial manner to Bro. Bowes, the Installing Master. That brother admitted him to "Light," and had installed him twice as W.M. He had heard Bro. Bowes go through the ceremony on several other occasions, but he really thought he improved as he grew older, for every time he heard him work that

beautiful degree he thought he did it more effectively than on the previous occasion. That day all must acknowledge that a freshness, point and impressiveness marked the whole ceremony, personally, and on behalf of the Lodge, he begged to be allowed to propose a hearty and cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Bowes, the Installing Master of the day. The W.M. said that Bro. Jackson "had stolen a march" on him, for it was his intention to have made the proposition. However, he now warmly and cordially seconded Bro. Jackson's proposition, and would only add that he was very greatly impressed with the reality thrown into the ceremony throughout by Bro. Bowes. Other Past Masters and Visitors supported the proposition in complimentary terms, and the vote was carried by acclamation. Bro. Bowes, in acknowledging the compliment, said that he felt flattered by the kind expressions of the various speakers, and assured the brethren that if his services were acceptable to them, he was amply repaid for any small inconvenience his journey to Leigh might have occasioned him. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed with the usual solemnities, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to the banquetting room, where a *recherché* menu was discussed by excellent appetites. The W.M. presided, and was supported on the right and left by Bros. Bowes, Finney, W. G. Bennett, Pennington, Hull, Stock, Robert Vanser, C.E., Capt. Hout, Charles E. Hindley, John W. Thorp, and about fifty other brethren. After *Non Nobis* had been sung by an excellent choir, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts received attention, and a most pleasant day was brought to a close by the Tyler.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The annual meeting of this Lodge, for the installation of W.M., took place on Monday evening, at the Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York, and was the occasion of a good gathering of brethren from York and the neighbourhood. The Lodge was opened at 7 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Thomas Cooper P.M. P.P.G.D.C., the whole of the officers occupying their respective chairs. After the reading of the minutes, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. elect, Bro. T. B. Whytehead S.W. was presented for installation. The usual ceremonies having been gone through, the brethren retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened, consisting of Bros. T. Cooper P.M. 236 and W.M. 1611, Geo. Balmford P.M. 236, P. H. Rowland P.M. 236, Jos. Todd P.M. 236, and S. Maltby P.M. 236, and Bro. T. B. Whytehead was duly obligated and entrusted, and placed in the chair of K.S. and saluted. The board of Installed Masters was then closed, and the new W.M. invested his Immediate P.M. Bro. T. Cooper, after which the brethren were admitted, and the W.M. received the honours in the three degrees successively. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, as follow:—John S. Cumberland S.W., Christian G. Padel J.W., George Balmford P.M. Treasurer, James Kay Secretary, Matthew Cooper S.D., John T. Sellar J.D., George Simpson M.C., J. W. Craven Org., Thos. Humphries Assist. Sec., Matthew Millington I.G., Thos. D. Smith and A. T. B. Turner Stewards, Paul Pearson Tyler. The W.M. then said that on the last occasion of their meeting he had had the pleasure of investing their excellent Bro. T. Cooper with a suit of Provincial clothing, the gift of the brethren, but owing to some mistake, the jewel had not been forwarded from London. He therefore now took the earliest opportunity of attaching to Bro. Cooper's breast the jewel of P.P.G. Director of Ceremonies for North and East Yorkshire. He was glad that the first duty that had fallen to his hands was of so agreeable a nature, and he wished Bro. Cooper many years of happiness to wear his honours. Bro. T. Cooper feelingly responded. The W.M. then stated that he had received a most kind letter of congratulation from the R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master Dr. Bell, expressing regret at not being able to be present, but conveying hearty congratulations. He held also in his hand similar letters from Bros. J. W. Woodall (Scarborough), W. T. Orde-Powlett, F. Binckes, W. Valentine (Whitley), S. B. Ellis (W.M. of the Wentworth Lodge, Sheffield), and several other brethren, expressing hearty good wishes. The W.M. then invited the visitors present to supper, stating that the Installation banquet had been fixed for the 4th December, and he hoped to see on that occasion a good muster of members and visitors. The Lodge was then closed, and an adjournment was made downstairs, where an excellent supper had been provided by Bro. H. Churchill, the worthy host, and to which over thirty brethren sat down, presided over by the W.M., supported by his Wardens and Officers. After supper the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the S.W. proposed the health of the W.M., whose installation they had had the pleasure of witnessing that evening. He had for some considerable period had the pleasure of Bro. Whytehead's friendship, and he felt sure, as they all did, that the Lodge would suffer nothing in his hands. Bro. Whytehead, he might say, was a Masonic enthusiast, not only in ritual but in spirit, and he believed that he endeavoured in all respects to carry out the glorious principles inculcated in Masonic teachings. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and the W.M., on rising to reply, was greeted with repeated applause. He said that Bro. Cumberland had spoken in far too flattering terms of his qualifications for the high office in which he had been placed that evening. On one point, however, his Bro. S. Warden was right. He (the W.M.) acknowledged to being a Masonic enthusiast. Some people would say he made a hobby of it. But if it was so, he was prepared to maintain that there were few studies in this world which could be pursued as a hobby with less detriment and more advantage to the student than that of Masonry. The brethren well knew, and therefore it was hardly necessary for him to assure them of the fact, that his heart was bound up with the interests of the Eboracum Lodge, and nothing should be wanting, as far as his powers of mind and body were concerned, to promote its welfare and that of its members. Before sitting down he would give them the health of the Visitors, and say how pleased they all were to have been able to entertain so many of them that evening. Visiting was such an important point in Masonry, that its mutual advantages could scarcely be over-rated, and gave pleasure to those who were visited no less than to those

who appeared in the role of visitors. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. S. Maltby P.M. Bro. Maltby, in replying, said that as a Mason of some eighteen years' standing, he quite appreciated the kindness and hospitality extended by the Eboracum Lodge that evening to its visitors, and hoped it would not be the last time he should attend its meetings. The health of the Installing Master was proposed by Bro. Rowland, who said that after an experience of 21 years in Masonry, chiefly in the Province of South Wales, he never attended the meetings of any Lodge with greater pleasure than those of the Eboracum, of which he had the honour of being a member, and he congratulated Bro. Cooper upon the manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony, and the Lodge upon the excellent attendance of brethren. Bro. Cooper made a suitable reply, and the W.M. then proposed the health of the Officers. They all knew how essential it was for the success of the W.M. that he should be well backed up by his Officers. As far as he was concerned he felt this most strongly, and after stating so much he could not say more than that he believed, in his Officers, he possessed a set of brethren who were each and all "the right man in the right place." Bro. Cumberland S.W. replied, and the Tyler's toast wound up a most harmonious evening. The proceedings were enlivened by the singing of Bros. J. S. Cumberland, A. T. B. Turner, T. Humphries, J. Appleyard, S. Maltby, and others. Amongst the brethren present besides those already mentioned were:—Bros. H. Jackson 1611, G. R. Leah 1611, J. F. Stephenson 236 and 1611, J. Appleyard 1611, G. Irving 1611, R. Ware 1611, J. R. Jackson 1611, J. Blenkin 1611, G. J. Robinson 1611, H. Churchill 236 and 1611, G. Garbutt 236 and 1611, J. Morgan 1611, J. Ward 236, G. C. Baskett 236, G. H. Simpson 236, W. T. Gowland 236, M. Rooke 236, K. H. Hartley 236, W. J. Boddy 236, J. Mason 643, H. Oliver 213, E. Wood 838.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, on Thursday, the 8th inst. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Murlis, who was supported by Bros. W. Stephens as P.M., George Penn S.W. (W.M. elect), and a numerous assemblage of members and visitors. The business consisted of the installation of Bro. George Penn as W.M. for the ensuing year, which ceremony being completed, that brother proceeded to invest the following as his Officers:—Bros. W. P. Murlis I.P.M. and Sec., S. H. Parkhouse S.W., W. Gordon, M.P., J.W., W. Stephens P.M. Treasurer, F. Clench S.D., E. M. Lander J.D., S. Smont I.G., F. Delevanté Organist, S. Smont jun. and T. C. Swift Stewards, R. Scholefield Tyler. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, where, after grace had been sung, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was followed by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. Each of these toasts were enthusiastically received, and the National Anthem and God Bless the Prince of Wales was sung. The next toast on the list—the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M.—the W.M. remarked, was always considered in their Lodge a special feature, in view of the sanction given by the noble Earl for the Lodge to bear his name. The toast was most heartily received by all present. The W.M. was gratified to propose Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers. In the name of the members of the Lodge he tendered a hearty welcome to the many representatives of Grand Lodge who had attended; individually, he expressed his pleasure in being so honoured on the occasion of his installation. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. J. Hervey G. Secretary, and A. Philbrick P.G.D. Bro. Hervey referred to his visit a year since, on which occasion he acted as consecrating officer. He expressed his gratification at the progress which had been made. As a Lodge, he was pleased to see that they had exerted themselves successfully for the good of the Masonic Institutions, and that after all debts had been paid they had a good balance in hand. He considered their present meeting was a convincing proof they had been careful in the admission of members; this was one of the most important features in Freemasonry. Bro. Philbrick followed; he complimented the Lodge on its success, at the same time he warned the members that there was danger even in success. He hoped they would continue to prosper, and ever remain a credit to the Order. Bro. Murlis proposed the health of the W.M., whom he referred to as a good man and a true Mason; one who would preside over the Lodge with credit. Bro. Penn, in reply, acknowledged the compliment which had been paid him by the brethren. He had always endeavoured to do his duty, and hoped that next year they would be in as prosperous a condition as at the present time. He then gave the health of the Visitors, who were upwards of sixty in number; he regretted he was not better acquainted with them, however, he would give one and all a most hearty reception. With this toast he coupled the names of Bros. Dr. Robbins and Thomas Fenn. Bro. Robbins had great pleasure in attending. On behalf of the Visitors he thanked the Lodge for their hospitality. Bro. Fenn added his good wishes for the future prosperity of the Lodge; he trusted they would ever have as successful meetings as their gathering that night. Bro. Kendall also responded. The next toast was that of the Past Master. To him the members owe very much. The zeal and energy he displayed in establishing the Lodge merited their especial recognition. The W.M. had great pleasure in attaching to his breast a Past Master's jewel; this he trusted Bro. Murlis would receive and wear as a token of the respect he was held in by the members. Bro. Stephens exhibited a splendidly engrossed vellum, which he stated he was deputed to present to Bro. Murlis on behalf of the Officers and members generally. It bore the following inscription:—"Presented, together with a Past Master's jewel, to Bro. William J. Murlis, by the brethren of the above Lodge, as a mark of the high esteem in which he is held by them, and in recognition of the valuable services he has rendered to the Lodge, also in acknowledgment of the courtesy evinced at all times, especially during the year in which he presided as Worshipful Master." This was signed by the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer. Bro. Murlis assured the brethren he was taken entirely by surprise.

He had done, during his year of office, all that lay in his power to make them as comfortable as possible, and he was pleased to see his efforts had met with their approval. It had been the pride of his life ever to steer clear of an enemy, and endeavour at all times to make friends; this resolve he had carried out successfully during the year he had been Master of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. He should always remember their kindness, and look on their gifts with pleasure. The next toast was the Secretary and Treasurer. Bro. Murlis had been toasted as P.M., the W.M. would therefore pass on to their Treas., Bro. Stephens. He had always been ready to travel from the East End of London to transact the business of the Lodge, not only at the regular meetings, but also at any private ones which had been held to advance the interests of its members. Bro. Stephens was extremely obliged to the W.M. for his kind remarks. The term during which he had been connected with the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge had been a very enjoyable one to him. The fact of his being re-elected to act as Treasurer was a proof of the confidence the brethren reposed in him. The Officers of the Lodge, proposed by the W.M., was acknowledged by the three senior, and was followed by that of the Masonic Charities. The W.M. congratulated the Lodge on the support already given to the Institutions, and hoped it would continue. He announced that Bro. Stephens had expressed his intention of representing the Lodge at the next Festival of the Girls' School, and called upon him and Bro. Terry to reply to the toast. Bro. Stephens briefly acknowledged the compliment; he trusted he should be supported, both by the Lodge and its members. Bro. Terry expressed regret that this important toast should have been left until so late an hour. He referred to the three Institutions, and pointed out the good work they had ever been engaged in; he detailed the increased accommodation that had recently been decided on. The very handsome list that Bro. Murlis had been able to bring up at the last Festival of the Benevolent Institution gave a convincing proof that the members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge were not forgetful of the claims of their needy brethren; it would require most strenuous exertions on the part of the Stewards for next year to raise an amount equal to what had been collected this year. By the end of 1877 it would be shown that upwards of £42,000 had been raised. Latterly, the amounts subscribed for the Masonic Charities had considerably increased, but it must not be forgotten that the applications for assistance had also increased. He hoped the brethren would not rest because the amounts contributed appeared large, but would ever exert themselves to provide for their distressed brethren, until it could be said that, whenever called upon the Institutions were in a position to respond. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. The musical arrangements of the evening were carried out by the Masonic Quartette, whose efforts proved most successful. Among the visitors present were:—Bros. John Hervey G. Sec., F. A. Philbrick P.G.D., T. Fenn P.G.D., John Boyd P.G.P. P.G.S., T. Cabbitt P.G.P., E. P. Albert P.G.P., James Terry Sec. R.M.B.I., J. Robbins D.D., W.M. 1635, Rev. P. M. Holden, J. Dosell P.P.G.D. Surrey, L. Bryett P.M. 209 Prov. G.S. of W. Berks and Bucks, F. Pendered P.M. 33, E. Burge P.M. 167, M. Spiegel 188, J. E. Carpenter P.M. 284, J. Grunebaum P.M. 1017, W. Handora P.M., J. S. Badkin W.M. 1365, W. F. Savage P.M. 1425, J. E. Walford W.M. 1489, E. C. Woodward W.M. 1637, T. B. Linscott 55, C. S. Mallette 655, H. Stuart 780, J. H. Webb 834, J. C. Hambledon 1319, T. D. Spurgin, A. McMillan, and John High 1365, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, J. H. Pearson Elliot 1567, E. K. Kendall 1635, J. S. Adkins, E. J. Cave, A. Hendrik, J. Empson, &c.

Unity Lodge, No. 1637.—This Lodge held its first anniversary meeting on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton. Present—Bros. E. C. Woodward P.M. W.M., F. H. Varley S.W., A. Hendriks J.W., W. Coombes P.M. P. Prov. G.S.B. Middlesex Secretary, W. Stephens P.M. S.D., C. W. Davis P.M. J.D., S. W. Cooper I.G., Longstaff Tyler; P.M. Bro. T. Adams P.G.P. Visitors—Bros. H. C. Levander P.M. P.G. Sec. Middlesex, Lucy, Royal Union 382, John Hurdell 1348, John High 1365, R. Pierpoint 1365, W. W. Morgan 1385, Thomas Varley 1421, W. E. Murlis P.M. 1488, W. S. Cantrell P.M. 1501. The Lodge was formally opened at 3.30, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Duffin was a candidate for the 3rd degree, and after the Lodge had been opened in the second, he was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was then advanced to the third, and Bro. Duffin was raised to the sublime degree. The ballot was then taken for Bros. J. S. Adkins, No. 733, and the Rev. Arthur John Riddle, B.A., No. 1501, as joining members, and resulted satisfactorily. Bro. Woodward then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. T. Adams. Bro. F. H. Varley, the W.M. elect, was presented, and the installation was performed, the veteran Bro. Adams throwing into his work all the vigour and energy he still so happily possesses. The W.M. having been saluted, made the following appointments:—Bros. W. Stephens P.M. S.W., Hendriks J.W., Woodward I.P.M. Treasurer, Coombes P.M., &c., Secretary, Rev. A. J. Riddle Chaplain, Davis P.M. S.D., T. Walker Cooper J.D., Grist I.G., Delevanté Org., Henry Slyman W.S., S. Alfred Cooper D.C., Longstaff Tyler. Bro. Adams then gave the addresses. Afterwards, at the special request of the W.M., he presented Bro. Woodward, the retiring Master, with a very chaste and elegant Past Master's jewel, remarking that it was offered by the members as a token of friendship, and as a slight recognition of the esteem in which Bro. Woodward was held by the members of the Unity Lodge. Bro. Woodward thanked the brethren for their kindness. As founder of the Lodge, he hoped to be long amongst them. He was gratified at the position the Lodge had already obtained; it was owing in a great measure to the admirable way in which the members had supported him. He was sure a bright future was before them; all he would say further was, he hoped they would continue to stand by each other, and at all times beware of cliquism. The Lodge was then closed. The banquet was capitally served, and ample justice was done to the good things provided. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Varley proposed the customary toasts. The Queen and the Craft were identified at all

Masonic meetings. We live in a blessed reign, and are enabled to realise the advantages that, as Englishmen, we possess. After the National Anthem had been sung, the W.M. proposed the health of the M.W. the Grand Master. The appointment of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was universally popular with the Craft; he is a worthy Mason, and we heartily appreciate the way in which he fulfils his duties. In speaking to the toast of the Prov. G.M., Bro. Varley remarked that the Earl of Carnarvon was a most zealous worker, and had the interests of the Order thoroughly at heart. After the health of the Deputy G.M. and Grand Officers past and present had received due honour, the W.M. proposed the health of the Prov. Grand Master, Col. Burdett, and the Prov. Grand Officers; he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Levander, who assured the brethren that Col. Burdett took a deep interest in all Masonic matters that occurred in his Province. He regretted the Colonel's absence from this country; he, however, had to congratulate the brethren on the prosperous condition their Lodge was in, and heartily endorsed the remarks of Bro. Woodward, who recommended them to avoid cliquism. Bro. Levander was followed by Bro. Coombs, who also regretted that Col. Burdett was not able to be present. He thanked the W.M. for the kind way in which he had spoken of the Prov. Grand Officers, and trusted they might live to see many brethren of the Unity Lodge receive Provincial honours. Bro. Woodward proposed the health of the W.M., who in reply thanked the brethren, and assured the members that the welfare of the Lodge should ever receive his most careful consideration. By diligent and steadfast working he hoped to hand down the warrant unsullied, and to advance the best and truest principles of Freemasonry. The next toast that received recognition was the health of the Visitors, who severally replied. The health of the I.P.M. was offered, and the W.M. dwelt on the eminent services Bro. Woodward had rendered to the Masonic Institutions. It was gratifying to see the heartiness he displayed in all affairs pertaining to the Craft with which he was identified. Bro. Woodward briefly acknowledged the compliment, and after one or two more toasts had been given, the Tyler was summoned, and the brethren dispersed. During the evening some capital songs were sung; altogether the meeting was a most successful one.

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND.

Ara Lodge, No. 348, I.C.—The regular monthly meeting of the Ara Lodge was held at the Lodge Room, Masonic Hotel, on 3rd September, but the regular business was cut short, as the usual Quarterly Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge was to take place. After the preliminary business the Lodge was raised to the M.M. degree, upon which the Provincial Grand Lodge entered, and was received in accordance with Masonic custom.—Bro. Pierce R.W. P.G.M. taking the W.M.'s chair, and his officers assuming the other official positions. The regular business being disposed of, the election of P.G. officers was held, with the following result:—Bros. Donall P.M. elected to be P.G.S.W., Robinson P.M. to be P.G.J.W., the Rev. Dr. Kidd P.M. to be P.G. Chaplain, Mitchell P.M. to be P.G. Treasurer, Rees P.M. to be P.G. Secretary, Brock P.M. to be P.G.S.D., Batt P.M. to be P.G.J.D., Burns P.M. to be P.G. Director of Ceremonies, Heather, W.M. of Lodge Ara, to be P.G. Registrar, Redfern, W.M. Lodge United Service, to be P.G. Pursuivant, and Porter P.M. to be P.G. Tyler.

Sir Walter Scott Lodge, No. 533, S.C., Thames.—At a recent meeting of this Lodge, it was agreed that the anniversary of the Lodge should be held on the 2nd October, and that it should consist of a soirée, concert and dance, and be confined to Masons, their wives, and sweethearts. The following were appointed a committee to carry out the anniversary celebration arrangements:—Bros. T. L. Murray R.W.M., A. Brodie R.W.P.M., R. Skeen Sec., J. Lowe, W. H. Reed, S. Schofield, and C. Brown. Bro. Murray intimated that he had got the commission of Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker, beautifully framed by Bro. Dunn, of Shortland, and that he intended presenting it to the new Provincial Grand Lodge as a mark of respect from Sir Walter Scott Lodge. The framed commission was exhibited to the brethren, and was much admired.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1388, E.C.—The interesting ceremony of the installation of the W.M. took place on 20th September last, at the Lodge-room, Star Hotel, when Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson M.A. was installed Master of the Lodge. Bro. M. S. Leers P.M. officiated as Installing Master, assisted by the following Past Masters:—Bros. G. P. Pierce P.G.M. I.C. Lodge Ara, Dr. C. F. Goldsbro' Lodge Waitemata, M. Niccol R.W.M. Lodge Manukau, E. T. Wildman W.M. Corinthian Lodge (Thames), Rev. Dr. R. Kidd P.G.C. I.C. Lodge Ara, W. J. Rees Lodge United Service and Ara, W. R. Robinson P.G.J.W. I.C. Lodge Ara, W. C. Walker R.W.M. Lodge St. Andrew, W. P. Moat W.M. Lodge Rodney, A. Heather W.M. Lodge Ara, W. Lodder W.M. Lodge Remuera, J. Warren W.M. Lodge Waitemata, H. G. Wade Lodge Waitemata, J. W. Basley W.M. Lodge Coromandel, W. P. Hayward Lodge Waitemata, W. H. Skinner, F. G. Clayton, and G. M. Mitford Lodge Prince of Wales. After the installation, the officers of the Lodge were invested by the W.M., viz.:—Bros. F. G. Clayton I.P.M., F. W. E. Dawson S.W., R. C. Dyer J.W., W. H. Skinner P.M. Treas., M. S. Leers P.M. Sec., E. S. Willcocks D.C., W. Rattray S.D., Major-General J. W. Gosset J.D., W. S. Collins I.G., C. Burton and L. D. Nathan Stewards, C. Porter Tyler. At the conclusion of the evening a large number of the brethren sat down to a banquet provided in excellent style by Host Davidson. The chair was occupied by the newly installed Master. Bro. C. M. Nelson, supported on the right by Bros. Wildman, Pierce, and Niccol; and on the left by Bros. Leers, Clayton, and Goldsbro'. Bro. Dr. Dawson S.W. occupying the vice-chair. After the good things had been duly discussed, the following programme of toasts was gone through:—"The Queen and the Craft," by the W.M. The choir then sang the anthem "God Save the Queen." The next toast proposed by the

W.M. was "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. of England;" Bro. E. Harker then sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales;" "The M.W.G.M.'s of Scotland and Ireland, Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, and the Duke of Abercorn," was then duly honoured. Masonic anthem, "Hail Masonry." "P.G.M. I.C. Bro. G. P. Pierce; the D.G.M. (designate), E.C., Bro. G. S. Graham P.M.; the P.G.M. (designate), S.C., Bro. Hon. F. Whitaker." Proposed by Bro. E. T. Wildman P.M., and responded to by Bro. Pierce. Glee, "Lutzow's Wild Hunt." "The W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge." Proposed by Bro. F. G. Clayton, responded to by the W.M. Glee, "Two Roses." "The Installing Master." Proposed by Bro. W. H. Skinner P.M., responded to by Bro. P.M. Leers. Song, Bro. Brett, "I fear no foe." "The Past Masters of the Prince of Wales Lodge." Proposed by Bro. F. W. E. Dawson S.W., responded to by Bro. P.M. Clayton. Duet, Bros. Willcocks and Sharland, "Oft in the still night." "The Visiting Brethren, coupled with the name of Bro. Rev. Chas. Clark." Proposed by Bro. M. S. Leers P.M., responded to by Bro. Rev. C. Clark. Part song, "German Rhine." "The Officers of the Prince of Wales Lodge." Proposed by Bro. G. M. Mitford P.M., responded to by Bro. Dr. Dawson. Song, Bro. Lodder, "When other lips." "The Brethren who had rendered the music, coupled with the name of Bro. Brett." Proposed by Bro. R. C. Dyer S.W., responded to by Bro. Brett. Recitation, Bro. Rev. C. Clark, "Over the hill to the poor house." "The newly-initiated Brethren." Proposed by Bro. E. S. Willcocks D.C., responded to by Bro. J. A. Beale. "The Entered Apprentice's Song," Bro. Harker. "The Ladies." Proposed by Bro. Dr. Ellis, responded to by Bro. J. H. B. Coates. Chorus, "Here's a health," &c. "All poor and distressed Masons." After the banquet, the "Host and Hostess," was proposed by Bro. W. P. Moat W.M. Lodge Rodney, responded to by Host Davidson. The following brethren contributed their services as singers during the evening: Bros. E. Harker, Skinner, Sharland, Wethey, Willcocks, Lodder, and Brett, accompanied by Bros. W. J. Rees and J. A. Beale.

NEW MASONIC HALL.—We understand that a project is on foot amongst the various Masonic Lodges in Auckland to purchase the building in Shortland-street, formerly occupied by the Provincial Government, in order to convert it into a Masonic Hall. If this intention is carried out, the Masonic fraternity in Auckland will only have done what ought to have been done years ago. In this community there now exists no fewer than three Provincial Grand Lodges, representing the English, Scotch, and Irish Constitutions of Freemasonry; it is therefore high time that a Hall, the property of the fraternity, an ornament to the city, and a credit to the Craft, was erected in Auckland, so as to afford the facilities for the working of the Lodges which are now only partially provided at the Masonic and Star Hotels.

THE NEW DISTRICT UNDER THE ENGLISH CONSTITUTION.—Bro. G. S. Graham, the District Grand Master (E.C.) designate for the North Island of New Zealand, received the confirmation of his patent from the Grand Lodge of England under the hand of Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the English Constitution of Free and Accepted Masons, by the San Francisco mail. We understand that all arrangements for the double installation of Bro. Whitaker as P.G.M., Scottish Constitution, and Bro. Graham as D.G.M., English Constitution, as a joint affair, are in progress. The date will probably be the 30th of November (St. Andrew's Day), but this has not been conclusively fixed upon. Bro. Graham has signified his intention of appointing Bro. E. T. Wildman to the office of Deputy District Grand Master, and Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson as D.G. Chaplain.

THE NEW PROVINCE UNDER THE SCOTCH CONSTITUTION.—A meeting of the Committee appointed by the delegates of the various Lodges of the North Island of New Zealand holding under the Scottish Constitution of Freemasonry, to take steps for the installation of Bro. The Hon. F. A. Whitaker as P.G.M., and the other officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held on 31st August, at Mr. G. K. Tyler's office, Vulcan-lane. There were present—Bros. E. K. Tyler P.M. Grand Secretary designate in the chair, M. Niccol R.W.S.M. designate, A. Brodie P.M. Thames, and H. Brett. Bro. Tyler laid before the Committee copies of correspondence with the Grand Lodge in Scotland, and with Bro. Whitaker, intimating the names and offices of those brethren who had been nominated by the delegates as officers in the P.G. Lodge. To the former no reply had been received, but to the latter Bro. Whitaker had replied, adopting the recommendation of the delegates. Bro. Tyler had also written to Bro. Hislop P.G.M. Dunedin, requesting him to conduct the proceedings at the installation and consecration of the Grand Lodge, but he had intimated his regret that he would be unable to be present on account of his other duties. Bro. Hislop expressed his gratification at the courtesy shown him, and said that although he felt it would be a great honour, he would be compelled to forego it. He approved of the suggestion that Bro. Lazar, of Hokitika, should be invited to officiate, as he was eminently qualified. Bro. Tyler further stated that he had spoken to a gentleman who was proceeding to Hokitika, as to the probability of Bro. Lazar accepting the invitation, and he had since received a reply to the effect that Bro. Lazar would be happy to do so, providing he was in the colony at the time of the installation. Bro. Niccol said that if Bro. Lazar came up, an arrangement might be made to get him to instal Bro. Graham D.G.M., E.C., at the same time. He said that Bro. Graham had named Bros. Wade, Lodder, and Warren, as a committee to consult with the Scottish Constitution on the subject. A resolution was adopted appointing Bros. Niccol, Tyler, and Brett a committee to confer with a similar committee of the English Constitution, with a view to the advisability and practicability of having the installations for the two Grand Lodges carried out on the same day by the same installing officer, and at the same place, and to effect arrangements with Bro. Lazar to perform that office. Bro. Brett was appointed musical director. Bro. Brodie suggested that the 30th November, St. Andrew's Day, should, if convenient, be fixed on as the day for the installation.

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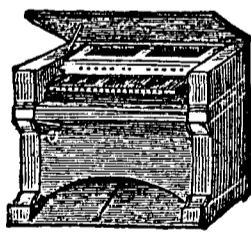
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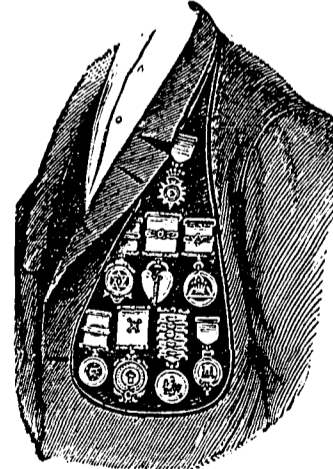
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