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FREEMASONRY IN NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

BEFORE we enter on the account of our visit to Shrewsbury, it will be as well, perhaps, if we note some of the chief Masonic antecedents in the history of the Province. Readers of Preston's Illustrations will be aware that North Wales was the first Province which the Grand Master of England at the Fountain, Shrewsbury, and numbered 128 in Pine's list for 1740, was constituted 16th April 1736. In a later list of Pine there appears one numbered 194, meeting at the "Angel, Dolgelly, North Wales," and constituted 17th September 1743, while in Cole's list for 1763 is one meeting at the "Fox Inn, Salop," presumably Shrewsbury, which was founded on 27th January 1762. Of other "Modern" Lodges existing at the time of the Union and since extinct, but of considerably later date than the foregoing, must be mentioned the "Mercian Lodge," Ludlow, No. 485 before, and No. 528 after, the Union; Lodge of St. Winifred, Holywell, No. 545 before, and No. 570 after, the Union; and the Lodge of Industry, Bridgenorth, No. 578 before the Union, No. 597 after the Union, and No. 391 in 1832. Besides these, we know there was "Ancients," and this is still in existence, being the senior Lodge in the Province,—now No. 117, but No. 153 of the "Ancients" before the Union. No. 262-being No. 434 on the roll of the Grand Lodge "Moderns" prior to the same epoch—also still lives at Shrewsbury. But there are twenty-three other Lodges in this extensive Province, of which one only—No. 384 of Bangor, founded in 1827—received its Warrant of Constitution from our late G. Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex. Twenty-four years elapse before we light upon an additional Lodge, namely, No. 597, of Holyhead, warranted in 1851. Two were born the year following, namely, No. 601 of Wellington, and No. 606 of Carnarvon. No. 611 of Ludlow was constituted in 1853, No. 755 of Llandudno, in 1858, No. 998 of Welchpool, in 1864, Nos. 1113 of Llangefni, 1120 of Ironbridge, and 1124 of Oswestry, were constituted in 1866, and No. 1143, Denbigh, in 1867, and No. 1836 (Wrexham) 1870. All these were warranted during the Grand Mastership 1874, Nos. 1488 (Amlwch), and 1509 (Portmadoc). These came into being when the Marquis of Ripon presided over our destinies, while since the Prince of Wales has been elected Grand Master, there have been created six additional Lodges, namely: No. 1575 (Market Drayton), No. 1582 (Llanidloes), No. 1583 (Towy), No. 1594 (Newthat of the twenty-five Lodges which constitute this imcrated during the Prov. Grand Mastership of Sir Watkins in a very short time, become efficient, but it did not

W. Wynn Bart. M.P., who was appointed to his exalted office in the year 1852, by the late Earl of Zetland. So much for the antecedent Masonic History of the Province. As to its interest from an historical and archæological point of view, and therefore one like to prove especially attractive to Freemasons, there cannot be the slightest possible doubt. Druidical and Roman remains abound. It was in the great battle of Shropshire that the celebrated British Prince Caractacus was defeated and taken prisoner, in the reign of the Emperor Claudius. This is the same of whom history placed in charge of a Provincial Grand Master. The records—rightly or wrongly, is not material, for it is a deputation was issued on 10th May 1727, and the brother gallant story—that when being led captive through the to whom it was granted was Bro. Hugh Warburton. But streets of Rome he expressed his astonishment that a for some years after the organisation of our present people who were so well provided with palaces at home Grand Lodge, though Freemasonry established itself in the should have envied him and his people their humble region round about, it does not seem to have obtained at cottages. It is also a memorable district in the wars of all events a very firm foothold in this district. From the our Edward I., who reduced Wales to be an appanage of earlier published lists of Lodges we find that one meeting his crown, and it was in Carnarvon Castle that the son of the conqueror—afterwards Edward II., and the first English Prince on whom the title of Prince of Wales was conferred—was born. This was in the year 1282. But peace did not immediately follow this conquest, and a border warfare prevailed for many years, in which the sword and battle-axe, the spear and bow and arrow, played a very conspicuous part. Then came one of the events so memorable in the annals of Henry IV.'s reign, when that monarch, at Shrewsbury, completely overthrew the coalition formed against him by the Percies, the Douglas, and Llewellyn. This was in the year 1403, when Henry Hotspur was slain, and Fallstaff distinguished himself in the engagement, even to the extent of fighting a "full hour by Shrewsbury clock" against the gallant foemen. Since then, with the exception of events during the wars a Lodge holding under the Grand Lodge of the of the Roses and the Great Civil War, to dwell on which would protract the present article to inordinate length, there have been few matters which it were worth while to record—at all events, in these columns. Pass we, therefore, to the main object of this present writing, and let us recount the experiences we have gathered from our visit to the genial capital of Shropshire, and, indeed, of the Masonic Province of which it forms a part.

As we have already shown, there are two Lodges in Shrewsbury, Nos 117 and 262, the former of which—No. 153 on the roll of "the Ancients"—was, in the first instance, held under a Military Warrant in the Shropshire Militia, and became a Civil Lodge in 1820; while the latter belonged to the Grand Lodge of "Moderns," and was warranted in the year 1788, on the roll of its Past Masters being Sir W. Wynn, the Provincial Grand Master. They are respectively named the Salopian Lodge of Charity and the Salopian, and the former meets at the Raven, the latter, which is also the more influential of the of the late Earl of Zetland. In 1871, Lodge No. two, at the Lion. The two together muster close on a was constituted at Bala; in 1873, Lodges hundred members, but the Lodges keep as much apart Nos. 1432 (Oswestry), and 1477 (Mold); and in from each as possible, and do not seem to exhibit, the one towards the other, those feelings of love, and that desire for harmonious action, which it is so desirable should exist between fellow Lodges. We met many members of both. and in both cases we found them generally well informed on Masonic matters, as well as genial in their bearing. The members of No. 117 exhibit a strong desire for a town), No. 1621 (Bridgnorth), and No. 1674 (Rhyl), the healthy unity of action, and much zeal for the acquisition first three having been constituted in 1875, the next two in of further and fuller knowledge of the Royal Art, and to order in 1876, and the last in 1877. It should be added this end they have established a Lodge of Instruction, which meets every week. In such circumstances, of portant Province, no less than nineteen have been consecurity, the brethren, and especially the Officers, should,

strike us that the benefits of such a Lodge were as fully appreciated as they deserve to be, and the result in laxity of attendance at the parent Lodge itself, as well as in that vitality which is so necessary to the healthy action of a body corporate was, we regret to say, but too apparent. No. 262 has a Royal Arch Chapter attached to it, but we fear this branch of Freemasonry is confined to a class, and its influence is therefore far more restricted than is desirable. This is no doubt due to causes which are more powerful in a comparatively small provincial town than elsewhere, but the drawback is by no means irremovable, and we trust that in future Craftsmen will exert themselves to work harmoniously together. There is plenty of young blood in both Lodges, we have consequently members, whom grouped together for the purpose of offhand description. possess many estimable qualities which cannot fail to be of excellent service when the opportunity for displaying them arrives. As proof of the energy which some of the members display, we may mention that Comp. J. B. Boucher travels regularly from London in order to attend his duties as H., while Bros. J. S. Davies and E. M. Wakemen journey all the way, one from Oswestry, and the other from near Bridgnorth. If these can exhibit thus much zeal and punctuality, it is certainly in the power of those who are resident in Shrewsbury itself to be as zeolous and punctual. It is well also to state that the Craft is greatly indebted to Bros. R. Lewis, G. H. Hankey, and J. D. Bagnall, Past Masters, W. Morris, W. Master, and J. Vine, Secretary of Lodge No. 117, as well as to Bros. S. Wood, T. Onions, J. B. Boucher, and J. D. Bagnall, Past Masters of No 262. We can but add a hope that their example will be duly appreciated by others, and that in the future both Lodges will enjoy the utmost prosperity.

NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTERS.

THE annual gathering of Mark Masons of this Province took place on the 30th ult., at Sunderland, under the Banner of the Union Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 2.30, by the Rev. Canon H.B. Tristram F.R.S., R.W. Prov. G.M., supported by a large garbering of Present and Post Prov. Grand Officers, and also a good attendance of brethren, amongst whom were: -Clapham P.P.D.G.M., T. Y. Straughan P.P.D.G.M., Rev. E. L. Marrett P.P.G. Chap'nin, W. E. Franklin W.M., Dr. Luke Armstrong J.W., T. J. Armstrong M.O. R. L. Armstrong S.O., W. S. Hughes P.G.S.W. I.P.M., R. G. Salmon Sec., S. M. Harris I.G., B. Bell J.S., and Sims Tyler, all of the Northumberland and Berwick Lodge. E. Hudson P.M. 39, J. Maddison W.M., T. Inizell J.W., E. Southest M.O., M. Fonton S.O., W. Brandly J.O., T. M. Watson Reg. of M., W. Cockson S.D., J. B. Wells J.D. and Atkinson Tyler, all of No. 124; H. H. Blair W.M., T. Robson P.M., Rev. W. Cooley M.O., J. J. Horsley Secretary, G. Thompson P.M., J. P. Thompson, and Walters Tyler of No. 135. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the Treasurer's report The minutes was adopted; it showed a balance in his hands of £20 16s 8d and upon the notice of Bro. Clapham it was unanimously carried that £10 10s be voted to the R.M.I. for Boys and £5 5s to the Palestine Exploration Fund. In submitting this the Prov. Grand Master spoke in a most touching manner in support of the claims of the Boys' School. The report of the General Purposes Committee was most satisfactory; it showed new members to the number of 27, and a total of Mark Masons in the Province of 216. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year: T. Y. Stranghan P.D.G.M., Capt. J. A. Forbes S.G.W., Fisher G.J.W., F. Maddison G.M.O., W. E. Franklin G.S.O., Kasburn G.J.O., R. H. Holmes P.D.G.J.W. Treasurer, Rev. W. L. J. Cooley Chaplain, W. Cockburn G. Secretary, T. J. Armstrong Assistant G. Secretary, H. H. Blair G.S.D., H. E. Sonthest G.J.D., G. Hudson G.D. of C., W. J. Watson Reg. of Works, R. L. Armstrong G. Standard Bearer, M. Frampton G. Sup. of Marks, Weatherhead G. Sword Bearer, Dixon G.I.G., J. P. Simpson and J. Horsley Grand Stewards, J. Thompson G. Organist, and Atkinson Grand Tyler. Other rontine business being disposed of, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren, numbering about fifty, adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, Fawcett-street, where they sat down to a well-served banquet, presided over by the Provincial Grand Master, who was suported by the Dep. Provincial G.M. and Bro. the Rev. E. L. Marrett P.P.G. Chaplain. The brethren having done full justice to the good things put before them, grace was said, and the usual Loyal toasts were heartily greeted. The Prov. G.M. then gave the health of the M.W.G.M.M.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and in doing so said his name was dear to all Masons, whether in this or in Craft Masonry. The next toast submitted from the chair was that of the R.W. Deputy Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then rose to propose the health of Canon Tristram P.G.M. He said he considered it very tyrannical of the North-Eastern Railway Company that there should be no train after 6.40 by which their Prov. Gr. nd Master amount of earnestness in the cause of Masonic study. To as who could leave, thus depriving the brethren of his presence. It required are constantly in the habit of attending Lodges of Instruction,

few remarks of his to recommend the toast. All the good works the Canon had done, for which he was so well known all through England, and also as the head of this Province, would alone be sufficient to ensure its being well received, but he would recommend as a mark of respect to the P.G.M. that brethren should use their best endeavours to spread this degree. He would like to see Lodges formed in Darlington, in Shields, and even, he considered, there was room for another Mark Lodge in Newcastle-cn-Tyne, and he hoped that during the Provincial Grand Mastership of Canon Tristram there would be new Lodges formed in these places. In conclusion he called on the brethren to join with him in drinking long life, health and happiness to the P.G.M., Canon Tristram, who on rising was received with hearty cheers, said he almost felt surprised at the reception the brethren had given him, which almost confused him; he confessed that he did trust that he might have the pleasure to see some new Lodges in the Province during his reign, which would soon be coming to an end. Mark Masonry was a select old society, if he might call it such; all could not be Masters, all could not be Overseers, but all could be good Mark Masons; he loved the Arch Degree, but he felt it was incomplete without the Mark. He then made several apt allusions to the degree and matters of local interest, and concluded by saying that though the terms in which my health has been proposed are beyond my merits, I none the less thank you for the hearty response you have Before setting down. I call on you to drink health, long life and happiness to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, without whose help and valuable assistance, I could do nothing. Canon Tristram here left; the brethren rising, and given him three times three, Bro. Stranghan then took the chair, and on rising thanked the brethren for the compliment they had paid him and the other Officers of Prov.G.L. He had been in active service, except last year, ever since the formation of the Prov. G. Lodge, the Grand Lodge of America had this year recognised the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and he hoped soon some arrangement might be come to with Scotland. Above all, the members of this degree must be of the right stuff; no Province could have a better Master than the Conon. Bro. R. H. Holmes, Prov. Grand Treasurer, then gave the Past Grand Officers; he considered it a great honour to be a past Officer; when a Brother had so worked as to be thought worthy of office in his province, it spoke well for him. Personally he felt as much honour when he received his first office in the province, that of Steward, as he did when he received the highest. He had pleasure in giving them the Past Officers, coupling the name of Bro. Claphan P.P.D.G.M. with the toast. In returning thanks, Bro. Claphan said he thought when a poor old fellow like him came to a certain age he should be put on the shelf, or left to come and enjoy himself with his good and kind brethren, but he should not be asked to work or to answer to toasts. He would, however, do his best to express the gratitude he and all the Past Officers felt in having their health so kindly received. He hoped all the Past Officers might become Deputy Grand Masters, as he had done; he therefore thanked them very much. The D.G.M. then said it became his pleasing duty to drink success to the Union Lodge, under whose anspices they had met and so enjoyed themselves. This Lodge required special support from the Prov. G. Lodge, as the ruler of the Craft in the Province of Durham did not look on Mark Masonry in so kind a manner as Earl Percy did in the other Province. to the Union Lodge his sincere thanks for all the arrangements they had made. He coupled with the toast the name of the W.M., Bro. Maddison, who in reply thanked the Dep. Grand Master for his kind remarks, and thought it a great honour that during his Mastership the Provincial Grand Lodge had been held under their banner: they had done well in the past he hoped they would do better in the future. The Deputy G.M. then gave success to the time immemorial Lodge, the Northumberland and Berwick, which had been the Mother to all the Lodges of the Province, with this he would couple the name of Bro. W. E. Franklin the W.M. Bro. Franklin in the course of a few well chosen and eloquent remarks thanked the brethren for their kind sentiments. The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a most enjoyable evening, which had been enlivened by some capital harmony.

ST. JAMES'S LODGE, No. 482, HANDSWORTH.

THE proceedings at this well established Lodge, one of the most prominent in the Province of Staffordshire, on Monday last, were of a novel and interesting character. The W. Master, in conjunction with his immediate predecessor in the chair, and with the assistance of his Senior and Junior Wardens, had arranged to work the Fifteen Sections. Now, we in London are in the habit weekly of seeing announcements that, in this or that Lodge of Instruction, a band of brothers have arranged to go through the Urait Lectures, but we should regard it as a novelty, indeed, were we to find, on entoring one of the numerous Lodges it is our privilege to visit, that we were about to listen to the working of the entire sections. when there is a paucity of business before a Lodge, some enthusiastic brother rises, and occasionally suggests, as the brethren have a spare half hour, the desirability that one or two of the sections should be worked; but, we regret to say it, our brother, in five cases out of six, is voted a bore, while—to use a common expression one pill (or section) is considered a dose, and the brethren soon give indications that an adjournment to banquet, or to bed, is desirable. This, in a measure, is due to want of pre-arrangement, or to the inability of the respective workers to throw into their task the necessary zeal and energy, or it may be owing to their lack of elocationary and appreciative power; but, whatever the cause, there can be no question that a more intimate acquaintance with our ectures is most desirable, and that it would be greatly conducive to the well-being of our Lodges if there were exhibited a greater

nothing can possibly give greater pleasure than to hear certain parts of our lectures well, or even fairly well, declaimed. Brethren may, and often do, smile at the strange anachronisms, &c., which have been introduced into them, but the reflective among them know how these have found their way thither, and why; as well as the exact measure of approval or disapproval which must be meted out to them; but it is impossible for any intelligent brother to hear the working of the sections without deriving considerable benefit. point of view, of He will learn much, from a speculative architecture, of the six grand periods, &c., &c., &c., as well as of the moral duties it is our duty to fulfil. The language in parts of them is magnificent, and should not envy the brother who could set out the working of the lectures or (say) of any one of the sections without being struck, not only with the immense moral value of the principles they inculcate, but likewise with the beautiful language in which those principles are set forth. But to approach the plain duty we have to perform, which consists simply in recording particulars of the meeting of this Lodge. The hour fixed in the summons for the assembling of the brethren was 5 p.m., and punctually to the appointed time the brethren came together in considerable force, and the Lodge was opened in due and ancient form. In due course, the work specially appointed for the evening was reached, and under the presidency of Bro. Dr. Parkes I.P.M. the first lecture was most successfully worked, the following brethren treating the respective sections, namely: Bros. J. Deeley J.W. (1), J. H. Parkes W.M. (2), E. R. Kimpton Secretary (3), J. F. Pepper S.W. (4), J. H. Parkes W.M. (5), J. F. Pepper S.W. (6), and E. R. Kimpton Secretary (7). Bro. J. H. Parkes W.M. then occupied the chair, and the second and third lectures were worked with equal success by the following, namely, Second Lecture—First section, Bro. Dr. Parkes I.P.M., second ditto J. F. Pepper S.W., third ditto E. R. Kimpton Sec. fourth ditto J. F. Pepper S.W., and fifth ditto J. Deeley J.W. Third Lecture-First section, Bro. Dr. Parkes I.P.M., second section J. Deeley J.W., and third section E. R. Kimpton Secretary. The sections over, there were offered to those who had taken part in the working most hearty expressions of congratulation, the brethren present, one and all, averring that they had derived the greatest pleasure imaginable from the evening's labour. It was then mentioned that the Friday previous (the 1st instant), Bro. John Pursell Prov. G. S. Warden of Warwickshire, and Preceptor of the Birmingham Lodge of Instruction, on quitting the Masonic Hall in that town, had been run over and received some very severe contusions. He was taken back instantly to the Hall, and there examined by three medical men, who were fortunately at hand. It was found that no bones were broken, but Bro. Pursell has attained the ripe age of sixty-eight, and the shock to the system from so severe an accident was very considerable. The sympathy of all present was most feelingly uttered, and it was resolved that the condolence of the Lodge should be conveyed to Bro. Pursell forthwith. Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given with commendable brevity, and were most cordially greeted, that of the W.M. in particular calling for the warmest enlogiums from the proposer, and the utmost enthusiasm from the guests. Bro. Parkes acknowledged in brief, but most appropriate terms, the praises which had been bestowed upon him that evening, and, like a true Mason, expressed himself delighted with the able assistance he had received from his I.P.M., Wardens and Secretary in carrying out the labours of the evening. The health of the Visitors was acknowledged by Bros. Howkins, Michael Davis, and C. Walsh Graham, the first of whom spoke in the most glowing terms of the working he had witnessed. The great knowledge and experience which Bro. Howkins is known to possess renders his testimony the more valuable. It may be imagined that the chief topic during the repast, and in the intervals between the toasts, was the Sections, and the manner in which the members of St. James's Lodge, No. 482, had acquitted themselves, and there was but one opinion as to the result of the ex-Must we add that this was of the most favourable character, and that all present congratulated themselves on the success of the evening. However, the happiest meetings must at some time, be it sooner or later, come to an end. In due course, therefore, the company dispersed, each with feelings of satisfaction that he too could justly describe what had passed as events quoram pars magna fui. We may here remark that the following Officers were present, namely:-J. H. Parkes W.M., W. E. Parkes I.P.M., J. F. Pepper S.W., J. Deeley J.W., W. Randall, M.A., Rector of Handsworth, Chap., J. Jacobs Treas., E. R. Kimpton Sec., B. G. Cole J.D., E. W. Bradley I.G., F. W. Payton Steward, Chas. Payton, F. Derry P.M. and Past P.G.W., G. J. Payton, H. Morton Sharp, T. Dixon Miller, J. V. Barber, J. W. Evans, J. Rowlands Past Master, J. Chapman Tyler; and the following Visitors, namely: -Bros. H. G. Quilter Worshipful Master 1016. Past Provincial Grand Sword Rearer Warwickshire Rev. E. C. Perry P.M. 720, G. H. Johnstone 982, Stephen Wood P.M. 1168, P.P.G.W. Warwickshire, R. H. Vertegens P.M. 74, Thos. Taylor P.M. 418, P.P.G.S.W. Staffordshire, James Rowley P.M. 539, H. Walton P.M. 696, P.P.G.R., W. J. Stubbs P.M. 696, P.P.G.J.D., Joseph Fenn P.M. 74, P.G.R., H. Harcourt 74, John Skinner 74, H. R. Duddell 925, Charles Winn S.W. 938, T. Hands P.M. 1016, G. E. Earnshaw W.M. 587, Ashton T. Salt W.M. 887, A. L. Gibson 163, John Waterson P.P.G.D., Major John W. Preston P.P.G.S.W. Somerset 42, G. Burnley 925, F. M. Mole S.W. 1411, C. Walsh Graham I.P.M. 696, Chas Round P.M. 347, W. Vernon W.M. 456, P.G.S.B. Staffordshire, Daniel Round I.G. 347, R. Williams Treas. 696, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, &c.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, E., on the 22nd of November, at 7 o'clock precisely.

Obituary

THE LATE SAMUEL PHELPS.

T is with unfeigned sorrow that we have to announce the death of the eminent tragedian, Mr. Samuel Phelps, who departed this life shortly before three o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, at Anson's Farm, near Epping. For some time past it had been evident to those about him that the great actor's powers were failing, but his death at the last came somewhat unexpectedly, and not long after a rumour had gone abroad that he had taken a turn for the better. Mr. Phelps, however, had exceeded the ordinary span of three score and ten years allotted to man, and the rally-if such there really was -must have resembled that last flickering of the candle which immediately precedes its extinction. That Mr. Phelps, when his biography comes to be written, will be placed in the same category of actors with the Kembles and Edmund Kean is not to be expected. but that he was a thorough and most competent artist, and one of the brightest ornaments of the stage he had trodden for fully half-acentury is a fact beyond all question. He is-or was rather-the last of those eminent men who formed the connecting link between the stage of John Kemble and Edmund Kean and the present generation of actors. His name was a tower of strength to any company with which he was associated. As an interpreter of the noblest and most exacting characters of Shakspeare there is no living actor that could rival him, and though especially regarded as a tragedian, there are few, if any, artists who could approach him in comedy. In this respect he was not unlike Macready, in whose footsteps he followed so closely, and albeit a better Lear, Macbeth, and Hamlet than any of his compeers and successors, some of his greatest triumphs were achieved in comedy. He was born at Devonport in the year 1800, or, as some say, in 1806. In early life, he was apprenticed to the trade of printer, and served his full time, and such was the skill he acquired as a compositor, that it is recorded of him that, years after he had abandoned this calling, when about to play in some Provincial town, he set to work and composed the playbill announcing his performance, the local printer, for reasons which are not material, having been described by his men. On coming of age, Phelps took to the stage, and in a very short time made his mark, and once during his earlier career, he received the warm congratulations of the great Edmund Kean for his artistic rendering of the part of Tubal in the Merchant of Venice. Having won for himself a high Provincial reputation, he challenged the verdict of popular opinion on the London boards, with a success which must have been as gratifying as it was deserved. But not to enter fully into a career which has been described at such length in other journals, it will suffice if we draw attention to that most distinguished portion of his life, when, firstly in conjunction with Mr. Greenwood and the late Mrs. Warner, and afterwards by himself, he presided so successfully over the destinies of Sadlers Wells Theatre. This period lasted from 1844 to 1862, and in its progress he produced no less than thirty-two of Shakspeare's plays, besides many of the best works of other great dramatists. respect for the legitimate drama won him golden opinions from the most enlightened portion of the British public, and during his management the Wells was nightly thronged with an audience fully appreciative of the good work he was doing. Nor was it alone as an actor that he impressed the public so favourably. He was a man of education, and the most refined and critical taste, and in his Shakspearian revivals, in the matter of costume and scenic accessories. he showed he was a complete master of the history and archeology of the periods to which the plays severally belonged. Since 1862 he has appeared at most of our leading theatres, and the mere announcement of his appearance was the almost sure forerunner of full houses. He was to have appeared this season at Drury Lane, but his health intervened, and denied the London public the opportunity they so much desired of once again greeting their favourite. Indeed, at the time of his death, he was under an engagement with Mr. Chatterton to play a series of farewell performances, commencing with that of Cardinal Wolsey in Henry VIII. His retirement from the stage would have taken place about next Easter, but it has been ruled otherwise by the Great Architect of all things; and Samuel Phelps, the great actor, the refined scholar, and the courteous gentleman, who pandered to no one, and held mere lip service to be an atter abomination, has passed away to his last home. His private virtues were many; in the bosom of his family no one was more dearly loved, while in public he was respected by all with whom he came in contact. May the memory of his virtues and talents flourish ever!

We have great pleasure in stating that Messrs. Besson and Co., of 198 Euston Road, N.W., Musical Instrument Makers to the Armies and Navies of all the Nations in the World, were awarded a Gold Medal for Excellence of manufacture at the Paris Exhibition, and not a Silver Medal, as has been erroneously announced in other journals. This raises the number of medals awarded to this excellent and long-established firm since 1837 to Thirty. In honour of the award Messrs. Besson and Co. invited their employés to a dinner at the Hotel and Restaurant, Français Audinet, 5 Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-squire. We congragratulate the firm on this further evidence of the sterling merits of their musical instruments.

We have great pleasure in announcing that the annual benefit of Bro. Jennings, the able and enterprising musical director and manager of the Oxford, will take place on Wednesday next, the 13th instant. We trust Bro. Jennings will have a grand success, such as the manager of this popular place of entertainment so richly deserves.

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"CHARITY;" IS IT "GIVING?"

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,-I desire metaphorically to pat your correspondent "DEUX ETOILES" on the back, and I trust he will pardon me the liberty, for his plack in stepping forward to point out what threatens to become a nuisance to the Craft. It has more than once occurred to me that some of our active brethren (more power to them), who are very energetic on behalf of the Charities, are in danger of forgetting that men have other duties and claims in life besides Masonry and Masonic Charity. Far be it from me, as I am sure it is from "Drux Etoiles." to say a word to damp the ardour of any Bro., but I certainly do think that to make any qualification, such as has been suggested-of having served a Stewardship or contributed so much to one of the three Charities—a sine qua non to advancement to Provincial or any other Masonic honours would be, not only unjust, but absolutely cruel. It simply would mean the creation of a money qualification. We have quite enough of this kind of in Masonry. It would be quite needqualification already in Masonry. less for me to point out what every working Bro. is well aware of-that many of the best places in Masonry are filled by brethren who are perfectly innocent of having done either good or evil for the Craft, and whose sole recommendation is the possession of wealth which has enabled them to contribute a few hundreds to the Charities, a gift to them of far less sacrifice than a donation of ten shillings by many a poor Bro. whose name has never been breathed beyond the circle of his own Lodge. Added to a little tondyism, is it not a fact that the golden key will unlock almost every Masonic door? But although this may be the case in fact, we still preserve the theory that we prize honour and virtue above the external advantages of rank and fortune, and in private Lodges I conceive our pure teachings to be far more worthily interpreted than in Grand and Provincial Gr nd Lodges. I do see occasionally, poor though worthy men ruling Lodges with satisfaction to themselves and advantage to the brethren who rejoice to sit under their teachings, but on the other hand I have seen placed in the best offices of some Provincial Grand Lodges brothren who have never once attended to the duties of their own Lodges during their years of Mastership, or whose ignorance and utter incapacity are matters of notoriety, but whose rank or wealth, or both, give them influence, or whose toadyism must be rewarded. we see any suggestion such as that of Bro. Radcliffe carried out we shall put the stamp of authority upon such selections.

Let me be permitted, without the accusation of any egotism, to state my own case. I am a man of very limited means, but with a social position which compels me to keep up a certain appearance. I have a family growing daily more expensive, whilst my means remain stationary. With me Masonry is a hobby, and I have taken it up for some years with zeal in all its branches, and done more work both in ritual and organization as well as official drudgery routine than one Brother in five hundred, judging from observation. I have gone through most of the chairs in most of the degrees, and, I believe, never made an enemy, though I have largely added to my friends. No one in my Province experiences, I am sure, greater pleasure in subscribing his annual mite to the Masonic Charities than do I, but I have never served a Stewardship because I cannot afford it. I am called upon to contribute to at least half a score of local societies, to say nothing of casual calls for special objects, which everybody knows are continually cropping up. I say nothing of private relief, though any resident in a provincial city who holds any social position well knows the numerous appeals which reach him from the neighbouring poor and distressed. My church too has its claims, which must not be put aside, and when I add these things together I find that my income will not permit me to "qualify" in our Masonic Charities. I think you will admit that it would be rather rough on me to declare that because I am not the possessor of another hundred pounds or so per annum that my Masonic labours should go unrewarded.

'DEUX ETOILES" is also right in calling attention to the fact that unsuitable candidates are sometimes elected to the Schools because they happen to have influential friends. The other day I heard of an | you gave my circular and letter in last week's issue, and the instance in which the case of a child was taken up by a Northern Province with great energy—but, as yet, without success—which I submit is quite unsuitable. The father held an excellent situation, at a salary of considerably over £1,000 a year, up to the day of his death; his life was insured for, I believe, £2,000; at his death a sum of nearly £2,000 was subscribed and invested for the widow, who is not friendless by any means, and I confess to thinking this a case that should never have been brought forward. I am convinced that at the present time numbers come into our ranks under the impression that they are joining a sort of convivial benefit club, which will give them suppers and grogs when they are in health, and a pension when they break down; and the tremendous fuss that is publicly made about the " enormous " charitable results of the Craft lends colour to the supposition. Would it be deemed out of place to enquire how many out of all the applicants for the Benevolent Fund have ever contributed directly towards its support?

Let us, as your correspondent says, in the first place be brethren in deed and in truth towards one another, and then let us aid in our Charities as far as we legitimately may, but let us not forget that there are other orphan and destitute institutions besides our own, and that we are not bound at great sacrifices to ourselves and our families to worldly precautions as to limit his subscription to the minimum amount

provide unlimited accommodation and permanent refuge, either for brethren who have by their own sin and folly come to poverty or for their children, especially when those children have friends and relations in good circumstances.

If by any happy stroke of fortune I should ever be in such a financial position as to be able to do so, it will be my great delight as well as high privilege to serve as a Steward, and make myself a Life Governor of each of the Institutions, but in the meantime I decidedly object to being left out in the cold as one unworthy of Masonic honours.

Yours fraternally,

A MASONIC ENTHUSIAST.

4th November 1878.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, -- "DEUX ETOILES," who writes at length on the above question, though he scrupulously avoids the use of italics, may be said to write in big capitals. The tone is lofty, the conceptions are on a magnificent scale, and there is such a halo of superiority about the whole exposition, that I am almost afraid to think of the consequences to my unhappy self if I address you on the same matter. I hope I may venture to affirm that I have "unmuddled brains," my friends, at least, are complimentary enough to tell me I can argue a point fairly well; but I almost begin to think they are wrong, for how can any one he otherwise than muddled, who has the audacity to think differently from your correspondent? I have read all your leaders and the letters of your various correspondents on the subject of Charity, and, as yet, I have failed to discover that either you or they have sought to prescribe the minimum of another's charity. You have said that a guinea all round from the Craft would keep our Institutions in a state of efficiency, and Bro. Dick Radelyffe has suggested that people who can and do expend several guineas on banquets, &c., &c., might be thoughtful enough to contribute a guinea to each Institution, and yet do nothing to the detriment of themselves or their families. Yet, with every respect for the overwhelming opinion of "Drux Etotles," I imagine there is a sensible difference between pointing out that a certain result will follow if people do certain things which, as a rule, they are quite capable of doing, and laying down the law imperiously that certain things must be done. I should say the average newspaper reader, whether a Mason or not, fully understands that Charity, though it includes almsgiving, is not one and the same thing with it. At the same time people, when they canvass for a charity, must necessarily give greater prominence to mere almsgiving than as a constituent part of charity in its fullest sense it is entitled to. If "Deux Etoiles" has room enough in his superlative brain, he must kindly bear in mind that reading homilies, be they never so eloquent, is not the readiest way of obtaining contributions. Our Institutions are committed to a certain heavy expenditure per annum, and the money must be raised. Those who, like you and your correspondents, are obliged to keep this prominently before your readers, or take an interest in doing so, are under the necessity of harping on the subject of donations. You and they would rather not do so—that is my own impression at least—but even Masons, except, perhaps, such lofty-minded members as "Deux Etolles," occasionally require a little nudging just to remind them of their duty. Charity, it must be remembered, is a Masonic duty, as well as a Masonic virtue, and until we are fully satisfied that people are always prepared to do what is right and proper they should do, I fear you and others must go on lecturing. For my own part, I would far rather, as a Steward at one of the Festivals, have brethren come to me and offer me their guineas than go to them and ask for a subscription; but where are they who will do this? and, when found, how many will there be of them? I am sure it would save a world of trouble if people would give of their surplus cash spontaneously, but will the Craft do this to the extent of over £30,000 a year. Let DEUX ETOILES show that can be done, and he will be justly entitled to, and will doubtless receive, the thanks of the whole Craft.

Yours fraternally,

NOT TOO MUCH MUDDLED.

London: 6th November 1878.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to thank you for the publicity kind remarks accompanying it. As I expected, it has been the means of inviting criticism, which I hope will be the means of calling attention to the ultimate benefit of the Charities. As you promised to notice my statement, I naturally looked forward to the review you have given this week in your very able leader. I am pleased to'see, from the figures you give, and you have far better statistics to work upon than I, that my estimate is far above requirements. I assert it would be no great hardship for every Freemason to devote three guineas per annum to Charity, and I consider no person should join our Fraternity without he is in a position to do something in the cause of Charity, as there are many cases besides the Institutions requiring our support. I do not think our subscriptions to the Charity Funds of the Lodge should stop short at the amount required to support the Charities, nor should this be considered the whole of a Mason's duty, or that they constitute the original plan of Freemasonry. I admit, with you, it is desirable each should give according to his ability, and that it is dangerous to establish a minimum sum, but at the same time I feel sure every true Mason (whose charity should know no bounds save those of pru-

required; indeed, it would be a very selfish policy to adopt, as any thirking person must know, that although it may be within every one's power to subscribe the minimum amount one year, circumstances of unforeseen misfortune may prevent it the next; but what I maintain is, it ought to be every Mason's desire to do his best, and judging from your statistics, I am afraid to believe this is not the case. I am pleased to see there are several very able letters in your present number. "OLD FILE'S" balance sheet is a very laudable example as to how Lodge funds should be distributed, and if this good example were followed, the necessity of canvassing would be avoided; but the existence of the evil proves "Old File's" balance to be the exception. "Deux Etoiles's "remarks are somewhat severe, but I agree with him Masons should be free to contribute what they please. He hints at a great danger which might arise from a too prosperous state of things, but I think the remedy rests with the Craft to prevent this. I remember full well the impression made upon me by the charge after my initiation as to fidelity, by refraining from recommending any one to a participation unless you have strong grounds to believe he will reflect honour on our choice. Any one, therefore, I take it, who introduces a friend simply because he may afterwards benefit by the Charities would not reflect honour on our choice, as he would undonbtedly be influenced by worldly or other unworthy motives, and because our Charities happen to be in affluent circumstances there is no reason why they should not be discriminating, and it rests with the brethren to put forward only such cases as are really deserving. I feel sure it is not always the most deserving case that is at the top of the poll, while it stands to reason that the candidate with most influence wins. Consequently, this influence is relieved from a burden they would otherwise have in supporting their caudidate. I think all cases should be analysed by a Charity Committee, and the cases they recommend should be the first to claim our votes. A method could easily be adopted, similar to that resorted to in the case of "Simmonds," but, as I am diverting, I will return to the subject. I am, however, sure that "DEUX ETOILES" would be the last to withhold his donation because of a fear he would be supporting an undeserving ease, and I repeat if more care were observed in introducing worthy men, the evil he deplores would not result. Bro. Godtschalk's letter accuses me of an arrogance which you, Bro. Editor, will vouch is not my intention. I have nowhere asserted my ideas as original, nor made such a sweeping demand that it is every brother's bounden duty to support me, but I do say I think every one should support the Steward of his Lodge, and failing a Steward should support Stewards of other Lodges, by any scheme they may put forward which does not directly divert the direct or large subscriptions to their own; if their choice were to fall on your humble servant he would be pleased. I do not think I err in saying this. I have had many friendly letters supporting my scheme, and few only adverse to it. I must admit I do not think the system of giving a loophole to obtain Life Subscriberships on such easy terms the best, but knowing that it is impossible to make all subscribe as requirements demand, the evil existing, and not knowing a better, I adopt what appears to me to be a "come-at-able" method of raising funds by small subscriptions, and I find that many liberal donors do not hesitate to give a few halfcrowns for tickets which they would otherwise not give, being subscribers, nor care to figure on other lists for small sums. I have made one or two remarks in former letters how it is in the power of the Grand Lodges to stimulate the method of raising funds, by making it necessary for all Lodges putting forward candidates for the "purple" to be able to show a proper proportion of their funds devoted to charity, and for the candidates to have served the office of Steward to one or more of the Charities creditably. Also that the Charities might offer a further inducement for Stewards to come forward if it were known that, in accordance with the result they obtained so they would be rewarded should they at any future time unfortunately require aid from the funds they were endeavouring to sugment. I am glad to see C. P.'s friendly remarks I feel sure he is able to unveil a scheme that would commend itself to the committees, and I hope he will do so. I fear I have trespassed too long on your valuable time and space, and hope to hear more pros and cons, as it cannot fail to do good if the subject is thoroughly ventilated.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

DICK RADCLYFFE.

P.S.—I hope "ALPHA's" and "TOOTSICUMS's" remarks may induce Bro. Binckes to write his fourth letter as soon as possible.

OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, -Bro. Gould's valuable papers on the Four Old Lodges induces in me the wish that he would carry his researches forther and trace other Old Lodges formerly on the roll of our Grand Lodge, but now borne on the list of other and independent Grand Lodges. In a former letter I endeavoured to trace a connection between Lodge No. 1 of Massachusetts, Lodges "Absalom," and "St. George" of Hamburgh, and the Lodge of "Union," Frankfort-on-Maine, with Lodges 110 (Pine 1740), 108 (Pine 1740), and 196 (Pine 1744-5), and 192 (Pine 1744-5) respectively. On turning to Cole's List for the year 1763 I find several other Lodges which, as far as my knowledge goes, are still in existence. If Bros. Gould and Hughan will turn their attention to this subject I think much interesting and valuable information will result from it. At all events, I submit the following cases as a sequel to my former communication.

No. 130 "New Lodge, Copenhagen, Denmark, Oct. 25, 1745," and No. 139 "St. Martin's Lodge at Copenhagen in Denmark Octo. 9,

"Zorobabel and Frederick" of Copenhagen. I base my opinion on Findel, who, in treating of Freemasonry in Denmark, says, that it was introduced into that country in 1743 by a Baron G. O. Munich, who founded a Lodge, which on June 13, 1745, took the name of St. Martin. This, however, he says was not a regularly constituted Lodge, and he thinks that it was through lack of the necessary legalisation that three brethren separated themselves from it in its first Masonic year, and erected a new Lodge, which they named "Zorobabel," Prof. G. Nielsen, ecclesiastical counsellor, being chosen chairman, May 26, 1744. After various failures, Findel tell us. "At length, in Oct. 1745, a proper warrant was drawn up by Bro. Lord Cranstonn " and "this day"—which, however, is not stated—"has ever since been kept as the anniversary of the foundation of the Lodge." We next learn that "in the year 1749, the Lodge 'St. Martin' received its constitution from the then Grand Master, Lord Byron," and that "both Lodges conducted their work amicably together, from 1765, in a common room at Bro. Marshall's, until they united into one Lodge, under the name of "Zorobabel of the North Star." Until Nov. 11, 1778, they conducted their work in the German language, but as the number of brethren increased, they felt the necessity of having a place where they could work in the Danish language. Nov. 18 of that same year an especial Lodge was opened, under the appellation of 'Frederick of the Crowned Hope' for the German language." Passing over the intermediate period, as containing nothing of moment to the object I have in view, I find that the late King of Denmark, who ascended the throne in 1848, was exceedingly zealers in the cause of Freemasonry, and that the present flourishing condition is due to his exertions on its behalf. He, says Findel, "introduced the Zinnendorf (Swedish) Rite (its solemn inauguration took place Jan. 6, 1855), and promoted the union of the two Copenhagen Lodges into one, under the name of "Zyrobabel and Frederick of the Crowned Hope." This I trow is the "Zyrobabel and Frederick rick," which I have given above, and which will be found in Van Dalen's Kalender für Freimaurer.

I have marked other Lodges which I am more or less well assured still exist, but under the banners of other and independent Grand Lodges. Of these I will, with your kind permission, write

Fraternally yours,

" Q."

OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, -The records of the Coaft afford ample materials for the compilation of a work which might fittingly be entitled the "Vicissitudes of Lodges." For example, the present Caledonian Lodge, No. 134, possesses a singular history, of which an epitome may be found interesting.

Shortly after the arrival in London (1760) of the late William Preston (afterwards P.M. Lodge of Antiquity and author of the "Illustrations of Masonry"), a number of brethren from Edinburgh resolved to institute a Freemasons' Lodge in London under sanction of a constitution from Scotland, but not having succeeded in their application, they were recommended by the Grand Lodge at Edinburgh to the Antient Grand Lodge in London, who immediately granted them a dispensation to form a Lodge, and to make Masons. They accordingly met at the White Hart in the Strand, and Preston was the second person initiated under that dispensation.

The Lodge was soon after regularly constituted by the officers of the Antient Grand Lodge in person. Having increased considerably in numbers, it was found necessary to remove to the Horn Tavern, in Fleet Street, where it continued some time, till, that house being unable to furnish proper accommodation, it was removed to Scot's Hall, Blackfriars. Here it continued to flourish about two years, when the decayed state of that building obliged them to remove to the Half Moon Tavern, Cheapside, where it continued to meet for a considera.

At length Preston, and some other of the members having joined a Lodge under the regular English Constitution, at the Talbot Inn, in the Strand, they prevailed on the rest of the Lodge at the Half Moon Tavern to petition for a constitution. Lord Blaney, at that time Grand Master, readily acquiesced with the desire of the brethren, and the Lodge was soon after constituted a second time, in ample

form, by the name of the Caledonian Lodge.

This Lodge was numbered 325 in 1764; 263 in 1770; 211 in 1781; 180 in 1792; 218 at the Union; 156 in 1832; and 134 at the last closing up of numbers in 1863. Its present description being the Caledonian Lodge, Leadenhall Street, London.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

STRONG MAN LODGE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, -Your correspondent, "H. J. D.," in publishing the Warrant of Confirmation under which this Lodge is working, supplies further evidence under the seal of Grand Lodge, in favour of the theory which your Reviewer has so consistently maintained.

The place of the Lodge on all lists prior to 1740 is fixed at 110, which number, from 1734 to 1739, was filled by the Lodge then meet. ing at the "Ship Coffee House," now the Hermitage Bridge, with a Constitution dated at February 2nd, 1732. This renders it impossible for the Lodge to have been warranted in 1734, as recited in the Warrant.

The official document, moreover, contains a further misstatement, viz., that the Warrant was issued to enable certain brethren These two Lodges now, I believe, exist, in the shape of the Lodge to meet at the "Ship Coffee House;" the first place of meeting of the Lodge being the "Crown and Mytre," Labour in Vain Hill, under which title its payment of two guineas for its Constitution is recorded, in the minutes of Grand Lodge, under date of 29th May 1733. In Rawlinson's List of 1733 (at No. 110) it is similarly described, with the slight variation of "Rummar and Mitre" in the tavern sign.

An interesting account of the centenary meeting of the Strong Man Lodge will be found in the first volume of the Freemasons'

Quarterly Review (1834.)

Yours fraternally,

R. F. Gould.

P.S. The Warrant under which present Medina (No. 35) is working, was probably sold in 1761-62, by one or more of the London brothren who had previously used it.

MASONIC HALLS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—This day there reached me by post an appeal from the brethren of a certain Colonial Lodge for funds to enable them to build a Masonic Hall. This is not the first circular sent out with a similar object which has come into my hands, and an idea has occurred to me, apropos of such appeals, which I send to you for what it is worth.

We are all agreed that it is very preferable for every Lodge to meet under its own roof-tree, and to be independent of houses of public entertainment, but in how many cases is it impossible for this

theory to be carried out?

Take the case of a young Lodge in a provincial town. At the eve of its existence it must provide itself with furniture, &c., at a cost of not less (to do it decently) than £100, which is rather a heavy pull on the handful of founders, and the number of initiates per year does not do much more than pay current expenses and provide for relief, charity, &c. Unless the brethren have amongst them some rich brother, whose heart is expanded by benevolence, they cannot hope for many a long year to build or buy premises suitable for Masonic purposes, and are driven to the admitted evils of meeting in a licensed house.

Now for the remedy.

Why should there not be established a MASONIC HALL LOAN FUND, to which Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodges, and Private Lodges might all contribute, and from which, under the control of the Board of General Purposes, sums of money might be lent at a very low rate of interest for the purpose of enabling young Lodges to erect suitable buildings for their accommodation, the loans to be paid off by instalments, and the interest to go to the Charities, after paying the expenses of loan negotiations, management, &c. The prospect of the advantages to be derived from such a fund would surely induce young Lodges to subscribe to it, whilst it is difficult to conceive a more fitting or paternal channel for the expenditure of a portion of the funds of Grand Lodge and of wealthy private Lodges.

How ver, there you have my suggestion, if you think it worth

a corner.

Yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD W.M. 1611.

THINGS ONE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—What is the status in a Lodge of a member of the Craft elected as one of its honorary members? What are his privileges? Can he take any part in the proceedings—vote—or hold office? If he partakes of a Lodge banquet, will he be required to pay a Visitor's fee, or is he exempt from payment by virtue of his membership.

Yours fraternally,

FORTE.

6th November 1878.

On Monday next, Madame Worrell-Duval's Annual Evening Concert will be held at the South Place Institute. E.C., close by the Moorgate-street and Liverpool-street Railway Stations. The programme is an extensive one, and includes several choice morceaux, both vocal and instrumental. Among the artists who will appear on the occasion are the Misses Matilda Roby and Bessie Stroud, Mesdames Worrell-Duval and Osborne Williams, Miss Emma Buer, Mdlle. Helene Arnim, and Messrs. Abercrombie, Chaplin Henry, and H. Horscroft, together with Mr. R. Bamber (violin), and Miss Ethel Gregory (pianoforte). Conductors, Messrs. J. Turle Lee and Osborne Williams, and Herr Trousselle. The Concert will commence at eight p.m., and carriages for 10.30 p.m. Reserved seats, three and two shillings each; unreserved, one shilling. Tickets may be had of Madame Worrell-Duval, 67 Knowle Road, Brixton Road, S.W., and of the several

VALE OF WHITE HORSE LODGE.

On the 31st ult. this new Lodge was consecrated at Faringdon. Hitherto the Majority of Freemasons residing in Faringdon have been members of one or other of the Swindon Lodges. Freemasonry has, however, made such progress here that it was deemed advisable to form a new Lodge, and a charter was accordingly obtained from the Grand Lodge. On Thursday the Lodge, which was called the Vale of White Horse, No. 1770, was consecrated. There was a large attendance of the Craft. The ceremony of consecration took place at the Lodge Room, in the Savings Bank. The Consecrating Officer was Brother James Terry Jun. Grand Warden for Herts. The oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. C. R. Honey P.G.C. Berks and Bucks. The ceremony was interesting, and was, on the whole, impressively performed. After the Lodge had been consecrated, the W.M. was duly installed. Bro. H. Blandy-Jenkins, who was some years back W.M. of the Abbey Lodge (Abingdon), was chosen to be the first W.M. of the Vale of White Horse Lodge. Bro. Blandy-Jenkins is deservedly popular, und the selection of him gave great satisfaction to the members of the Craft. The installing Master was Bro. J. J. New (of Swindon). After the W.M. had been installed, he proceeded to invest his Officers. Bro. Luker was appointed S.W., Bro. Belcher J.W., and Bro. Philips Treasurer. Before the Lodge was closed a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the brethren who had taken part in the ceremonies of consecration and installation, and to the Prov. Grand Secretary Bro. R. Bradley) for the trouble he had taken with respect to the formalities which have to be gone through before permission is given to consecrate a Lodge. After the business of the day had been disposed of the brethren adjourned to the Crown Hotel, where about sixty sat down to a banquet. Bro. Blandy-Jenkins presided, and several brethren holding high Masonic rank in the Provinces of Wilts, and Berks and Bucks were present. As many of the brethren had to leave early to catch the train, there was not much speechmaking. In the course of the evening the health of the W.M. was proposed, and was most heartily received. A tribute was also paid to Bro. New for the labour and energy which he had displayed in all that related to the formation and the future working of the Vale of White Horse Lodge. An earnest hope was expressed that the new Lodge would render substantial help to the Masonic Institutions, and it was determined that the W.M. should represent the Lodge as Steward at the auniversary of one of the three great Societies.

Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12.—This Lodge met for the first time since the vacation on the 4th inst., under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. D. Nichols, supported by Bros. W. H. Bateman S.W., H. Mower J.W., L. Ruf P.M. Treas. and Father of the Lodge, A. Snelgrove P.M. Sec., W. H. Rudderforth S.D., G. Coombs J.D., E. E. B. Kidder I.G., Bruttenbach D.C., Biddell Assist. D.C.; P.M.'s Bros. W. B. Kidder I.P.M., R. W. Stewart P.G.D., G. Angold, J. Cleaver, Lemaitre, A. Lilley, Picard, &c. Visitors—R. Ward 1511, J. Curlier 11, Clausen 1348, H. Stewart 95, L. Gros late 12, Shaw 1257, A. Hays 180, P. Storr 811, W.R. Berkley 108, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. The report of the audit committee was read and adopted, it shewed a balance in hand after all liabilities had been discharged of £59 5s 4d. The ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Pigarche (son-in-law of the W.M.); it proved unanimous in his favour. By the courtesy of the Worshipful Master, he was duly initiated into the Order by Bro. W. B. Kidder I.P.M. Bro. R. W. Stewart P.M. P.G.D. proposed, and Bro. Angold P.M. seconded, that Bro. L. Ruf P.M. and Treasurer be re-elected Treas.; this was carried unanimously. Bro. L. Ruf P.M. rose; he had great pleasure in proposing that, as the Lodge had already voted twenty guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the brethren now vote a further sam of thirty gaineas, in order to qualify the Lodge as Vice President. Bro. Picard P.M. seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously. Bros. Bateman S.W. and Cleaver offered themselves as Stewards to represent the Lodge at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution. The resignation of a brother was accepted, with regret. It was agreed that a letter of condolence be sent to Bro. Dudley Rolls P.M. on the loss of his son. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, provided by Bros. C. and A. Painter, that gave great satisfaction. The table was artistically decorated with flowers, and a button-hole provided for every brother by Bro. Coombes J.D. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toaats. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was always active in the cause of Freemasonry, and the W.M. was sure the mention of his name would ensure a hearty reception being accorded the toast. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Pro-G.M. and the Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, said he was pleased to say that, they had a Grand Officer a member of their Lodge -Bro. R. W. Stewart P.G.D. That brother, in a very eloquent speech, returned thanks. Bro. Kidder I.P.M. proposed what he might say was the toast of the evening-namely, the health of the W.M.; he is one that every one respects. He has had very ardnous duties to perform. Bro. Frank Ward sang "The Holy Friar." The W.M., who on rising was received with great enthusiasm, returned thanks for the toast. He felt grateful for the kind manner in which the brethren had received the toast. His great aim would be in every respect to further the comforts of the Lodge and the brethren. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters. Their Lodge was well known and respected. They had good Past Masters. He had to thank not only Bro. Kidder in particular, but all of the Past Masters generally, for the assistance they had given to the Lodge. Bro. Kidder I.P.M. returned thanks in a very excellent speech. Bro. R. W. Stewart P.M. said he had the Worshiptul Master's permission to propose the toast of the newly-initiated brother. He was heartily welcome to the Lodge, where they would always be

placed to see him. Bro. A. Snelgrove P.M. sang a very excolont song. Bro. Pigarche returned thanks for the hearty and kind manner the brethren had honoured the toast and the compliment they had paid him in receiving him as a member of the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors; they had many distinguished Masons present, but he would call on Bro. Paul Storr to respond to the toast. Bro. Pigarche sang a very artistic song, which was deservedly applauded and encored; he Bro. Paul Storr replied on accompanied himself on the piano. behalf of the Visitors, and was followed by Bro. H. M. Levy P.M 188. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. L. Ruf and A. Snelgrove, whose services they had for many years fully appreciated; both were well worthy their regard and esteem. Brother Bedell gave the next song. Brother L. Ruf said he had taken every interest in the Lodge. He had belonged to it twenty-nine years. He was the Father, and his great idea was to see the Lodge become Vice-President of the Charities. Bro. A. Snelgrove followed, and said he, in conjunction with his fellow colleague, hoped they had done their work well. The members had seen the balance sheet that night, and it was a sufficient proof they had the interest of the Lodge at heart. Bro. Kidder jun. sang "Nancy Lee." The toast of the Officers was next given.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 4th inst. Present—Bros. Pearcy W.M., Symons S.W., Halle J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., W. Rowley S.D., Wing J.D., Pelikan I.G.; also Bros. Hallam sen., A. Rowley, Mitchell, Smith, Brandon, Dyer. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in a very impressive manner, Bro. Smith as candidate. Bro. Pelikan gave proof of his proficiency, but was not entrusted. The W.M. worked the first, second, fourth and fifth sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Halle and Smith, of the Mother Lodge, and Bro. Brandrum of Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201, were elected members. Bro. Symons was voted to the chair of K.S. for next Monday evening, after which Lodge was closed. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on the last Monday in this month, full particulars will be announced in next week's Chronicle.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 5th November, at the Bedford Hotel, Sonthampton-buildings, Holborn. Present—Bros. J. Bingemann W.M., R. P. Tate S.W., J. S. Brown J.W., Dickins Sec., Sandle S.D., Abell J.D., McAlpine I.G.; Bros. J. Soper, Blank, Sanders, Gates, Robertson, H. C. Soper, Alford, Bond, Miroy, Thompson, Watts, Cornu, Woolridge, Johnstone and others. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—1st Bro. Gates, 2nd Bro. Abell, 3rd Bro. Sanders, 4th Bro. Dickins, 5th Bro. Tate, 6th Bro. Brown, 7th Bro. Thompson, 8th Bro. Miroy, 9th Bro. Watts, 10th Bro. Tate, 11th Bro. Dickins, 12th Bro. Brown, 13th Bro. Soper, 14th Bro. Watts, 15th Bro. Tate. Votes of thanks were unanimously accorded to the W.M., and to the brethren who had assisted him. On Taesday, 12th November, Bro. Miroy will occupy the chair.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—The regular meeting was held on Monday, 4th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Bros. J. Miller W.M., M. Spiegel S.W., H. Hymans J.W., L. M. Anerhaan Treas., E. P. Albert P.M. P.G.P. Hon. Secretary, Campion S.D., R. Baker J.D., I. Benjamin I.G., Blanks D.C., and P.M.'s Bros. L. Lazarus, A. G. Dodson and S. Hickman. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Mr. Chas. Robinson was ballotted for and duly initiated into the Order. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to slight refreshment. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. responded for the Grand Officers. The harmony of the evening was enhanced by the excellent singing of the W.M., Bros. Benjamin, Blanks, Silvester and Franklin.

Stability Lodge, No. 217.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 5th November, at Anderton's Hotel. Present—Bros. R. G. Seaborn W.M., J. M. Hodder S.W., J. F. Clark J.W., H. France P.M. Treas. and S.D., G. A. Taylor P.M. Secretary, W. Cattermole J.D., H. J. Westmore D.C.; also Bros. H. Marns, W. Riley, H. Lynn, J. L. Hinks, F. J. Woolmer, G. B. Clough, G. W. Hodges and J. W. Woolmer. Visitor—Bro. G. H. Stephens. Bros. Hinks and Riley having proved themselves proficient, were entrusted. Lodge was opened up, and they were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Lynn was entrusted and passed to the second degree. Several notices of motion were disposed of, and Lodge was adjourned until 3rd December next.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 6th instant, Bro. W. J. Huntley being the W.M., with Bros. J. Frost S.W., and J. Featherstone J.W. There were also present Bros. H. R. Jones, W. F. Wardroper, J. J. Holland, J. G. Carter, &c. The three degrees were rehearsed, Bro. Wardroper going through the first and second, and Bro. A. A. Denham through the third. Bro. J. Frost was voted as the W.M. for the ensuing meeting. This Lodge of Instruction is looked upon as a great boon to the Masonic brethren in the district, there not being one nearer than that held at Prince's Head, Battersea.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bro Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Forgate, on Thursday, the 31st ult Present—Bros. Townsend W.M., Gieseke S.W., Cleverly J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Abrahams S.D., Serjeant J.D., Hine I.G.; also Bros.

Pearcy, Rosenheim, Peacock and others. All preliminaries having been observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Rosenheim being the candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the two first sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethrer. Bro. Reseneim, of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 27, U.S.A., was elected a member. Bro. Gieseke was unanimously elected to fill the chair of K.S. at the next meeting.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—At Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on 6th November. Bros. P.M. Dickinson Preceptor, Press W.M., Oldis S.W., Campbell J.W., Eldridge S.D., Edmunds J.D., S. Goode I.G., H. B. D. Dunn Sec. Lodge opened, minutes read and confirmed. Bro. J. H. Bastable offered himself as a candidate for initiation, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. P.M. Dickinson worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture. Bro. Oldis was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. J. H. Bastable of No. 1695 was elected a member. Bro. P.M. Dickinson re-elected Preceptor, Bro. P.M. Pigot Treasurer, and Bro. H. B. D. Dunn Secretary, for the ensuing year.

Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298.—A meeting was held on 5th November, at the Wellington Club, Islington, N. Present—Bros. W. H. Cohen W.M., H. W. Gladwell S.W., G. H. Hunter J.W., Geo. S. Bigley Sec., G. Allison Treas., L. Budérus S.D., Stevens J.D., Watford D.C., Streat Steward, Baldwin I.G. Visitors—Bros. A. W. Duret W.M. of the Amherst Lodge, and Max Sabel of the Athenbum Lodge, No. 1491. After the confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for Bro. Wesley Marshall, of Lodge Commercial, Glasgow, No. 360, as a joining member; this proved unanimous. Bro. Charles Bogler was then raised to the sublime degree. The usual routine business followed, and Lodge was closed. The brothren adjourned to a cold collation.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 7th November, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' avenue, E.C. Present—Bros. Moss W.M., Spiegel S.W., Staley J.W., Blackie Sec., Hamer Treus., Rush S.D., C. Taylor J.D., Blanks I.G., Saul Preceptor, and several other brethron. The Lodge was opened, and minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Baber offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. The first, second, third and fourth sections of the lecture were then worked. Bros. Dow 45 and Blanks 188 were unanimously elected members. The S.W. was appointed W.M. for ensuing week.

Loyalty Ladge, No. 887. — This Lodge held its monthly meeting at the Fleece Hotel, St. Helens, West Lancashire, on Tuesday, the 5th instant. Present—Bros. W. J. Marrow W.M., W. Harrison I.P.M., J. S. White S.W., T. Molyneux J.W., Rev. F. Mermager Chaplain, Joseph Robinson Treas., J. J. Morris Secretary, W. Loader S.D., F. Hodgson J.D., R. B. Woodward Org., E. Beilby 1.G., J. Taylor Tyler; Past Masters Bros. W. Leather, J. G. Dunn, and Bros. J. Grace, J. Hall, John Harrison, G. Barton, W. R. Ward, J. Bennett, T. Haslam, J. Smith, T. Windus, H. C. Lockhart, W. Birchall, D. McKechnie, D. M. F. Gaskin, J. Ricketts, J. H. Roughsedge, James Fowler P.M. 86 and 1384, James Harrison, R. Tyson P.M. 1060, C. C. Wilson, F. A. R. Neill, &c. Visitors—S. Wylde P.M. 1403, John Bowes P.M. 148 P.P.G.J.W., R. Brierley P.M. 1250, D. W. Finney W.M. 1250 P.G.S., S. M. Davies (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), W. R. Robinson W.M. 1335, F. M. Coats 241, W. Hott 1384, J. Rimmer 1384, C. Sayer 220, J. W. McTear 1384, A. G. Kyle 1381, &c. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, the minutes read and ratified. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Bennett was passed. This being the night for election of officers, the ballot was taken for W.M. for the ensuing year, and resulted in the unanimous selection of the S.W. Bro. Robinson was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Taylor Tyler. The other Officers were voted to their respective offices. Several matters of private business were brought forward, and kept the Lodge open to an unusually late hour. The W.M. having received the hearty good wishes of many brethren, the Lodge was closed. By request of the W.M. the brethren ad. journed to supper. In consequence of the lateness of the hour many left without sitting down to refreshment, a circumstance which caused the W.M. regret. After the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts in quick succes. sion. He most cordially gave that of the Visitors. He craved their indulgence for all shortcomings. He welcomed them very cordially, and asked the brethren to drink heartily to the toast,—which was done. He called upon Bro. Wylde to respond. That brother bestowed indiscriminate praise where it was not on any consideration merited. This customary flattery is very injurious, and is calculated to mislead the younger members of the Craft. In all fraternal spirit, we consider that the working of No. 897 requires great improvement to merit such praise as that bestowed. A very fine selection of music was cendered by Bros. Lockhart, Taylor, and Barton. Bro. Woodward presiding at the organ. Bro. Harrison proposed the health of the W.M., bearing testimony to his best enneavours to fill his post with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. The toast was drunk with Masonic honours, and the W. Master in replying reviewed the past year. He regretted he had not been able to do more for the good of the Craft, and particularly for his Lodge. He had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M. elect, who he thanked, with the Officers generally, for their many past marks of esteem. dro. White responded, and remarked, in auticipation of the appoint. nent of Officers for next year, due regard would be taken to appoint hose who understood their duties, and would attend to them. He oped for good attendence on the part of the members, and their acarty co-operation in the work before them,

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen remains at her northern residence. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales reached London on Monday on their return from Paris. It is announced that the Indian Collection of the Prince of Wales, now in the Paris Exhibition, is, by consent of His Royal Highness, to be removed to the Edinburgh Museum.

The Earl of Carnarvon on Tuesday night delivered an address at Edinburgh, on Imperial Administration, in which he contrasted the present amicable relations between the Colonies and the Home Government with the dislike formerly entertained by the former towards "Downingstreet."

The present candidates for the office of Rector of Aberdeen University are Mr. Cross, the Home Secretary, and Lord Rosebery, the Earl of Aberdeen having withdrawn.

The deaths have been announced of the Dowager Marchioness of Cholmondeley; Mr. J. W. Miles, formerly M.P. for Bristol; Mr. Kenneth Macleay, a distinguished Scottish artist; and of Mr. Samuel Phelps, the wellknown actor.

Lord Penzance, as Dean of Arches, on Saturday deli-

sharply the action of the Queen's Bench in overruling the decisions of the Arches Court.

A new set of rules was issued on Monday prescribing changes in the mode of hearing summonses at Judges' Chambers.

A pedestrian match extending over six days was brought to a close at the Agricultural Hall on Saturday. There were nineteen competitors, and the winner, a man named Corkey, travelled within the period a distance of 521 miles. Brown, the second man, had covered 506 miles.

A match at football was played at Kennington Oval on Monday night by the electric light. The experiment was, on the whole, successful, but improvements in some of the details were desirable.

A fire broke out at Maynooth College on Friday last, and half the western wing of the building was destroyed.

Mining operations in Cornwall are almost entirely suspended, and many of the miners are emigrating from the district.

A party of mining engineers visited the Sandwell-park Collieries on Wednesday. During the descent, two gentlemen fell out of the cage. One, Mr. Arnold, was killed upon the spot, and the other, Mr. Barker, was dangerously

Many hundreds of farm labourers in Kent have struck

against the proposed reduction of wages.

Several cotton mills at Burnley have resumed working,

the operatives accepting reduced wages.

A lighter was run down and sunk in the Mersey by the steamer City of Baltimore, and one man was drowned. The steamer J. O. Scott ran down a foreign schooner on Tuesday off Hartlepool, and the crew of the latter vessel were drowned.

The Malabar steam transport, about to convey troops to India, was disabled on Saturday by the derangement of her machinery, and was towed into Plymouth Harbour.

The master, mate, and boatswain of a merchant vessel, the Maggie Dixon, were convicted at Exeter Assizes, of gross cruelty towards an apprentice. The master was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment, and the other prisoners to five years penal servitude.

A labourer engaged in unloading a vessel in the Liverpool docks died from the effects of excessive drinking of

rum, which formed part of the cargo.

A police sergeant at St. Helen's, near Liverpool, was shot dead by a man whom he had stopped upon suspicion. The murderer has since been arrested at his mother's house in Ireland. A man of independent means, living at Uttoxeter, murdered his wife and then committed suicide. A boatman, named Mumford, at Dover, on Tuesday, killed his wife and child by stabbing them with a dagger.

A man named Charles Peace, who is awaiting his trial in London for burglary at Blackheath, has been identified as the murderer of a Mr. Dixon, near Sheffield, two

years ago.

One of the directors of the City of Glasgow Bank, Mr. Stewart, has been released upon sureties to the extent of £15,000. The other directors in custody have applied to be released, but have not yet offered sufficient sureties. A public meeting was held in Glasgow on Monday, when a subscription was opened for the relief of the shareholders in the City Bank, and upwards of £55,000 was at once subscribed. That amount has since been increased to nearly £80,000. Subscriptions have also been opened in Edinburgh, Dundee, and other Scottish towns.

The Viceroy's second letter to the Ameer Shere Ali was delivered on Saturday last to the Afghan Commander at Ali Masjid, and with peremptory demand for a reply before the 20th inst. Public opinion in India is decidedly adverse to this renewal of communications after the Ameer's refusal to allow the British Mission to proceed to Cabul, and there is no expectation of any concession on his part. In the meantime military preparations on the frontier are being vigorously carried on. General Sir S. J. Browne has been appointed to the command of the Peshawur force, and Sir N. Chamberlain will accompany the Viceroy to Lahore as Military Member of Council. A fresh division, composed of a Bombay and a Madras brigade, has been ordered to the frontier. M. Greig, the Minister of Finance, has returned to St. Petersburg, without having succeeded vered a long judgment declining to enforce the monition in what was believed to have been the object of his mission pronounced against the Rev. J. Edwards, of Prestbury, as —the arrangement of a foreign loan. The Porte, upon the Court of Queen's Bench had granted a prohibition in the advice of the British Ambassador, has directed the the case of Mr. Mackonochie. Lord Penzance criticised very evacuation of Varna. In Roumelia the insurrection is ex-

tending, but the Russian authorities deny that it has been encouraged by them. At Belgrade there is some uneasiness lest the demand for the incorporation of East Roumelia with Bulgaria should interfere with the territorial cessions to Servia which were recommended by the Congress of Berlin. The lottery, under the sanction of the French Government, in connection with the Parish Exhibition, has proved so popular that 12 millions of tickets have been issued, and even a larger number would find purchasers were it possible to arrange for the drawing. The French Chamber has been engaged in discussing the validity of M. Paul de Cassagnac's election, and the first sitting was entirely taken up by his speech. On Thursday the discussion was resumed, and after a stormy debate M. de Cassagnac's election was annulled. of unusual violence raged at Vienna on Sunday, which did great damage and caused complete stoppage of telegraphic communication. A new Cabinet was formed at Athens last week under the presidency of M. Tricoupis, but upon their first meeting the Chamber, an adverse resolution was passed, and the Ministry resigned. The negotiations between the Russian Government and the Vatican have come to an end, and it is understood that the Pope will shortly issue a protest against the oppressive treatment of Catholics in Poland. Elections were held in the United States on Tuesday, which resulted favourably for the Republicans, although the Democrats will still have a majority in the House. General Butler was defeated in Massachusetts. The Press of the United States is unanimous in approving the action of their Government in respect of the Newfoundland fisheries dispute. Telegraphic news has been received from Cape Town to the 15th of October. There had been no further fighting, but the Zulus still maintained a threatening attitude.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held its November meeting on Saturday last. There were present Bros. W. Roebuck (in the chair), H. Browse, J. G. Chancellor, W. F. C. Moutrie, Don. M. Dewar, Geo. J. Row, A. Durraut, C. G. Rushworth, W. Hyde Pullen, H. Massey, S. Rosenthal, Chas. Horsley, F. Adlard, George Motion, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The Mansion House Committee of the "Princess Alice" Fund having resolved to buy into the Institution a son of the late Bro. Charles Jardine, the brethren referred it to the House Committee to recommend his admission on payment of 170 guineas. Three candidates were placed on the list for the April election. An outfit was granted to a late pupil of the Institution, who is now in a situation; and a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. John Caldwell, who sent a cheque for £100 to this Institution on his resignation of membership of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, his failing health not allowing of his travellling from Devonshire to attend the meetings of the Lodge.

GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Meeting of Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. S. Rawson occupied the Z. chair, Comp. Capt. W. Platt the chair of H., and Comp. J. A. Rucker the chair of J. There were also present Comps. J. Hervey, Erasmus Wilson, Rev. C. W. Arnold, Dr. Woodman, James Lewis Thomas, Francis Robinson, James Glaisher, W. Hyde Pullen, C. A. Murton, Peter de Lande Long, E. S. Snell, Thomas Fenn, A. J. Duff Filer, H. Maudsley, H. J. P. Dumas, Joshua Nunn, Colonel Creaton, J. M. Case, F. P. Morrell, H. G. Buss, C. B. Payne, A. H. Tattershall, G. Stacey, George Lambert, J. Clever, W. Stephens, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, H. Massey, and Charles Godtschalk. On the motion of Comp. Col. Creaton, seconded respectively by Comps. J. Lewis Thomas, Joshua Nunn, the Rev. C. W. Arnold, and J. M. Case, Charters were granted for Chapters to be attached to Lodges Nos. 1428, 1177, 531, 594, 1525, 1358, 1665, and 970; and a Charter of Confirmation was granted to Chapter No. 358, Ireland Island, Bermuda, the original Charter being entirely decayed. Grand Chapter then declared that Comp. Josepa Smith P.D.C. was suspended from his Arch Masonic functions for the period while his Craft suspension continues in force. Comp. Joseph Smith, who was an elected member of the Committee of General Purposes of the Supreme Grand Chapter, being by reason of his suspension disqual fieo from attending such Committee, the Grand Chapter elected Comp. F. Adlard P.Z. No. 7, &c., to fill the vacancy thus caused. Grand Chapter was then

Holloway's Cintment and Pills.—Autumn is proverbially the season of sickness: then the blood requires purification, the digestion demands thorough and attentive regulation, and all the secretions call for correction. Holloway's remedies supply all the necessaries for securing health; the one overcomecutaneous diseases, sores, ulcerations, abscesses, curbuncles, and all visible imperfections; the other acts most posently in cleaning the circulation, strengthening the stomach, governing the liver, regulating the bowels, and reducing the entire system to order. Thus these twin medicaments furnish the most efficient medicine chest available for family use. It is easier, through Holloway's discovery, to point out the remedy than to describe the disease; into the former no fallacy can intrude; into the latter prejudice may unwillingly creep.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN CUMBERLAND.

T was our good fortune last week to spend two or three days among the everlasting hills of canny Cumberland. As our custom is, we sought out the brethren, and found we were fortunate as to time, as the Whitehaven and Wigton Chapters held their Annual Installation Festivals respectively on the first and second of November. On arriving at the Masonic Temple in College-street, Whitehaven, we found quite a crowd of Companions, and every face bespoke interest in the day's proceedings. The Chapter was opened in due form, according to ancient custom, and in a very efficient manner. The bulk of the Companions admitted, the minutes were read. The ballot was then taken for several candidates, and four of the number being present, they were exalted by the Principals, ably assisted by Comps. John Barr P.Z Prov. G. Trea, and Rothery P.S.; the exaltations being completed, the M.E.Z., Comp. Sandwith, called upon E. Comp. John Bowes P.Z. Prov. G. Scribe N., to undertake the duties of installing Principal. In due course Comps. Dr. Hendy, W. F. Lamonley and Edward Tyson, were presented respectively as Z., H., and J. elect, for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was duly and regularly performed, and on the return of the Companions the new Chiefs were proclaimed, greeted, and saluted. The Officers for the ensuing year having been invested, and the benediction pronounced, a cordial and hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Bowes for his valuable and efficient services. The Companions, now to the number of fifty, adjourned to the banquetting-room, where an excellent dinner was served by Bro. Smith of the Albion Hotel. Grace before and after meat being said by Joshua, the usual Royal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Comps. Barr and Sandwith came in for a large share of praise, for their long-continued interest in Royal Arch Masonry. The health of the Installing Principal Comp. Bowes called forth many expressions of thanks and obligation for many years of valuable assistance. We gathered that the Chapter, after a period of great activity, fell asleep, and was revived under the fostering care of Comp. Captain Mott; that ex-Companion being called to the Grand Chapter above, the choice of a Preceptor fell upon Ex. Comp. Bowes, long-well known in Cumberland and Westmoreland for his active services in the Craft. That Comp. readily complied with the wishes of the members of the Chapter; he exalted many brethren, and conducted a Chapter of Instruction. Comp. Barr stood to the front, ably assisted by Comp. Tyson as P.S., and the Sun, Square and Compasses Chapter, No. 119, has added a very large number of members to its roll. Ex. Comp. Bowes has annually visited the Chapter and installed the Chiefs, and now No. 119 is one of the largest Chapters in the county, and its working an example to all. After a pleasant evening the Companions separated, well satisfied with the day's proceedings. The next day, Saturday, the annual meeting of the Chapter of St. John, No. 327, Wigton, was held. A great gloom, however, overspread the Convocation, for Ex. Comp. John Lemon was interred that day. The whole town was in mourning attire, and universal regret was expressed on all sides for the heavy loss Masonry had sustained by the death of Bro. Lemon. He had been Senior Warden of the Province, and for many years its Treasurer. The Chapter met, and Ex. Comps. James Gardiner, Joseph Pearson, and W. H. Hoodless, were respectively installed as Z., H. and J. The Officers having been invested, and the ceremony completed, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions went in a body to the Railway Station to join the funeral party. After the funeral, the Companions partook of luncheon, but speeches and salutes were dispensed with, in consequence of the melancholy circumstances under which the Chapter met. We were impressed, during our visit, with the necessity of a Chapter at Maryport, this town is mid-way between Whitehaven and Wigton. The Whitehaven Chapter is overgrown, and there are a large number of R. A. Companions at Maryport, well able to work and sustain a Chapter. If we may presume to make a suggestion, it will be, that a Chapter be immediately formed at Mary. port, and, out of compliment to one of the oldest R. A. Masous in the Province, called "the Nicholson Chapter." We are sure that the M.E. Prov. G. Superintendent, Lord Bective, and Colonel Whitwell would view such a step with favour. If another friend and adviser was wanted, we are sure that Comp. Bowes's best services would be at the disposal of the Maryport Companions. We commend this suggestion to all whom it may concern. Versum sap.

THE ATHENÆUM, CAMDEN ROAD.

We are much indebted to those artists who make it their business from time to time to cater for the enjoyment of the public, and to provide their friends with the means of spending an evening rationally and pleasantly. Miss Florence Smart, whose second evening concert, at the Atheneum in Camden Road, we attended on Tuesday, deserves both credit and support for the spirited manner in which she has got up these entertainments, and her evident desire to please her patrons. The programme for the above evening was inil, and the music-the songs especially-well received by a large, intelligent, and appreciative audience. We might, perhaps, say that some of the sougs were a trifle too long, considering the number set down, but if we may judge by the repeated encores that were demanded, the majority of those present thoroughly enjoyed them. It would be an invidious task to point out individual excellence, seeing that all the artists acquitted themselves well. We will add, however, one word as regards Miss Smart. Her performances during the evening must have satisfied the most fastidious listener, and her persevering efforts to please won entire approbation. We observe that the third of these concerts is arranged to be given at the same place, on Tuesday, the 17th December, whin we are assured the young lady will receive another hearty reception.

THE ROYAL PRINCES AND THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

WE learn that, on Wednesday last, the 6th inst., their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold were advanced to the 33° at the headquarters of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. 33 Golden-square, in the presence of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, 33°, Grand Patron of the Order. The ceremony was performed by Lord Skelmersdale 33°, the Sov. Grand Commander, assisted by the other members of the Supreme Council 33°. A full report will appear in our next.

MASONIC PRESENTATION TO LORD METHUEN.

GRAND Lodge of the Province of Wilts was held yesterday, at A the Town Hall, Swindon, under the presidency of Lord Methuen Prov. Grand Master for Wilts. Grand Lodge was numerously attended, and among the brethren present were Bros. Gabriel Goldney, M.P., Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Berks and Bucks, Lord Hy. Thynne, Frederick H. Goldney Prov. Grand Treasurer, H. C. Tombs Prov. Grand Secretary, James Terry Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for

Among the letters which were read expressing regret for inability to attend was one from Bro. Collins, on behalf of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold; from Sir H. Watson Taylor, who sent a present of two fine haunches of venison; and from Bro. Hervey, Grand Secretary of England. The Treasurer's report showed that the funds of the Province were in a highly favourable condition, and fifty guineas were voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Gabriel Goldney then presented to Lord Methuen a pair of magnificent solid silver candelabra, of the value of six hundred gnineas, accompanied by a testimonial on vellum framed and glazed. The candelabra and testimonial were subscribed for by the brethren and Lodges of the Province in commemoration of Lord Methuen having completed his twenty-fifth year of office as Provincial Grand Master of Wilts. Bro. Goldney, in making the presentation, after stating that it was a recognition by the brethren of the eminent services of His Lordship, as Provincial Grand Master, in raising the Province of Wilts to its present high position in Freemasonry, traced the progress of the Province in the of Freemasons in the district, and the continually growing contributions it made in the cause of charity. Lord Methuen, who, in replying, was visibly affected, expressed his pleasure at this latest mark of their appreciation of any little services he had been able to render. When he looked on the magnificent testimonial which had been presented to him, and considered its great cost and high artistic execution, he could not help asking himself what he had done to deserve it? Although he might, to some extent, have assisted the Province, he was sure that the generous and kindly feelings which the brethren had evinced towards him that day were ten or a hundred times greater in proportion. For many generations he trusted the splendid tokens of the brethren's esteem, generosity and kindness, would be handed down to membeen enabled to do in Freemasonry was due to the kind instruction he had received from Sir Daniel Gooch. Brother F. H. Goldney then presented his Lordship with a History of Free-masonry in Wiltshire, which was afterwards ordered to be printed. The new Grand Officers for the year were subsequently appointed, and the proceedings of the day concluded with a banquet. A ball was given in the evening.

The Abbey Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 225, Abingdon.—The consecration took place on 30th ult., at the Abbey Council Hall. The consecrating officer was the very Worshipful Brother the Rev. P. M. Holden, Past Grand Chaplain, who performed the beautiful and impressive ceremonies in the most able manner. He was assisted by several distinguished officers from the Grand Lodge. The installation of the first Worshipful Master, Brother Walter Ballard, was then proceeded with, and he subsequently invested his Officers, the S.W. being Bro. Walter Thompson, and the J.W. The Lodge being closed, a splendid banquet was E. L. Shepherd. partaken of in the Council Chamber. The excellent rendering of several choice selections of music, by Brother Theodore Distin and others, was much appreciated. Amongst the brethren who took part in the proceedings were Bros. T. J. Pulley W.M. of the Aldershot Lodge, E. Margrett W.M. designate of the new Leopold Lodge, which will be consecrated in Reading on the 25th inst., Charles Stephens, George Westall, &c., &c. The Great Western Railway Company's arrangements for the conveyance of the Visitors to and from Abingdon were very complete, and were carried out under the personal superintendence of Brother H. Stevens, the District Traffic

Ancient Carthage Chapter, No. 1717, at Tunis, in North Africa.—The first regular meeting of this Chapter after the summer recess was held on Friday, the 25th of October, at the Masonic Hall, nearly the whole of the members being present. Two of the Principals having resigned, owing to their inaulity to come from Malta to attend the meetings of the Chapter, the first Communist leader,

Principal, E. Comp Broadley, installed in their stead, and by the unanimous desire of the members, E. Comp Dr. N. Lenghi 33° G.O. of Italy and P.M. of the Italian Lodge "Caprera" at Alexandria, as H.; and Ex-Comp. Dr. Q. Mugnaini 32° G.O. of Italy and P.M. of the Italian Lodge "Carthage and Utica" at Tunis, as J.; Comp Professor S. Souiller was elected and installed as E. On the Chapter being opened in due form, a vote of thanks was passed to E. Comp W. Kingston (R.W.D.G.M. of Malta) P.Z. 349, and E. Comp. Reichelmann J. 349 for their invaluable aid in opening the Chapter, and the consideration shown by them in resigning their posts to other eligible Companions, when it was found that their private associations in Malta would prevent their coming to Tunis to work the Chapter. It was also resolved that a letter of thanks be written to the Principals of the Melita Chapter 349, who had presented the "Ancient Carthage Chapter" with a highly finished set of sceptres. The following candidates were then unanimonsly elected: Bros. J. H. Stevens, H.B. Majesty's Vice-Consul at Tunis S.W 1717, A. Perini M.D. J.W. 1717, M. Lumbroso Secretary 1717, A. Felice, and J. Barsotti. These brethren being in attendance, were introduced, and duly exalted to the sublime degree of the Royal Arch. There are now twenty-nine active members of the Chapter, including the W.M. of the Italian Lodge "Risorgimento," and the degree is very highly appreciated by the foreign brethren, especially as the ceremony is efficiently worked in the Italian language. The Chapter being closed in due form, was adjourned till the next regular meeting of the 23rd November.

NEW ZEALAND.

The first anniversary of the Palmerston Lodge, No. 1749, E.C., was celebrated on Friday, 16th August, in the presence of a very large gathering of the Craft. The Lodge was opened in due form at 8 p.m. by Bro. Henry Kitchener W.M., assisted by his Officers, and the following visitors were announced and received with the usual Masonic ceremonies:-The W.M., Officers, and members of Lodge Waitaki No. 1111 E.C., the R.W.P.M., Officers, and members of the Oamaru Kilwinning Lodge S.C., the W.M. Officers, and members of the Port Chalmers Marine Lodge No. 942 E.C., together with Bros. P.M.'s D. Rhodes Lodge of Otago No. 844 E.C., J. Matheson No. 1111 E.C., Crawford E.C., and J. Joyce No. 942 E.C. The Lodge of Mount Ida was represented by Bro. Bremner, and the sister Constitutions of Ireland and Scotland by Bros. Geohagan I.C., and Captain M'Bride of the barque Aline S.C. The usual routine business of the Lodge having been transacted, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and last twenty-five years, which was evidenced by the increased number Bro. M'Kenzie P.M. Oamarn Kilwinning Lodge S.C., who had been duly elected as W.M. of the Palmerston Lodge, was presented for installation, the ceremony being performed by Bro. C. de Longueville Graham, who was ably assisted by the W. Bros. J. Joyce and J. Mathesou. After the installation of the W.M., Bro. H. Kitchener, the retiring Master, was installed as P.M., and the Board of Installed Masters closed. The following brethren were then invested as Officers for the ensuing year: Bros. R. Jeffreys S.W., Catamore J.W., Drapper Sec., Stephenson Treasurer; Haynes J.D., J. Bower I.G., Robins Tyler. Bro. P.M. Matheson gave the customary addresses to the newly-invested wardens, while the W.M. was addressed by Bro. P.M. J. Joyce. At the termination of the installation ceremony Bro. II. Kitchener P.M. moved that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the installing Officers. This being carried by acclabers of his family, who he hoped would, in their turn, have the mation, the Lodge was closed in due form. Appropriate music was same feelings towards the Freemasons of Wiltshire as he had him. rendered during the ceremonies by Bro. J. A. D. Adams of the Lodge self. He concluded by informing the brethren that all that he had of Otago No. 814 E.C. After the installation, the brethren adjourned to the Empire Hotel, where a sumptuous repast had been provided in Bro. J. Duncan's best style; fully fifty members of the Craft were present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and duly honoured; while at frequent intervals some excellent songs were rendered by several of the brethren present, Bro. Blakely presiding at the piano. Shortly before the closing toast was given, the health of the host and hostess, Bro. and Mrs. Duncan was appropriately given, and responded to; and after a brief interval the brethren separated well pleased with the enjoyable evening they had spent. From the acknowledged ability of the W.M., Bro. M'Kenzie, together with the able selection of Officers he has made, we augur a most successful year for the thriving little Palmerston Lodge.

> A meeting of the P.G. Lodge of the North Island, S.C., was held on Monday evening, the 2nd September, in the Wellington Theatre Royal, for the purpose of installing the Officers who were unable to attend in Auckland last year. The Waterloo Lodge was the first opened. About 200 Masons of the various Lodges were present. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then entered, and Bro. the Hou. F. Whitaker P.G.M. assumed the throne, and opened the Provincial Grand Lodge, introducing Bro. McCulloch P.P.D.G.M. as the installing Master. Bro. Brodie P.G. Senior Warden occupied his proper chair, and the other G.L. Officers were filled by deputies. The Officers installed were: Bro. A. Johnston as P.D.P.G.M., Bro. Rev. B.W. Harvey as P.G.D. Chaplain, Bro. Gillon as P.G.D. Sec, Bro. Browles as P.G.S.D., and Bro. Dale as P.A. Marshal. The ceremony was admirably conducted by Bro. McCulloch, and the musical part was supported by a splendid choir. Bro. Brodie, on behalf of the Sir Walter Scott, Thames; Bro. McCulloch on behalf of the St. Andrew's Lodge, Auckland; and Bro. Power, on behalf of the Delight of the Thames Lodge, congratulated the newly installed Officers. After the ceremony a banquet was held.

> The Correspondent of the Sydney morning Herald writing from Noumea, New Caledonian, says :- After Henri Rochefort's escape a eading merchant of Noumea received notice to quit, and the Masonic Lodge was closed, through presumed complicity in the flight of the

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.

SATURDAY, 9th NOVEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.) 1426—The Great City Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.) 1671—Mizpuh, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street. Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. R. A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms, Hotel, Wood Green. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.) 1558—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon. 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. 1637—Unity, De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton, Middlesex.

MONDAY, 11th NOVEMBER.

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45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
90—St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
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-street, E.C., at 6. 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road.
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75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
431—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby.
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
589—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
724—Derby, hasonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halliax-road, Dewsbury.
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Hinaport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
1436—Sanagate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold.
1692—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

TUESDAY, 12th NOVEMBER.

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46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bidgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)

65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadennall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)

141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)

177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.

228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City.

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 8.0. (Instruction.)

033—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

1446—Mount Edgcumde, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)

1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)

1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)

1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Covent Garden Hotel, Henrietta-street.

1635—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, Norwich. 1635—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
117—Wynstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley.
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.
178—Antiquity, Koyal Hotel, Wigan.
184—United Chatham of nenevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakospeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon.
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
418—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
802—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leom.nster.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gospore. sport, ludiu arms Hotel, High-street, Gospor 1250—Gibert Greennan, Masome Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington. 1314—Acadia, belt Hotel, Bromey. 1323—etamey, 214 ot. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.) 1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutron, Surrey. 1414—K. of, Masome Hall, Sevenous. 1465—Ockenden, Talbot flotel, Cuckfield, Sussex. 1593—Royal Naval College, Smp Hotel, Greenwich. 1678—Tonoridge, New Public Hall, Tonoridge, M. M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-rout, Sheerness. M. M. 152-Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.

WEDNESDAY, 13th NOVEMBER. Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.

3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W. 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.

87—Vitruvian, White Hart, Cohego-street, Lambeth.

147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptiord. 23.—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, M., at 8. (Instruction.)
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228.—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndaio-rd., Camdon-town at 8. (In.
538.—La Tolerunce, Horse and Grocim, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
761.—Merchant Navy, Silver Tayern, Burdett-read, E.

813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1076—Capper, Marine Hotel, Tidal Basin, Victoria Docks, E.
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Grosham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1553—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1677—Urusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Ulerkenwell.
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe. R. A. 1305—St. Marylobone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood.
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3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)

15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Canaon-street.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)

87—Vitruvan, White Hart, Cohege-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)

206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.

435—Salisbury, Duion Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)

534—Po.ish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

720—Pannure Gen. L. of Inst., Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.

860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)

1321—Emblematic, Tulse-nill Hotel, Tulse-nill.

1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)

1425—Hy de Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington.

1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Instruction.)

1553—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Mascn.c Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke-g. ove-road, Notting-hill,

1877—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John s-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)

R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.) R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at a 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.

97—Palatine, Masome Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masome Hall, Fore-street-hill, Exeter.
203—Ancient Union, Masome Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
249—mariners, Masome Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Freston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masome Houls, Fenrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masome Hous, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Bir-eunead.
546—Etruscan, Masome Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brigaton.
739—Temperance, Masome Hall, Caroline-street, Birmingham.
734—Weilington, Pubne Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
945—Abbey, Abbey Coulcil Chamber, Abingdon, Borks.
991—Tyne, Masome Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.
1935—Prince of Wales, Masome Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1955—Derby, Knowsiey's Hotel, Uncethan, Lancashire.
1993—St. George, Private Room, Pemperance Hall, Fredegar, Mon.
1141—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Aston-under Lyne.
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Mawern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1416—Falcon, Masome Hall, Castle Yara, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masome Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagsnaw, Bald Faced Stag, Bucknurst-hill.

FRIDAY, 15th NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

25—Robert Burns, Umon Taveru, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)

507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camperwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)

803—Ranenagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)

802—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camuen Town, at 8. (Instruction.)

803—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)

1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)

1168—Belgrave, Jormyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)

1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)

1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8,

1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul s-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)

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SATURDAY, 16th NOVEMBER.

193-Percy, July Farmers' Tavera, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction, Joi-Larl O. Zecland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Hilda Chapter Rose Croix.—This Chapter, stationed at York, met on Friday (All Saints' Day), for the purpose of perfecting two candidates. The M.W.S. Bro. T. Cooper presided, and was supported by Bros. W. H. Marwood P.S. 31° who acted as Prelate, Thos. B. Whytehead 1st Gen., Sam. I. Middleton 2nd Gen., John S. Cumberland Grand Marshall, Mathew Millington Raphael, George Simpson D.C., Alfred T. B. Turner Herald and Recorder, Philip H. Rowland Organist, Rev. Wm. C. Lukis, Capt. Hanley (4th Dragoon Guards), Saml. B. Ellis (Sheffield), and other brethren. A ballot was taken for a candidate, and Bros. Augustus Gerald Duncome (Thirsk) and Alderman J. Terry (York) were perfected in the degree, with the usual full ceremonial, after which the Chapter was closed. Previous to the meeting the brethren dined together at the Queen's Hotel, Bro. H. Churchill providing an excellent repast, and after the conclusion of business a very pleasant evening was spent in the discussion of various Masonic questions.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At the Hercules Tevern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 31st October. Bros. Grammer W.M., Chapman S.W., Norden J.W., Maidwell S.D., Holland J.D., King I.G., Biddle Acting Sec., Webb Preceptor, Atkins P.M. Treasurer, and other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Benjamin acting as candidate. Bro. Grammer vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Maidwell, W.M. of the Egyptian Lodge, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation in a most impressive manner. After which a cordial vote of thanks was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously to Bro. Maidwell, for the very efficient manner in which he had worked the ceremony of installation. The Lodge was then closed.

Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37.—A meeting was held on Monday, 4th inst., at Bolton. Bros. Jas. Brown W.M., Johnson Mills J.W., Wm. Slater P.P.S.G.D. Treasurer, Gibbon Chaplain, Booth I.G., J. W. Roiley Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Isherwood P. Prov. G. Treasurer, G. P. Brockbank Past Prov. S.G.D., Walker, Knowles, Newton; Bros. Booth, Rooke Lennington, Lacey P. Prov. G. Organist (Berks and Bucks). The Lodge was opened at 6 p.m., and the members proceeded to the confirmation of the minutes of least matrix. of last meeting. The annual Circular from the R.M.B.I., announcing the date of Festival, also that the Prov. G.M. for East Lancashire had consented to act as Chairman of the Festival, was read. Bro. Newton and Bro. Walker consented to act as Stewards for the Lodge, Bro. Brockbank is also on the list as a Steward for St. George's Lodge 1723, Bolton.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 5th Nov. Bros. King W.M., Daniel S.W., Biddle S.D., Maidwell J.D., Moss I.G., Holland, Hill, Richards and Laroon. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by Bro. King. Bro. Richards worked the second degree, and Bro. Biddle the third. The Lodge was closed down in the third and second, and Bro. Daniel was elected W.M. for the ensuing The annual supper will take place on Tuesday, 19th Nov., at 7 p.m. Tickets to be had of Bros. Daniel and Maidwell.

Wynnstay Lodge of Instruction, No. 117.—A meeting was held on 5th November, at the Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at eight o'clock. Present—Bros. T. W. Thompson W.M., W. E. Litt S.W., H. C. Clarke J.W., C. L. Crump Sec., Lewis P.M. Treas. and D.C., J. Vine S.D., J. Blockley J.D., T. Royle I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Hankey, Spraggon; Bros. Salisbury, Moses, Drayton, Deakin, Bourlay, Major. The ceremony of the first degree was rehearsed, after which the charge was delivered in a very impressive manner by Bro. Thompson the W.M. elect.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.-A meeting was held on Wednesday last, at Railway Tavern, Railway place, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. W. W. Metcalf W.M., Thos. B. Biddle S.W., Kennett Harris J.W., J. K. Pitt Secretary, Thos. W. C. Bush S.D., R. A. Morgan J.D., C. Butcher I.G.; P.M. Gottheil Preceptor; Saint, Walker, Smith, Moss, &c. Visitor— Bro. C. W. Meiter (Mizpah) 1671. Business—The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. E. Simmons acting candidate. The 1st and 2nd sections of the Lecture were worked by P.M. Gottheil, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Meiter became a member of the Lodge. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Wednesday next, at 6.30, by the following: Bros. S. J. Turquand P.M. 1556 W.M., T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 S.W., C. H. Webb 1607 J.W. 1st Lecture-Bros. Walker 429, Smith J.D. 860, Metcalf 1671, Andrews J.W. 1227, Lee P.M. 975, Ginningham 1707, Hogg P.M. 1349. 2nd Lecture—Bros. Moss D.C. 1275, Worsley J.W. 860, Musto P.M. 933, Webb W.M. 1607, Garrod 1707. 3rd Lecture-Bros. Harris J.D. 1728, Taylor D.C. 554, Barnes I'.M. 530.

Samaritan Lodge No. 368 .- The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the George Hotel, Sandbach, on Wednesday the 6th inst. Present:-Bros. Lewis R. Jones W.M., Le Makin I.P.M., Rev. T. Lunt S.W., E. Furnivall J.W., S. Gilbert P.M. P.P.G.P. Rev. T. Lunt S.W., E. Furnivali J.W., S. Gilbert P.M. P.P.G.P.
Treas., J. C. Hilditch Sec., T. Walton S.D., R. Finlow J.D.,
J. Wakefield jun. I.G., S. Dickinson Tyler. Past Masters G. W.
Latham P.G.D., J. Hulme, J. W. Mo Gill. T. Arden; and Bros. R.
Bebbington, H. A. Remer, J. Turner, P. Jackson, A. W. Bramall,
P. Hancock, T. R. Boote, J. Wakefield sen., &c. Visitor—S. M.

Dalbousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday
evening, at Bio. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston.
Bros. M. Christian W.M., Wardell S.W., Gilham J.W., Polak S.D.,
Carr J.D., Williams I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treasurer, P.M. Wallington Preceptor. Bros. McClean, Dignam, Brasted, C. Lorkin, and

Davies Freemason's Chronicle. The Lodge was opened at 6.30 in due and ancient form, and the minutes of the last meeting read, found correct and confirmed. After sundry business of a private nature had been transacted, the Lodge was closed in harmony and the brethren adjourned to banquet, the Worshipful Master entrusting the Chair to W. Bro. Gilbert, who presided in a genial and entertaining manner. The first toast proposed was the Queen and the Craft which Bro. Gilbert said required no comment on his part to ensure a hearty By request of the chair, Bro. Hilditch favoured the brethren with a humorous song. The second toast-that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the Royal Familywas most heartily honoured. The third, which was given in a very happy manner, was that of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master. During the interval Bro. Walton gave a recitation. In the next toast the worshipful brother drew the attention of the brethren to their own Province. As Lord De Tabley was as much beloved in one Lodge as in another, little was needed to ensure the enthusiastic reception of the toast. Bro. Walton again kindly favoured the brethren with a recitation, after which W. Bro. Gilbert said: I rise with the greatest possible pleasure to propose a toast which I am sure you will receive with every expression of regard and fraternal feeling, we are to-night pleased to see among us a brother who is better known to me than to any one present. I had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Bro. Davies at the Prov. Grand Chapter at Birkenhead, and afterwards had the additional pleasure of meeting him in the town. He is, as most of you are aware, a thorough and hard working Mason, and the life and soul in this district of a very important Masonic Journal—the most important to the Craft—the "FREEMASON'S I have the greatest confidence in stating that he has seen as much of Masonry as any one among us. He has visited many Lodges in this Province, and he can tell you from experience that this Province stands second to none. I may state for his information that this little Lodge of ours stands second to none in its good works, and we accord him a hearty welcome among us. The toast was drunk with the utmost cordiality, and Davies A few other gratefully responded. recitations, amid social enjoyment, brought a very agreeable evening to a close.

La Tolérance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.—Meeting held at the Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., on the 6th inst. Bros. A. Ginger W.M., H. Bertram S.W., T. Cooper J.W., E. Child S.D., Pratt J.D., S. Cooper I.G., F. G. Baker P.M., C. Davis Treas., J. Hurdell Secretary, and over forty other brethren. Lodge opened and minutes were confirmed. The first and second sections were worked. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. I. Irinth candidate. The next business of the evening was a notice of motion that had been given at the previous meeting by Bro. C. Davis Treasurer, "That the Lodge of Instruction meet in future at the Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., instead of the Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, as heretofore." An amendment was proposed by Bro. Ferguson, that the Lodge remain at its present place of meeting. A long discussion ensued, when the amendment was lost, and the original proposition carried. The reason for removal is the want of room to accommodate the members, the Lodge having increased to such an extent. Bro. Bertram was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Lodge closed.

Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.—A meeting was held on Monday, 4th inst., at the Castle Hotel, Brecon. Bros. Richard Webb W.M., Thos. Butcher S.W., H. St. G. Cauldfeld P.M. J.W., J. A. Whittle Sec., Frank Grundy S.D., Wm. Webb J.D., H. O.A. Maybery Steward, John Morgan I.G., James Jones Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. H. C. Rich and E. C. Phillips. A Lodge of Emergency was arranged for the purpose of passing Bro. Alfred Gwynne Vanghan. Bro. Thomas Butcher S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bros. David Evans and James Jones were respectively re-elected Treasurer and Tyler for the same period. On the motion of P.M.'s Rich and Phillips, it was unanimously agreed to present a jewel to Bro. Secretary Whittle; also to Bro. Quarter-Master Orlopp, who for many years acted as Tyler, to the satisfaction of the brethren, but who, consequent on his promotion, has recently resigned the appoint. ment of Tyler, and become a subscribing member to the Lodge.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780. — On 1st Nov., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge. Present—Bros. Le Grys W.M., Goss (I.P.M.) S.W., Blasby J.W., Gunner S.D., Beckett J.D., Clarke I.G.; also Bros. Roe Preceptor, Dorey, Gomm, Talbot, and Skinner. Lodge was regularly opened; minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Skinner offered himself as candidate, and the initiation ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Skinner answered the questions leading to second degree. were called to refreshment. Labour was resumed; it was decided to present Bro. Roe, at the banquet on 29 h inst., with a black marble dining room clock, and Bros. Blasby, Beckett, and Gunner were appointed a committee to select and purchase the same. A special vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Le Grys for his able working, and Bro. Goss was elected W.M. for next meeting. It was announced by Bros. Roe and Goss (P M.'s) that they hoped to work most of the sections during the winter season, and they invited the co-operation of the brethren. Lodge was closed and adjourned till 8th Nov., at half-past seven p.m.

others. The W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. J. Lorkin as candidate, the Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed Masonic duties. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first. second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed in due form. Bro. Wardell will preside at next meeting.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—At the meeting of this Lodge, on 6th November, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street, Bros. Hallam W.M., Abell S.W., Tate J.W., Brown S.D., Kidder J.D., Vizzard I.G., Long P.M. Preceptor, and others. After the confirmation of the minutes, the ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M. The sections of the first lecture were worked by the brethren. Bro. Abell S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the ceremony of passing will be rehearsed.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 959, Ipswich.—The members of this Lodge held their installation meeting on Monday evening, at the Golden Lion Hotel, Ipswich. The Lodge having been regularly opened and the minutes of last meeting confirmed, two brethren were passed. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. D. Paine, was then presented, and all the brethren below the chair having retired, he was duly installed by Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, who performed his duties in an able and pleasing manner. On the readmission of the brethren the new W.M. received the customary salutes, and then invested his Officers. After a hearty vote of thanks had been passed to the late W.M., Bro. Bennett, for the admirable way in which he had discharged his duties, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where the new W.M. presided. The usual Loyal and Craft toasts having been given, the health of the W.M. and Immediate Past Master were warmly received, and the meeting closed with the Tyler's toast. The harmony of the evening was considerably enhanced by the singing of Bros. D. D. Steele, Grayston and Abbott.

Stamford Lodge, No. 1045.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Chambers, Altrincham, on Monday, the 4th instant. Present-Bros. W. Agar Renshaw W.M., W. Alcock I.P.M., A. H. Gilbody S.W., C. H. Cook J.W., J. Siddeley P.M. Treasurer, R. Newhouse P.M. P.P.A.G.D.C. Sec., S. Sturmer Assist. Sec., T. H. Kirk P.M. P.P.G.O. Organist, J. Hamilton S.D. S. Thompson J.D., J. Ambler I.G., J. Worthington Tyler; Past Masters Bros. J. Hardy, R. Baker P.P.G.D.C., C. H. Hinde P.G.R., J. A. Birch P.P.G.S.D., and Bros. J. Henshall, J. Harrison, T. Kent, H. Balshaw, J. Lewis, G. Richardson, B. Riley, M. Stone, W. Gibson, J. Bott, D. Kinsey, J. A. Crabtree, James Byrom, J. Drinkwater, E. G. Parker, A. B. Everett, T. Daine, E. Puenjer, James Harrison, W. Dacre. Visitors—W. R. Pullen 175, E. Aston 941, H. Bratt 428, C. G. Bosuston 163, and S. M. Davies FREEMASONS' CHRONICLE. The brethren of this Lodge have the novel and noteworthy system of partaking of refreshment before business. The Lodge room is adjoining the Unicorn Hotel, and the catering is provided by the hospitable host, who is a brother. After enjoying a bountiful tea, the brethren repaired to business, the Lodge being opened at 6.30. The minutes of the last meeting were read and ratified. The ballot was taken for Bro. Geo. F. Smith as a joining member, and proved unanimous in his favour. The ballot was also taken for Mr. Wm. Griffin and Mr. F. R. B. Lindsell, and proved in each case unanimous. Mr. Wm. Griffin being in attendance was duly initiated into our Order. The Worshipful Master deserves great credit for the efficient and impressive manner in which he performed the ceremony, especially as this was his first effort. It remains for the subordinate Officers to emulate him. In accordance with a notice of motion, Worshipful Bro. Kirk moved that bye-law No. 6 be expunged from the book of Bye Laws. The motion was seconded by Bro. Gilbody. After an earnest appeal from Worshipful Bro. Hinde, who is always zealous on behalf of our noble Charities, the word "expunged" was "expunged," and the word "suspended" substituted, which met the approval of the brethren. Other business of a formal nature having been gone through, the Lodge was closed in harmony, with solemn prayer. By request of the W.M., the brethren adjourned, to reassemble at the customary social board. Bro. Siddeley in the temporary absence of the W.M. took the chair, and availed himself of the pleasure of proposing the two first toasts of the evening, which were duly honoured. The Worshipful Brother entrusted the toast of the Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master of England to the S.W. This was cordially received. Bro. Siddeley reserved to himself the pleasure of proposing a toast which brought them nearer home, and which they all delighted to honour. The sincere regard manifested by the bretbren of the Province for their Prov. G. Master, testified to the inestimable aid rendered to the Craft by Lord De Tabley, whose many virtues were known in and out of the Craft. He called upon the brethren to drink to the very good health of their Prov. Grand Master, upon whose life and health depended greatly the prosperity of the Province. The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm and with Masonic honours. Upon Bro. Cook J.W. devolved the duty of proposing the health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, which he did very ably, uniting with it the names of Bros. Hinde and Baker. This was warmly received, and Bro. Hinde returned thanks. The toast being so heartily proposed and drunk, indicated the appreciation of the brethren for the Prov. Grand Officers. The cordial manifestation exhibited by the brethren round the festive board showed the good feeling existing in the Province among all members of the Craft. On behalf of his brother Officers he expressed his sincere wishes for the continued prosperity of the Province. Bro. Baker said, I have to thank you, as one of the Prov. Grand Officers of this Province, for the very warm manner in which the last toast has been received. I deem it a great distinction and a high honour to be a Prov. Grand Bro. C. Halford, United Strength 228, was elected a member. Officer under such a worthy and noble Master as Lord De Tabley. Bro. Read S.W. was elected W.M. for next meeting.

Bro. Lewis kindly favoured with a song. Bro. Birch next proposed the toast of the newly initiated brother; in doing so he assured the brethren that Bro. Griffin would do his duty as a Mason as thoroughly as he did in his every day capacity, in which he was honoured and esteemed. The toast was most fraternally received. The W.M. returned, and Bro. Siddelay relinquished the chair. By request of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Cook gave a very amusing recitation; after which Bro. Griffin responded to the honour conferred upon him, in a very touching manner. Bro. Hinde rose: he assumed the gavel to propose a toast which was at all times given with the deepest feeling of pleasure, and received with the utmost cordiality in the Lodge, indeed, we of the Stamford Lodge, extend a hearty greeting to all our brethren, no matter from what clime they may come; we hold the claims of all brethren to be mutual. It is a source of great pleasure to the brethren of this Lodge to welcome visiting brethren, they hope the day may be long distant when they cannot reckon on visitors in their Lodge, and round their festive board. He had pleasure in uniting with the toast the name of Bro. Davies. The toast was drunk with great cordiality. Bro. Thompson kindly responded to the call for a solo on the flute, which he gave in capital style. Bro. Davies in returning thanks for the honour conferred upon the Visitors, referred, among other matters, to a rule established in the Stamford Lodge, which required a password to be given to the I.G. before leaving the Lodge. He explained that he came armed with every weapon necessary to gain admittance to a Lodge, but the stern sense of duty of the faithful I.G. totally disarmed him, and he had to resume his seat. The brethren evidently enjoyed this episode in the evening's pleasure, and heartily applauded Bro. I.G. for his fidelity. This question was the means of opening up a lively chat, and Worshipful Brother Birch explained the practice was instituted for the purpose of maintaining regularity and order. The system is doubtless commendable in its object, as it prevents that very objectionable parading in and out of the Lodge room during business. But the question is, Whence comes it? Is it new or old? Bro. Baker kindly responded to the call for a song, after which Bro. Siddeley in a very pleasing and complimentary manner proposed the health of Bro. Birch. whom they delighted to honour as one of the fathers of the Lodge. The toast was heartily drank. Bro. Birch on rising was received with applause, he said I cannot fail to recognize the great kindness shown me in the cordial reception of this toast. I look back with a great deal of pleasure to my connection with this Lodge, and I look forward with deep interest for its welfare. I am always ready to render every assistance in my power to advance the objects of the Craft, for which I have great regard. I should have been here tonight to witness the ceremony of the initiation of my friend Bro. Griffin, but urgent business prevented me, I am happy to meet the brethren round this social board. Bro. Lewis again kindly favoured the brethren with a song; after which the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.—A meeting was held at the Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal, on Friday, the 1st inst. Present -Bro. E. Kirby W.M., A. H. Des Barres I.P.M., T. Ayling P.M. as S.W., H. R. Botting J.W., T. T. Usher P.M. Secretary, S. Hinds Treasurer, J. B. Harrison P.M. Chaplain, F. England as S.D., W. Carterfield J.D., S. Willing I.G., J. Westaway Organist, G. Wood, G. Rivers, F. Haslip, C. Hurst. Visitors—F. Bird P.M. P.P.S.G.W., C. Corps Wellington Lodge 784, S. Holgate Tyler. Lodge opened, minutes were read and confirmed. The two candidates for initiation were unable to be present. Lodge opened up to third degree. and was closed down. A petition was handed for the signature of the brethren present from a brother who had sustained serious personal injuries, also loss of property estimated at £750, through the late whirlwind that visited Lower Walmer. The Lodge was closed in solemn form, and the brethren spent a pleasant hour together.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1365.—On the 1st November. Present—Bros. McMillan W.M., McDowell S.W., Finch J.W., Spurgeon S.D., Richard J.D., T. Birch I.G.; also Bros. Cusworth, Hobbs, Goddard, F. Badkin, Cogan, Manghan, F wler, J. Coubro, Yates, L. Coubro, Greenwood, Lutwich, and several other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, and, on the preliminary business being arranged, was opened up to the 2nd degree; the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. L. Coubro being the The Lodge was then resumed to the 1st degree, and candidate. Bros. J. Coubro of 1150 and Maughan of 19 were unanimously elected members. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, considerably earlier than usual, to enable the brethren to attend the inauguration of the Second Clapton Benevolent Association, which was commenced with nearly fifty members. The Secretary wishes to take this opportunity to inform the members of the Lodge and intending visitors that Bro. Barkin has kindly placed at the disposal of the members a most comfortably furnished room for the winter, the regular Lodge-room being considerably too large and cold; the members present on this occasion seemed fully to appreciate the change.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602. A meeting was held on Tuesday, at the Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road. Present-Bros. W. Rowley W.M., R. C. Read S.W., A. F. Rowley J.W., J. Osborn Sec., Pearcy Preceptor, G. S. Elliott S.D., H. Hallam sen. J.D., E. Pelican I.G.; Bros. H. Halford P.M., Wood, Hirst, C. Halford, Hallam jun., and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wood candidate. Bro. C. Halford and E. Pelican answered the questions leading to the second degree. The first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture

Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, 1st November. Present—Bros. Chas. E. Soppet W.M., W. E. Gordon Leith S.W., B. F. Cramer J.W., Hyde Pullen Treas., D. M. Dewar Sec., G. J. Robinson S.D., L. B. Stevens as J.D., G. R. Matthews I.G., Jos. Steele D.C., R. Potter Tyler; J. Percy Leith P.G.D., J. F. Dunning, G. W. Tustin, E. Delacoste, and John B. Ball. Visitors— Bros. Shephard 69, Glanvill 134, Butler 173, Lawson 223, Col. Peters 263, Phillips 379, Raikes 628, Reeves 1118, Soppet 1538, and J. Farley Leith 1118, Prov. Grand Warden of Bengal, the Father of the W.M. elect. After the minutes were read and confirmed, Messrs. Harvey, Fitzherhert and Waters were ballotted for and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Hyde Pallen then took the chair, and installed in his usual faultless and impressive manner, Bro. W. E. Gordon Leith. The W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers, and presented Bro. Seppet with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, in testimony of the Lodge's appreciation of his services during his year of office. After the transaction of other business, and the approval of the satisfactory report by the Audit Committee, the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to a récherché hanquet, served in Bro. Best's superior style, under the able superintendence of Bro. Dawkins.

Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656.-The first regular meeting of this Lodge for the present session was held at the White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick, on Monday the 4th inst. Bro. W. Hammond P.M. 201 1326 1512 P.P.G.D. W.M. presided. There were also present Bros. J. Hammond Hon. I.P.M., J. W. Baldwin P.M. 1423 acting S.W., J. Bond J.W., Rev. F. J. Champion de Crespigny acting S.W., J. Bond J.W., Rev. F. J. Champion de Orespignia, S.W., J. Bond J.W., Rev. F. J. Champion de Orespignia, S.W., J. Bond J.W., Rev. F. J. Champion de Orespignia, P.P.G. Chap. Chaplain, A. Nuthall Treasurer, F. T. V. Honeywell W.M., in response to the toast of his health, said some good with P.P.M. Hon. Organist, T. W. Ockenden Secretary, J. Hurst P.M. 1512 on behalf of the Charities. The proceedings were of a very interpolation of Wells P.P.G. Organist Deacons, R. W. Forge acting I.G., esting character, and augured well for the future success of the St. T. A. E. Scott W.S. C. Richer, J. Featherstone, C. R. Fitt, R. Masters, J. Piller, J. F. Duffell, A. Elphick, C. Worthington, F. L. Chandler, A. Abbett, A. Jobbins, F. Turner, W. Symons Whyte, G. R. C. Eyres, A. J. Emms, H. Handel, C. Bonell, and Drummond, and the following Visitors—Bros. E. Hopwood P.M. 141, 1512 P.P.G.S.B., J. Horne (Brownrigg Lodge), Geo. Bugles, and D. Argyle. The minutes of the last regular meeting of 4th March, and of two subsequent emergencies (13th May and 20th August) were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken with success, for Messrs. Richard Drammond, Henry Ellis, and George Edwards, as candidates for initiation, and the first named gentleman was admitted into the mysteries of the Craft. Bros. Emms, Handel, and Bonell having qualified, were advanced as Fellow Crafts, and Bro. Abbett was raised to the sublime degree. Bro. Honeywell presided at the harmonium. The adjourned installation of the W.M. elect (Bro. B. Sharp) was again postponed in consequence of his continued severe illness. Bro. J. Bond was advanced from the Junior to the Senior Warden's chair. The Rev. Bro. F. J. C. De Crespigny was invested with the Collar of the J.W., an appointment of the Worshipful Master's which gave universal satisfaction. The recommendation for a Lodge at Teddington was signed by the Master and Wardens. A letter, expressing regret for unavoidable absence, was received from R. W. Bro. Colonel Burdett Provincial Grand Master. The W.M. worked all the ceremonies in his usual solemn and impressive manner, and after about three hours and a half of labour, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The cloth being removed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, Bro. Walls P.P.G. Organist responded for the Officers of the Province. Bro. Honeywell proposed the health of the Master, which was heartily received, and as heartily responded to. Bro. Drummond acknowledged the toast of the Initiate, and Bro. Horne that of the Visitors. The Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close, the proceedings being enlivened by musical contributions from Bros. Walls, Honeywell, The next meeting will take place on Monday, Hurst, &c. 2nd December.

Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693.—Held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road. Present—Bros. Trewinnard W.M., C. K. Killick jun. I.P.M., H. P. Isaac S.W., Hawkins J.W., A. W. Fenner S.D., H. Hall J.D., Bartle I.G., N. L. Western D.C., J. Thompson Assist. D.C., W. Opperman W.S.; also Bros. Wolton, W. Fysh, W. White, C. A. Hall, W. Garson. The Visitors were Bros. G. W. Millington and J. Millington of the Finsbury Lodge, No. 861. Lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed : after which Mr. Charles Millington was daly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Notice of motion was given by the S.W., that the Rule regulating the subscription be altered, by making the fee for initiation £7 7s instead of £5 5s. Proposed by Bro. Isaac, seconded by Bro. Fenner, that the W.M. he Steward at the next Festival for the Old People, and also that the sum of £5.5s from the benevolent fund of the Lodge be placed on his list,-carried. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a cold collation, which was served by Bro. Fysh in a most satisfactory manner, and to which the brethren did ample justice. After the usual Loyal toasts had been disposed of, the W.M. proposed the health of the Initiate, Bro. C. Millington, observing that he had had the pleasure of initiating one who he knew would be an honour to the Lodge and a credit to the Craft. Bro. C. Millington responded. He would endeavour to uphold the honour and integrity of Freemasonry. Bro, C. K. Killick in a felicitous speech proposed the health of the W.M.; he congratulated the brethren on having such a brother for W. Master. The toast was received with acclamation. The W.M. observed that he was proud of the kindness shown him by the Lodge. So long as he was associated with the Kingsland Lodge he would exert himself to promote its advancement. The remaining toasts comprised the health of the I.P.M., the Visitors, the Officers, &c., and last came that of the Tyler. Some capital By Order of all Booksellers, or will be sent free by post, direct songs and recitations were given during the evening.

Saint Leonard Lodge, No. 1766.—The first regular meet. ing of this new Lodge was held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday evening last. Bro. L. Stean W.M. presided, supported by Bros. G. T. Barr S.W., C. F. Barham J.W., C. Stevens Tress., J. Cox Sec., E. Benjamin S.D., J. A. Jones J.D., A. A. Clement I.G., H. J. F. G le D.C., R. Marshall Steward, Speight Besides the members of the Lodge the following were amongst the Visitors :- Bros. R. R. Harper S.W. 813 Henman 1243. H. Sarson 76, Roberts and Smith 193, and Mendy 177. The Lodge having been opened in ancient form, and the usual routine business transacted, the following gentlemen were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft:—Mr. James Funston, the Rev. H. G. Henderson, Messrs. H. Waynforth, D. King and F. Matthews. The following brethren were also unanimously elected as joining members: -Bros. Dr. E. G. Pottle 869, G. Plummer 177, J. B. Burnard 1662, W. Snellgrove 907. It was then proposed by the W.M., and seconded by the S.W., that W. Bros. James Terry P.G.J.W. for Herts. James Clarke P.G.D.C. for Suffolk, and W. T. Howe G.P., who had taken the principal offices in the consecration of the Lodge, should be elected honorary members. The resolution was carried with acclamotion. Bro. W. Beasley was appointed to represent the Lodge as Steward at the forthcoming Festival in aid of the Benevolent Institution, to be held in February next. It was resolved that Bro. G. C. Young (820) be elected an honorary member of the Lodge, and the W.M. therenpon appointed Bro. Young to the office of Organist. After several propositions for initiation and joining had been announced, the Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the newly initiated brethren were greeted with a hearty

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