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## UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC RITUAL AND OBSERVANCE.

WHEN we received from Bro. James Stevens his letter of the 6th inst., which was published in our issue of the 10th, we could but regret with him that it should be necessary to write in such strains of his brother Masons. Of course those who oppose his efforts have a perfect right to use what means they like to strengthen their cause, but we think they go too far when they descend so low as to lay themselves open to the charge of misrepresenting the facts of the case. As Bro. Stevens points out, he has asked for and obtained the sanction of Grand Lodge for the appointment of a Committee to make enquiry if there really are any material variations in the working of English Lodges, and if they find there are, they will recommend to Grand Lodge what course they propose in order to prevent a continuance of the deviation. Surely this should not be a sufficient reason for disagreement between any brethren or sections of brethren, rather all should be united in such a cause. So far we fail to see any motive for the opposition which should entitle it to a minute's consideration. If the Committee is appointed, we suppose the meetings of its members will be publicly announced, and that any qualified brother will be allowed admission to the debates. It will, therefore, be as easy for the opponents to attend as for those who support the project, and each will then learn for himself the value of the evidence adduced. It may be asked, do the brethren who now oppose the appointment of the Committee desire that variations should continue-if proved to exist? We think not; we believe that all would prefer the adoption of one uniform system, so far as the main points of our ceremonies are concerned. What, then, can be the reason for trying to prevent the appointment of the Com-mittee to make enquiry? It is not as though the Committee were to be entrusted with power to make alterations in the ritual, that would be a matter for the serious consideration of the Craft, and we should most strongly oppose any such power being given to a few members; but nothing of the sort is here contemplated; the work of the Committee is mercly to ascertain if there be any foundation for the remarks of Bro. Stevens. If they find there is, it then becomes a question whether they consider them of sufficient importance to be taken notice of; but if they find there is not, the whole subject is disposed of, and Bro. Stevens assures us that he will rest content. The real sought professional opinions as to the value of the property, point which will require consideration at the hands of Grand Lodge will be to decide what shall be done with the Committee's recommendations—provided they may deem it necessary to make any. Until they give their report we cannot see why the efforts of Bro. Stevens, endorsed by the majority present at a large meeting of Grand Lodge, should be impeded or ridiculed. No brother need fear that he will be nominated for the Committee against his wish, nor do we suppose it will be compulsory for him to attend the meetings even if he is appointed, so that it cannot be urged that any serious labour will be entailed on any one unless they desire it. It must be admitted by all who are unprejudiced that if divergencies in the Masonic system, such as were named by Bro. Stevens at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, really do exist, there is reason in his endeavour to have the Committee appointed; and we see no reason to suppose that he has put forward statefirst question the Committee will have to decide will be ground rents that no one would think of taking the land upon.

whether there was any need for their appointment; and as they will have the means of gathering any evidence they may wish for, it should not be any serious task to decide that point. Having done so, the reception of the evidence follows as a matter of course.

Bro. James Stevens is now actively engaged in the preparation of the list of names which he has to submit to Grand Lodge at its next meeting. He has sent us a circular letter, a copy of which, he tells us, has been sent to the Secretary of each of the English Provinces, asking if it be the wish of their district to be represented on the proposed By this means Bro. Stevens invites the Committee. co-operation of the whole of the English brotherhood, and it is to be hoped he will thereby secure a good working committee. It is not for him to say who shall be appointed, but as he has been called upon to nominate certain brethren, it may be imagined that the task virtually rests with him. It is, therefore, desirable that every facility should be afforded for brethren to be enrolled, and for this purpose we advise Bro. Stevens to invite propositions from Lodges or brethren who may be interested in the matter. We are sure that no question of feeling will be allowed to interfere with the subject, so far as Bro. Stevens is concerned, and we hope those who now differ with him will, if they continue their opposition, adopt only such measures as become gentlemen and Freemasons.

## PROJECTED EXTENSION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE January Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School stands adjourned until twelve o'clock to day, at which time the minutes of the Special General Court of the 3rd instant, relating to the vote of £6,500 for the purchase of Lyncombe House and grounds, will be again put for confirmation. It is imposaible to predict what will be the result, as both those who propose the purchase, and those who oppose it, seem determined to press their views to the end. If the vote is confirmed to-day, and the pur. chase effected, the brethren will have to submit to it, but we fear that the outlay will prove to be one of the most unfortunate ever undertaken on behalf of our Charities.

In support of their case, the opposers of the grant have and as a result have received the following letters :---

> 25 and 26 Bishopsgate-street-without, 14th January 1880.

I beg to say that the property in question, at £6,500, ought to produce a rental of £325 per annum to pay 5 per cent. on the ontlay, and this is calculated upon the mere expenditure of the money, without taking into consideration any additional expense for law charges, stamps, &c. But should the proposed vendor decide to. carry out his threat in erecting houses upon the present site, he would destroy his own property, represented to be of the above value, and in substitution thereof upon the site could only obtain room enough for some twenty very small houses, with contracted frontages and depths, which would make the ground rent upon each house £16 1s per annum, and this is presuming it had an available building frontage. But should a road and sewer have to be constructed, this will lessen the number of houses and increase the ground rent. I think, under the circumstances, that the Committee and the Governors of the Charity should not be hoodwinked in this matter, as no man would be insane enough to ruin, in its present ments that if untrue can easily be proved as such. The form, a valuable property, to erect houses, or shops upon them, at

Should you desire a detailed report and valuation, I should be most happy to furnish you with the same.

J. W. KLENCK,

Surveyor and Valuer.

## High-street, Clapham, S.W., 12th January 1880.

Whilst I think that no fair opportunity should be lost for extending the necessary accommodation for the Schools, and protecting the proporty from deterioration, through contiguous building operations, I am quite amazed at the facility with which the owner of Lyucombe House has obtained the offer of so large a sum as £6,500 for what I cannot believe to be worth more than £4,500, at the very outside. If I have any knowledge of this locality at all, as a house and land agent of nearly thirty years' experience, there has never yet been given, even for accommodation purposes, so extreme a price for such premises and three quarters of an acre only of land. In this respect I am entirely against the purchase, but, on the other hand, should not like to see the Masonic property closely surrounded by small houses. The Committee probably know best as to the prospects of entire disappointment if they had delayed their proposal to purchase, but in my opinion Mr. Evill would have delayed carrying out his design in respect of building whilst he had the chance of getting a little more from them than the value of the ground rents he could have created bybuilding small property.

## JAMES STEVENS,

House and Land Agent.

## 51 London Wall, E.C., 19th January 1880.

I am' quite certain you have only to invite a valuation of the property by any of the brethren in the profession, and they would readily certify to the monstrous absurdity of paying the sum of  $\pounds 6,500$  for such property. If the present letting value on lease were taken at £150 (quite an outside figure), that, at twenty years' pur-chase, would give only £3,000. Should the present owner build, as it is stated he is about to do, there is no possibility of his creating a ground rent on that piece of land of more than £150, if so much, and that, taken at even 25 years' purchase, gives a value of only £3,750, which clearly shows that the price now asked is beyond reason. Supposing that urgent necessities of the School warranted giving an advance on this price of say 10 per cent., the fact remains that even that fancy price shows only £4,125 against the proposed expenditure of £6,500.

GEORGE NEWMAN,

Auctioneer and Valuer.

West Yorkshire,

14th January 1880.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Cor. respondents.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

## THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

## To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,-When will the Provincial Life Gover-nors and Subscribers to our Charities shake off the lethargy and carelessness which seems to have taken possession of them?

When will the spirit of enquiry move amongst them, and a desire to know something of the Institutions of Charity, of which they may be justly proud, and yet so ignorant, manifest itself?

It is not sufficient to give and leave all further consideration with the Charity Steward. Careless relief is an injustice and a waste in any organisation, but reckless extravagance with Charity Funds is a sin. It behoves every brother to see that the funds to which he may subscribe are rightly disbursed.

Surely the present action of the Treasurer and Committee of the Girls' School, in-

Proposing illegally to spend £6,500 for the purchase of Lyncombe House and Grounds ; in-

Illegally calling a meeting to consider that proposition ; and-

In illegally endeavouring to confirm their proceedings, will stir them

as a Subscriber, he is a member of the Quarterly General Courts, and as a Life Governor he is further a member of the General Committee, but since there is no provision for his representation at these meetings by proxy, it will be necessary for him to go to London and personally record his vote, if he is to have any voice in the management of the funds of the Institution to which he has subscribed.

Qy ?-Should not this be altered ? Last year I casually heard that a Sub-Committee had been appointed to consider some alterations of the bye-laws of the Girls' Institution, and in the hope that some better and more just representation of the Provinces would be a part of the plan, I eagerly watched for the reports in the Masonio papers. When seen, I was not surprised to find that the Provinces were still kept from meddling with the pet schemes of the Committee (except by costly attendances, with the certainty of being out-voted); but I was astonished to find the following in the report of Quarterly Court of Girls' Institution of the Freemason of 18th January 1879 :-

"Bros. Tattershall and Peacock having expressed an opinion that sufficient time had not been given to the members of the Coart to

consider the proposed alterations of bye-laws," "Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C., on the contrary, thought sufficient time had been granted. He thought the proposal of Bro. Tattershall involved more than that brother thought he conveyed. The Court to-day was to consider alterations which had been proposed by a Sab-Committee, and which had been appointed for the express purpose of deciding upon some alterations which had been printed, and a printed copy sent some time ago to every member of the Court. . . . He opposed the proposition of Bro. Tattershall, on the ground that there were a great many brethren, who like him (Bro. Woodford) had come perfectly prepared to consider the alteration."

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford here seems to speak with authority on behalf of the Sub-Committee, and asserts that "a printed copy had been sent some time ago to every member of the Court."

Clause 29 of Bye-laws provides-"Quarterly General Courts consisting of all donors, including annual Subscribers, shall be held, &c."

As a Life Governor, I received no such copy, nor had I any notice of proposed alteration, and I can find other sixty Life Governors in my town, who must also have been forgotten.

I feel assured that if the Provincial Life Governors and Subsoribers were in possession of all the facts concerning this proposed purchase, and had the power to record their opinions by proxy, they would strongly and unmistakably oppose any further expenditure in buildings or land, and would insist on the education and relief of the thirty poor girls unable to gain admission at the last election, out of the establishment, as provided by rules specially applicable to such cases on page 17 of Bye-laws.

Yours fraternally,

V. S. P.

## To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My attention has been directed to your report of the proceedings at the Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School, in which my interview with the Treasurer prior to the special meeting of 3rd January is particularly referred to, and as silence on my part might be considered as admission that my com. munication as to counsel's opinion had not been properly represented, I must depart from my usual custom of avoiding newspaper correspondence by asking you to insert these few lines in correction.

The object of my interview with Col. Creaton was to give the fallest possible effect to the advice of Mr. Locock Webb, Q.C., whose opinion you have already published, and to avoid, if possible, any necessity for further appeal even to the Trustees. With this view I read Counsel's opinion at length, and as "amicus curizo" advised the withdrawal of the resolution, and having done so I considered it unnecessary to attend the Court to make that opinion public. I left the Treasurer perfectly free to make any use he might desire of the information I had given him, or to withdraw or postpone the proposition on any ground he pleased. The resolution having been pressed to a division and declared carried, I was advised by Counsel to bring the facts and opinion to the knowledge of the Trustees, and in doing so I expressed regret that my personal communication to the Treasurer had been disregarded. I could not have done this if the information had been withheld at my request. In acting as I have done, I have acted only as the solicitor for my clients, on whose behalf the case was laid before Mr. Locock Webb, and individually I have nothing to do with the matter.

## Yours fraternally,

(Prov. L.G. and Subscribers) up. Let every member of the Craft interested in this Institution get a copy of the bye-laws (if possible), and learn the objects of the Society, and let him inquire into and examine the Treasurer's accounts and balance sheets of the past three years. He will be amazed to find how monies have been spent on matters beyond the intention of the Founders (as shown by bye-laws), how relief as intended by thom is entirely neglected, and it will be apparent to the most careless amongst us, that a reform is necessary, or a severance of the Provinces from the London Institutions will become inevitable.

Hundreds of Life Governors of this Institution to-day know nothing of this intended expenditure, and if told about it would ask-

Why cannot we be informed about all proceedings connected with the Institution ?

Ah, why not ! Reform is wanted here. They might, and I have little doubt the majority would ask-

What can I do to prevent this expenditure? and with this question

JOHN THOMAS MOSS.

38 Gracechurch-street, 20th January 1880.

## BRO. WILSON AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

## To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, - A weaker and more disingenuous attempt to support a lame position I have seldom seen than that made by Bro. Roebuck in his letter published in The Freemason of this date, respecting my disagreement with the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys-its weakness must be apparent to every one who has read the correspondence on the subject, and its disingenuousness must be acknowledged when it becomes known that the second paragraph is only a partial statement of the facts. Bro. Roebuck says, "Mr. Wilson was repeatedly invited to attend the

the enquirer would find need for further reform. He would find that House Committee, to give an explanation of a certain charge in one of

the estimates, but at the last moment he always sent some excuse, either through important business or otherwise, which prevented his doing so," but he omits' to state that as soon as I knew what the information was that the House Committee required I sent them a written explanation, and also forwarded them the written opinion of a distinguished architect on the subject, which not only fully sustained the charges I had made, but, moreover, showed that they were less than I should have been justified in making. 1 also, at the request of the Secretary of the Institution, and at great personal inconvenience to myself, attended a subsequent meeting at Wood Green, viz.: on the 22nd of November 1878, for the express purpose of giving any further information the House Committee might require, but I was neither asked into the Committee room, nor did any of the members put any questions to me on the subject.

Bro. Roebnck should recollect that a partial statement often leads to as much misconstruction of the facts of a case as would a direct untrath.

> I remain, Dear Sir and Brother, Yours faithfully and fratornally,

> > S. B. WILSON.

27 Walbrook, E.C., 17th January 1880.

## YORK MARK LODGE (T.I.)

THE Installation Meeting of this healthy Lodge took place last L Tuesday, at York, when there was a good muster of officers and brethren. At 6.30 the W.M. Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett assumed the chair, supported by the following brethren-G. Balm-ford P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M. and Sec., Rev. W. Valentino S.W., J. Hollins J.W., Rev. W. C. Lukis Chaplain, J. S. Cumberland M.O. C. G. Padel S.O., G. Garbatt J.O., M. Millington S.D., A. T. B. Tarner J.D., T. Humphries as I.G., T. G. Hodgson Org., P. Pearson Tyler; R. Ware, W. H. Gainforth, W. P. Husband, T. W. Wilson, T. D. Smith, W. Lackenby, E. J. de Salis, G. Irving, and the follow-ing visitors—Bro. Rev. J. Blake (No. 1 Chapter, Edin.), J. T. Foster (498 S.C.), J. Hanly (556 I.C.), and F. Sharp (226). Successful ballots were taken for Bros. W. B. Dyson, Eboracum Lodge No. 1611, E. T. Clark, St. Oswald's Lodge 910, and G. F. Atkinson, St. Oswald's Lodge 910, and for Bro. J. Todd P.M., as a re-joining member. Bro. Dyson was then advanced to the degree of M.M.M. by the W.M., after which the W.M. elect, Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine, was daly installed in the chair of A. in ancient form, Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. acting as Installing Master. Bro. Valentine then appointed and invested his Officers as follows :- Bros. Rev. W. C. Lukis S.W., J. S. Cumberland J.W., T. J. Wilkinson Chaplain, C. G. Padel M.O. Geo. Garbutt S.O., M. Millington J.O., T. B. Whytehead P.M. Sec., W. P. Husband Assist. Sec., T. J. Wilson Reg. of Marks, A. T. B. Turner S.D., T. G. Hodgson J.D., Geo. Balmford P.M. Organist, T. Humphries I.G., P. Pearson Tyler. The Sec. gave notice of his intention to propose at the next meeting, as an honorary member, Bro. William J. Hughan P.G.W. Two brethren were proposed and seconded as joining members, and the name of a candidate was also brought forward. At 8.45 the Lodge was closed, and at 9 o'clock the Brethren and their Visitors met at an excellent supper, served by Bro. J. Toes, to which ample justice was done. At its con-clusion, the W.M. gave "The Queen and Mark Masonry," and "The Grand M.M.M. of England and the Grand Lodge." Bro. T. B. Whytehead then gave "The health of the W.M. and Prosperity to the York Mark Lodge." He said that the many excellencies and virtues of Bro. Valentine were so well known to them that for him to descant upon them would be idle. They all knew how, in spito of unavoidable drawbacks, Bro. Valentine had served conscientiously high offices in various degees in Masonry, and he was sure that they would all unite in striving to render his year of office one of enjoy-ment to the W.M. as well as to themselves. As regarded the Lodge, it was now established on a thoroughly firm basis. The roll of members was a sufficient gnarantee of its popularity, numbering as it did nearly a hundred, and amongst them some of the best and brightest Masons in Yorkshire. The toast was heartily received, and feelingly responded to by the W.M., who thanked the brethren for their uniform kindness, and concluded by proposing the health of the I.P.M. Bro. W. T. Orde-Powlett, than whom a more energetic and exemplary Mason was not to be found in the Province. In responding, the I.P.M. said that he was grateful for the generous support he had received during his year, and could truthfully say that his association with the York Mark Lodge, as its W.M., had been a source of unmixed pleasure. The W.M. proposed the health of the Installing Master, saying that Bro. Whytehead had done an extraordinary amount of Masonic work, both in the Mark and other degrees. He the light which modern research, especially amongst old minuto books, had thrown upon the history and working of the degree in various countries. He hoped that their learned Bro. Hughan would shortly be in a position to bring out a history of Mark Masonry. He was quite sure that there was no brother so well qualified for the task, and be believed that Bro. Hughan had already amassed considerable information, with a view to such a history. He thanked the brethren for their kindness, assuring them that, as in the past, so in the fature, (Time Immemorial), would be very dear to him. The S.W. proposed the Past Masters of the Lodge, and called upon Bro. J. Todd P.M. to respond. Bro. Todd said, that though in one sense the oldest P.M. present, he scarcely had a claim to respond to the toast, as he had retired from the Lodge at the time that it came under the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and had only that night been elected a re-joining member. However, he was glad to find the Lodge so prosperous when he rejoined it, and should always be glad to place

himself at its service. The S.W. responded to the toast of the Officers, and the J.W. Bro. Cumberland gave the Visitors, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Blake. The speaker said that he had seen himself such great advantages accrue from the interchange of visits, that he could never weary of advocating the practice. If visiting were more practised, there would be fewer corruptions creeping into the ritual. Bro. Blake, in responding, spoke of the peculiarly hearty reception he had met with in York, amongst the Masons-a reception far more fraternal and cordial than he had ever experienced before. The Tyler's toast shortly afterwards brought a most pleasant ovening to a conclusion.

## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS CLUB.

A<sup>N</sup> influential meeting of brethren, under the presidency of Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933, took place at the Metropolitan Hotel, Sonth Place, Finsbury, on Monday evening, the 19th inst. The meeting was convened by circular issued by Bro. J. B. King, for the purpose of discussing the practicability of forming a Fifteen Sections Club, the object being to diffuse the working of the Sections in the provinces as well as in the metropolitan and suburban districts. The idea, which entirely originated with Bro. J. B. King (27), met with the hearty support of Bros. James Stevens, W. Musto, W. H. Myers, A. Ellis, J. T. K. Jcb, many well known Masonic workers, including Bros. Martin, G. Andrews, D. Moss, Jas. Boulton, W. Yotton, Wooding, and other brethren. Bro. Barnes opened the meeting, and explained to the brethren the nature of the movement. When he was consulted on the matter he at once saw the great amount of good to be done (providing it could be carried out) by the formation of a Fifteen Sections Club. The idea appeared to him lovel, yet with its drawbacks it had its great advantages, he therefore called on Bro. King to explain to the moeting what his ideas were. Bro. King informed the brethren that whomsoever he mentioned the subject to seemed to approve of the movement. He consulted Bro. Barnes, who consented to preside on the first occasion, and as there were many older Masous present, he should now leave the matter entirely in their hands. Masous Bro. James Stevens proposed a general discussion of the matters before them, after which it was regularly proposed and seconded that a Fifteen Sections Club be formed, to be held at the Metropolitan Hotel, South Place, Finsbury, every Monday evening, at seven o'clock. The meeting was then adjourned till the first Monday in February, at seven o'clock. Unanimous votes of thanks were accorded to Bros. Barnes President, James Stevens Vice, and H. B. King Hon. Sec., for the interest and zeal displayed by them on the occasion. The above Club, if carried out, will be the means of enabling provincial brethren to hear the Fifteen Sections regularly worked at given places and times.

## NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE BALL.

THE Annual Ball of the New Finsbury Park Lodge was held at the Athenzum, Camden Road, London, on Wednesday, 14th inst., and proved a great success. Dancing was commenced shortly after nine to the strains of Marriott's band, and was kept up until nearly five o'clock the next morning. Bro. Jarvis most efficiently acted as M.C., and to him very much of the success of the ball is due. Of course, in making this remark, we do not wish to put in the shade the work of the ball committee and stewards, but we think that they will allow that Bro. Jarvis did everything that was possible to bring their labours to a successful issue. In the lower supper room, the W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. Parkiss, presided, and as usual proposed the few toasts customary on such occasions. The toast-" Prosperity to the New Finsbury Park Lodge," he desired to direct more especially the attention of the Ladies, at the same time he was assured all would most heartily drink to it. Theirs was a young Lodge, but could boast many genial Masons among the members, and might be pronounced as a great success. He hoped that the ball financially would provo remunerative, as it was contemplated to devote any surplus to the benefit of one or other of the Masonic Institutions. The toast of the Ladies followed; this the W.M. termed the principal one of the evening. In calling upon Bro. Speller (the Secretary) to respond, the W.M. said that all were indebted to him for the trouble he had taken in connection with the arrangements for the ball. The Stewards and Committee had especially to thank him for his services. He thought that no brother was better entitled to respond for the Ladies than be who had taken the most active part in providing the entertainment on their behalf. After a few remarks from Bro. Davis, Bro. Speller replied to the toast. On behalf of the Ladies he thanked the brethren. very much for the night's enjoyment. The Ladies hoped that the was always ready when wanted, and, in fact, was a perfect Protens Lodge and the annual ball in connection with it might be as successin his Masonic gifts and qualities. The toast was received with ful in the future as it had been in the past. For himself, he tendered enthusiasm, and Bro. Whytehead, in replying, gave some account of hearty thanks for the kind remarks of the W.M. Next year he hoped to hold the ball at Freemasons' Tavern, and on that occasion he had no doubt that there would be 300 guests present. Bros. T. Press, R. V. Davies, F. Madgin, H. R. Dunn, and A. F. Speller comprised the ball committee, while the following acted as Stewards :- Bros. W. T. Parkiss, J. Eldridge, C. Hutchinson, J. Picot, T. Jackson, H. Hollis, W. F. Richmond, F. F. Anstiss, W. Earl, J. Swinyard, T. H. Tibbetts, and G. Chatter.

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

## DERWENT LODGE, No. 40.

OUR Sussex brethren mustered in strong force at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, on Monday, 12th inst., on the occasion of the installation of W.M. and the appointment of the Officers for the ensning twelve months. Among those present we noticed Bros. F. Binckes Sec. R.M.I.B. P.G.S. England, John Howell P.M., V. P. Freeman Prov. G. Sec., Thomas Trollope W.M. 1842 P.P.S.G.W., Cooper Smith P. Prov. S.G.W. of Oxfordshire, W. Dawes P.M. 311 P.P.G.R., C. W. Duke P.M. 40 and 1184 P.P.G.J.D., W. Lambourne W.M. 1184 P.P.G.P., C. R. Chandler P.M. 1184 P.G.S., F. Forss 1585, J. Dorman P.M. P.P.G.J.D., G. F. Wood P.M., W. Norris P.M., George Wellerd P.M. P.P.G.D. of C., C. D. Jones P.M. 1184, Dr. Abram, H. M. Baker, F. J. Parsons, T. H. Cole P.M. P.P.G.A.D. of C., E. Bradnam, C. J. Lowns, S. T. Weston, H. J. Emmerson, A. Josephs, R. Draycon, T. G. Hulbard, R. E. Wilson, D. W. Davis, T. Harwood, G. M. Wilkins, Rev. B. Puttick, W. H. Russell, T. Markwick, A. Wells, Capt. Hennah, F. Duke, H. F. Crossthwaite, H. J. Godbold, A. W. Elliott, Rev. T. S. Wells 309 P.P.G. Chaplain Hants, C. Martin 1184, E. Grant Salisbury, James Robertson S.W. 1821, George Roddis St. Peter's Lodge 1330, W. Salter S.W. St. Andrews Lodge 401, B. Sargent S.W. 1184, C. W. Hudson W.M. Royal York Lodge 315, W. Millsom W.M. Wellington Lodge 341 Rye. The Lodge was opened in the usual manner by the out-going W.M., Bro. Glenister, who, after transacting the ordinary business and raising a brother, handed over the insignia of his office to P.M. Trollope, who, in his usual impressive manner, placed Bro. F. Rossiter in the chair of K.S., and that brother then appointed his officers. The whole of the magnificent ceremony of installation was very ably and effectively rendered by Bro. Trollope. During the proceedings Bro. Glenister was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge as W.M. during the past year. The following is a complete list of the Officers for the year, viz. :-Bros. F. Rossiter W.M., W. Glenister I.P.M., A. Wells S.W., E. W. Hennah J.W., Rev. A. Hodges Chaplain, George Wellerd P.P.G.D.C. (elected for the thirtieth time) Treasurer, T. H. Cole M.A. P.P.A.G.D. of C. Secretary, Thomas Trollope M.D. P.P.S.G.W. M. of C., G. M. Wilkins S.D., G. Pearce J.D., W. H. Russell I.G., J. Attersoll Tyler. The Banquet was held immediately after the close of the Lodge, the W.M. in the chair, and fall justice having been done to the good things provided by Bro. Gaze, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," remarking that he was sorry the evening was so far advanced as to necessitate the speeches being made as short as possible. Fortunately for him, the first toast did not require much to be said in its favour; they were all too loyal subjects to make it necessary for him to vary the remarks made by his predecessors on similar occasions. He, therefore, simply gave the toast, "The Queen and the Craft." The W.M. next gave the toast of the "M.W. the Grand Master of English Freemasons," which, he was sure, would evoke as much enthusiasm as the first toast. Most, if not all, of the brethren were well aware of the interest which his Royal Highness always took in everything pertaining to Freemasonry, and although not always present at the meetings of Grand Lodge, yet both the I.P.M., Bro. Glenister, and himself could both cordially testify to the care which the Prince of Wales always evinced for the Craft. In proposing the next toast, that of "The Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge," the W.M. stated that the brethren were all well aware that the business of a large Society like that of the Free. masons could not be carried on unless a considerable amount of interest was shown by the different Officers. Previous W.M.'s had pointed out, better than he could do, the duties those Officers had to perform, and every brother was convinced that all the Grand Officers showed great zeal in the discharge of the daties of their respective offices. The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The R.W. the Prov. G.M. for Sussex, Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., &c., the W. Dep. Prov. G.M. Bro. John Henderson Scott, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge," saying that every brother was convinced of the interest their Worshipful Provincial Grand Master took in Freemasonry, and many brethren remembered with pleasure Sir Walter Burrell's visit to the Derwent Lodge. Of Bro. John H. Scott he need only say that several of the brethren had recently had an opportunity of listening to that brother's excellent address on Freemasonry when consecrating the St. Leonard's Lodge. Only that day he, the W.M., had heard several references made to it, and the address was still fresh in the memory of the large number of Masons who had the privilege of listening to it. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. C. R. Chandler P.M. 1184 and P.G.S. As time, tides and railway trains wait for no man, Bro. Freeman Prov. G. Sec. and a numheen compelled to leave h he Prov. G. Officers had ber of W.M.'s excellent speech was concluded. Bro. Chandler responded to the toast, and said that Bro. Lewns in his song, "The Jolly Old Knight," had thoroughly hit off the character of their highly-respected Prov. Grand Master. Sussex ought to be proud of their Prov. Grand Officers. Sir Walter Burrell went about among the Lodges, and his labours were ably supplemented by those of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. Scott and the other Prov. Grand Officers. According to ancient custom the I.P.M., Bro. W. Glenister, for a brief time assumed the custody of the gavel, and asked the brethren to receive the most important toast of the evening, that of "The health of the W.M." From what they had seen of Bro. Rossiter as an initiate, and as a subordinate Officer of the Lodge, they had every confidence that he would well fulfil the new duties that day imposed upon him. They had all known him for many years. As the hour was late he was compelled to cat his speech short, and in a few words asked them to drink Bro. Rossiter's health with musical honours. The W.M., Bro. Rossiter, in responding, said he hardly knew how to thank the breth. ren sufficiently for their hearty response to the toast so ably proposed by his friend and brother the I.P.M., Bro. Glenister. He, Bro. | nearly the last, was not the least important. During last year over

Rossiter, felt proud of the position of W.M. of the Derwent Lodge which had that day been conferred upon him. He estemed it to be a very honourable position to be Master of so old and so esteemed a Lodge as the Derwent. He thanked the brethren cordially for their attendance, and took it as a personal compliment, as, in fact, every Master did. As an Officer of the Lodge, and as a Freemason, he had endeavoured to do his best; in fact, in whatever he took in hand he was actuated by the same feeling. He was certain that with the assistance he would receive from the I.P.M. and the Officers, that at the end of his year of office he should receive that meed of praise which was always accorded to a man who did his duty. Bro. Rossiter next referred to the Masonic remarks contained in Bro. Scott's speech at the consecration of the St. Leonard's Lodge, and strongly advised every brother to act thoroughly up to the principles of Freemasonry, and advocated the adoption of a good style among the brethren in their intercourse with each other. He strongly inculcated the necessity of giving candidates for initiation a proper idea of the obligation they were about to enter into, and thought that every one should know what was required of him. Masonry was called a secret society, but it was only secret so far as the signs were concerned; of the good that was done between man and man there was not any secret. The W.M. next proposed "The health of the Visitors," and discoursed learnedly on the pleasure and instruction to be gained by visiting different Lodges. The Derwent would always welcome visitors, from wherever they came, and he had great pleasure in seeing so many there that day. He coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Cooper Smith P.P.G.S.W. of Oxfordshire, and Bro. W. Dawes P.M. 341 Welligton Lodge, Rye, P.P.G.R. Bro. Cooper Smith regretted that so many of the visitors had been obliged to leave in order to catch the trains. He had come to Hastings for the past twenty years, but had not previously had an opportunity of visiting No. 40. There was always something to be learnt when visiting other Lodges. He had gained much that afternoon from Bro. Trollope. Another thing also that struck him was, the great work Sussex was doing for the Charitics. Bro. W. Dawes could not consider himself as a perfect stranger amongst them, as he had always received the greatest kindness from the members of the Derwent Lodge collectively and individually, and he was proud to have his name coupled with a toast at a meeting of the members of so old and influential a Lodge as the Derwent. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Past Masters, and considered that that was not the least important toast. They were all indebted to the earnest work of the Past Masters, who were most assiduous in assisting to carry out the duties of the Lodge. He held it out as an inducement to young Masons to take an interest in the proceedings, to get themselves up in the work, and to endeavour to attain the position of Past Master. The W.M. next paid a great and well deserved compliment to Bro. Trollope P.M. for the zeal and assiduity he always evinced in the cause of Freemasonry. He was particularly indebted to Bro. Trollope for officiating as Installing Master, and for other assistance that worthy brother had given him in carrying out the proceedings of that day. To the I.P.M., Bro. Glenister, his best thanks were due for his uniform kindness and assistance. To Bro. Cole he must also return his thanks; that brother, after passing the chair, had kindly accepted the Secretary's collar on an emergency, and consented to continue to discharge the onerous duties attached to that very important office. Bro. Cole, he knew, was busy in his regular professional duties, and he knew that it was a great sacrifice for him to take the office, and it must oftentimes put him to great incon-Bro. Glenister responded, as stated, accident had venience. placed him in the position of I.P.M. Voltaire had said that gratitude was the lively sense of favours to come. In his case it was the reverse. He also felt in duty bound to thank the other Past Masters for their assistance during his year of office. First and foremost was Bro. George Wellerd, who that day, for the thirtieth time, had been appointed Treasurer, and who had been Treasurer of the Derwent Lodge when many present were still unborn. Of Bro. Trollope he could only say that he deserved all that had been said of him, and much more. Bro. Cole had been his right hand during the past year, and to him he also begged publicly to tender his thanks. He was also glad to welcome amongst them the familiar face of a worthy Past Master-Bro. John Howell. He congratulated that brother upon his recovery, and hailed with something like exultation the appearance of his well-known face. Of the other Past Masters he might say that Bros. Duke, Dorman, Norris, and others, were all well-deserving of the thanks of the members. They were in every respect pillars (not pillows) of the Lodge, and deserved all the encomiums which could be passed upon them. Bro. Cole also responded, as did Bro. Trollope, the latter remarking that, as it was impossible to paint the lily or gild the rose, he need not say much on behalf of his brother P.M.'s. To the P.M.'s the brethren should always refer in cases of doubt and difficulty. For himself, although he had been placed in the chair of a new Lodge, he should never abate one jot in his interest in the Derew Lodge was but another ink in the chain. bers of the Derwent Lodge might always rely upon him to do all in his power, and although he had got a new love, his affection for the old one (the Derwent) would never diminish. The W.M. next proposed the Officers of the Lodge, referring to the pleasure he felt in investing Bro. Wellerd, who had been an Officer when most of them were in swaddling clothes, and to the great pleasure he felt in seeing Brother John Howell amongst them that night, restored in He felt that he had a good staff of Officers, upon health. whom he could fully rely for doing their duty in their respective The W.M. concluded a very humorous speech by stations. referring to the new Lodge at St. Leonard's, at the birth of which Bro. Dr. Trollope and so many doctors had assisted. The S.W. (Bro. Wells), in returning thanks, referred to the tuition they had received from the outgoing W.M. (Bro. Glenister), whose name, he said, would be handed down as one of the best disciplinarians and workers who had filled the chair of the Derwent. The J.W. (Capt. Hennah) also responded. The W.M. proposed "Continued success to the Masonic Charities." This toast, he said, although £44,000 had been subscribed in support of the three great Masonic Charities. These institutions needed no words of his to commend them to the notice of the brethren. They were the essence of Free. masonry, and however much some of the brethren might at times appear to devote attention to the social side, that was always secondary to the charitable. He was pleased to see Bro. Binckes, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, present. The brethren would also be glad to know that Bro. Scott their esteemed Deputy Provincial Grand Master had already over £600 on his list as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Fund. He (Bro. Rossiter) had no doubt that another year other Masouic chari-table institutions would receive an equal amount of support. Bro. Fred. Binckes Secretary to the R.M. Institution for Boys, although he was more particularly connected with one of the Institutions, replied on behalf of all the Masonic Charities. This, he said, was not the first time he had been amongst the Hastings Masons ; he had often had an opportunity of meeting them before, and while he could not claim the charm for novelty, he did not fear the "familiarity which breeds contempt." On the old subject of the Masonic Charities he hed often addressed them, and he had not much on the present occa. sion specially to advance on behalf of the Boys' School. All the Charities must have their turn. He came that day to thank the brethren of Sussex for the hearty support which they gave to Bro. Scott in January last. All the Charities were equally deserving, and after having given all a turn he asked them to think of the Boys. While the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution had £42,000 in. vested, and the Girls' School £40,000, the Boys' School had only £10.000, so that they were comparatively poor, and he asked them to take that fact into consideration when in doubt as to where they should give. He came that day, at some inconvenience, through the seductive letter of his old and respected friend and brother, Dr. Trollope, who reminded him that it was some time since they had seen him in Hastings. He looked back to many years of kind assist. ance received from friends in Sussex, and particularly from the good town of Hastings. He paid a very high compliment to the sincerity of Past Master Trollope, whom he had known for years as a hard. working Mason. He felt sure before he came that although Sussex was pledged to support the Benevolent Institution this year, yet Heaven was canny, and he felt that if he came and acknowledged past kindnesses received, that they would not be forgotten. He (Bro. Binckes) was fond of attending social meetings, and whenever opportanity offered, he never omitted urging the claims of the Charities. He was not so young as he once was, and he missed the faces of many friends and supporters. Still he was delighted that so many had been spared to meet again. While enjoying prosperity themselves let their hearts be disposed to assist the sons and daughters of those they had known in days gone by. If many knew what he and others who were officially connected with their great Charities knew of the distress that existed, they would see that behind all that magnificent hospitality there was a black curtain of distress. On such occasions they always advocated the cause of Charity. He loved the social side of Freemasonry, he loved the charitable side, and had done his best to relieve the distress which existed. Bro. Binckes concluded a long and eloquent appeal by reminding the brethren that, rich as the fraternity was, there was a large and increasing amount of Masonic distress, which could only be relieved by their contributing freely to all the Institutions. He spoke not for one, but for all the Charities. The "Tyler's Toast" brought the proceedings to a close. The musi-cal portion was contributed by Bros. Lewns, Russell, Joseph, and Marwick, while Bros. Dr. Abram and R. Draycon accompanied.

## LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, No. 146, BOLTON.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge was held on Wednes. day, the 14th January, at the Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton. There was a large muster of the brethren on the occasion, amongst them being Bros. Robert Horridge W.M., James Dooley S.W., W. Cooper J.W., W. Nicholson, H. Ainsworth, John Morris, J. Wild, T. Collins P.M.'s. Visitors-Bros. S. Crowther P.M. 37 Prov. Grand Supt. of Works, J. Newton P.M. 37, J. Alcock P.M. 348, J. Harwood P.M. 348, Wolstenholme P.M. 348, Rigby W.M. 266 Natal, Nicholson W.M. 1723, &c. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. John Wild P.M. took the chair as Installing Master, and at once proceeded to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Dooley, into the chair of K.S., according to ancient castom. This ceremony being completed, the W.M. appointed his Officers for the ensning year, and they were invested by Bro. Wild, viz.-Bros. W. Cooper S.W. G. Taylor J.W., W. Nicholson Treasurer (re-elected), M. Burgess Secretary, R. Duzbury S.D., J. Galloway J.D., J. Morris M.C., W. Heywood O., Fred. Williams I.G., H. Broughton Tyler, T. Rimmer, J. Kennedy Stewards. The I.P.M. Bro. Robert Horridge was pre-sented by the Lodge with a P.M.'s jewel. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to bauquet.

E. J. Legge P.M. 1196, C. A. Morgan 1607, G. H. Stephens 1623, P. Carr 1607, E. T. Henman 1423, G. Robey 1805, W. H. G. Rudderforth W.M. 1668, W. Much 214, R. H. Blatchford W.M. 1196, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, T. Maidwell P.M. 27, &c. On the 15th inst. the members of this Lodge held an emergency meeting; by this means they had materially lessened the labour to be gone through on this the installation night. The first business was to read the minutes of the last regular meeting and those of the emergency referred to above ; these daly received confirmation, and then the principal event of the day, the installation of Bro. Webb, was proceeded with. Bro. Seddon has, during his Mastership, well sustained the reputation the Lodge bears for competent working, and performed the ceremony most ably. In due course, the members were re-admitted, and Bro. Webb was salated. He appointed the following Officers :- Bros. G. T. H. Seddon I.P.M., G. Jones S.W., F. Brown J.W., S. H. Rawley P.M. Treasurer, J. Newton P.M. Secretary, J. S. Fraser S.D., A. H. Brown J.D., T.F. Harvey I.G., W. Fraser D.C., J. Miller W.S., J. Very Tyler. The next daty was to present the I.P.M. with the jewel which the Lodge had voted him; this Bro. Webb did in most graceful terms, and Bro. Seddon briefly acknowledged the kindness of the brethren. He accepted their gift, not as a testimonial for doing his duties, but for getting through them. A ballot was taken for a candidate, Mr. Gurney, and that gentleman was introduced and initiated by Bro. Webb. Routine business followed; the case of a distressed brother, an old member of the Lødge, was brought under notice by the Secretary, Bro. P.M. Newton, who forcibly depicted the sad condition in which he found the applicant. It was proposed by Bro. Seddon I.P.M. and seconded by Bro. P.M. Savage that £10 10s be voted from the funds of the Lodge. This was immediately agreed to. The Secretary then read a letter expressing the thanks of the writer for a gift made by the members at a former meeting. Lodge was then closed. The members with their Visitors, making altogether a party of 96, sat down to a banquet, served by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Webb gave the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which was followed by the National Anthem. The second toast was one all Masons readily recognised. The Prince of Wales conferred an honour upon the Craft by presiding at its head, and this toast is always acceptable at assemblages of Free-masons. Bro. Brown sang, "God Bless the Prince of Wales." In proposing the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," the W.M. said : We have at the head of the Craft a body of gentlemen who take the greatest interest in the business of the Order, and never tire in advancing its welfare. He would call on those present to do this toast fall

honour. The health of the initiate was the next toast the W.M. introduced to the notice of the brethren. Bro. Gurney had paid marked attention to the ceremony, and he (the W.M.) was assured he would become a worthy member of the Lodge of Sincerity. Bro. Garney returned his sincere thanks for the honour they had conferred upon him; he trusted all the good things the W.M. had prognosticated would be fully realised. The W.M., at this stage of the proceedings, stated, as the result of the efforts of those brethren who had kindly gone round the room with his list, that £76 2s had been subscribed. Bro. Seddon rose: When an I.P.M. assumes the gavel all know on what theme he is about to address them. It is not the first time Bro. Webb has been installed into the chair of a Lodge. On this occasion he did not intend to occupy their time, but with all cordiality would ask them to do honour to the toast. After a song by Bro. Miller, rendered in that worthy brother's happy and mirth-provoking style, the W.M. rose to reply. He had to return his sincere and hearty thanks for the great kindness with which he had been received. He assured the brethren it would be his sincere desire to carry out his duties in the future as he had striven to do in the past, and he sincerely hoped they would be conducted to the satisfaction of the members. Before he resumed his seat he had to propose a toast which was a nevel one. A member of the Sincerity Lodge, who was initiated therein in the year 1812, had that day attained his 90th birthday, Bro. Norris, who was known to all present as the Warden of the Benevolent Institution at Croydon, in which capacity he had gained the esteem of all with whom he was brought into association, for ruling with fairness-at the same time not with a rod of iron-was that day celebrating with a few friends the 90th auniversary of his birth. The brethren would all join in wishing Bro. Norris happiness during the remainder of his days. The next toast brought under the notice of the brethren, was "Prosperity to the Masonic Charities;" here the W.M. referred with satisfaction to the goodly response made by the brethren to his appeal. He pleaded the cause of their Lodge candidates for the respective Institutions, and urged on the brethren to see their votes were properly applied. With the toast he would couple the name of Bro. Terry. After a song by Bro Savage, " The Old Musquetoer,"

## SINCERITY LODGE, No. 174.

THE installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 21st instant. The chairwas occupied by the W.M. Bro. G. T. H. Seddon, who was supported by his Officers, a goodly number of Past Masters, among whom we may mention Bros. Appleby, S. Rawley, John Newton, E. J. Moore, Charles Lacey, Barlow, Savage, Hilliard, and the following Visitors :-Bros. J. Terry 228, J. J. Berry P.M. 554, G. Huggett 1625, C. Norden 205, Dufresny 1275, T. Puzey 1107, J. H. Osman 1694, E. J. Anning W.M. 1625, J. D. E. Tarr 1293, Sindall 1293, Fardell 554, Ellis 933, W. W allington P.M. 860, Barr W.M. 1766, Brooks P.M. 902, T. J. Barnes for the Benevolent Institution. The Lodge had heavy claims

Bro. Terry would, first, on behalf of Bro. Norris, return the members his sincere thanks for the honour conferred upon him. He then stated that the worthy old Warden had invited the whole cf the inmates of the Asylum to partake with him of a cup of tea, and assist by their presence at a musical entertainment. Bro. Perceval and he (Bro. Terry) had that day visited the Insti-tation; they there found that the residents had provided for Bro. Norris a table lamp and other gifts, which were duly to be presented to him. Likewise an easy chair would be offered for the acceptance of Bro. Norris. In March next, should he live till then, he will have been a Mason 68 years, thus gaining the palm for length of membership over Sir Moses Monteliore, who though an older man, is six weeks his janior as a Mason. The brethren had doubtless heard of Lord Byron's saying that "Annuitants never die." He (Bro. Terry) hoped that Bro. Norris would be with them yet a few years. Bro. Terry then touched upon the charitable proclivities of the members; there were sixty-five present, and an amount of  $\pounds76$  had been realised as the result of the W.M.'s appeal P. M. 933, W. R. Marsh 933, F. Breuer 205, S. Carrington S.W. 1314, on the Institutions at their next elections, and he would draw

a comparison as to what their investment of that evening might Girls The Lodge had one candidate for the produce. School, one for the Boys', and two for the Female Fund of the Benevolent Institution. He sincerely trusted they would be successful ; if they were, all would agree that their liberal gift of £76 would not be badly invested. However, on behalf of the Charities, he returned sincere thanks. Bro. Terry then touched upon the fact that great trouble was entailed in getting boys into the School. He commented on the class of education provided. With respect to his own Institution, there would be at the next election 78 candidates, and only 18 of these to be elected : what a sad prospect to look forward to. With the Girls and Boys they sometimes heard of cases of adoption, but he never yet met with any one who seemed anxious to adopt an old man or an old woman. In speaking for the Old People, he could not advance as an argument that many of them had been successful in passing a Cambridge local examination, but he could point out cases where recipients of their bounty had attained a green old age. Bro. Terry then compared his prospects in regard to the approaching Festival. He referred to the fact of the prestige attaching to the name of the Chairman, and trusted that the present re presentative of that name would be well supported. Bro. Terry concluded by tendering his thanks to all, expressing a hope that he might be present at the next installation meeting of the Lodge. The health of the I.P.M. was the next toast. The W.M. here referred to Bro. Seddon's many good qualities. Bro. Seddon could boast of a much longer membership of the Craft than could he (the W.M.), but circumstances had prevented him assuming the Mastership of the Lodge at as early a date as he could have wished. However, he had ably performed his duties, and he (the W.M.) had pleasure in offering the tonst for the acceptance of the brethren. Bro. Wallington sang "Welcome, friends." Bro. Seddon thanked the W.M. for his kindness in bringing his name so prominently before the members. To the brethren he expressed his thankfulness for the way in which they had received the toast. It had been his desire to carry out his duties perfectly. In consequence of having to fulfil a business engagement in the North of England, he had to forego for a few years the position he had now attained. He was deeply indebted to an esteemed brother, who was present, for the knowledge which he possessed of the ritual of the Craft-he referred to Bro. Barnes. He likewise had to acknowledge his indebtedness to Bro. J. J. Berry, by whose kindly assistance he had been enabled to carry out the duties of I.M. Bro. Seddon then made a fervent appeal on behalf of the son of their late fellow member, Bro. Gee. The lad, he stated, was a worthy son of a worthy sire, and he (the speaker) urged the brethren not to leave a stone unturned to secure the election of the candidate supported by their Lodge. In conclusion, he hoped that the day might be long distant ere his connection with the Lodge of Sincerity might be severed. The Visitors was the next toast, and Bro. T. J. Barnes replied; he was followed by Bro. J. J. Berry. Both enlogised the working of the Lodge, and commented on the liberality of the members. Bro. Barnes, in referring to the special toast, said he had learned something that night. The members of the Yarborough Lodge claimed Bro. Norris as belonging to their Lodge, but he felt, from what he had beard, they must give up the claim. In speaking of the Past Masters, the W.M. said, unfortunately several had had to leave; however, they were well known, and equally well respected; all had done good service in the past. With the toast he would associate the name of Bro. S. Rawley. Bro. G. H. Stephens here sang, "She wore a wreath of roses." Bro. Rawley said it was twenty-three years that day since he was installed into the chair of the Lodge. He regretted, on looking round, to miss so many good old At the same time, there were many present who were familiar to all the brethren. Bro. Rawley referred to what the Lodge had done in the past for the Benevolent Institution. He was gratified to know that the Lodge had advanced. He spoke of what might be considered the term of Masonic life. During his year he had initiated twenty-seven candidates, but his immediate predecessor had initiated forty. He spoke of the ability of the brethren who in these days came forward for office, and who required but little help from the P.M.'s. However, he begged to tender, on behalf of the body he spoke for, his thanks to all present. The Officers were next honoured; the W.M. commented on the ability they one and all dis. played. He was assured they would do all in their power to assist in carrying out the duties of the Lodge. Bro. Berry favoured with, "So happy we've been," and then came able replies from the S.W. and J.W. Bro. J. Newton added a few words. During his year of office he had not had the honour of initiating 20, 30, or 40 candidates, but in his position of Secretary he had had the pleasure of receiving fees from some hundreds. This was the 112th year of the Lodge's existence, the 90th year of their old Warden at Croydon. He trusted the new year the Lodge had that night entered upon would be a prosperous one. He was not a very young member; he was acquainted with all the doings of the Lodge, inasmuch as he had in his possession the records of the Lodge. He urged upon the members to keep up the bond of result, but he must say it was a great pleasure to look back upon friendship that had ever sustained them. Bro. Newton concluded by hoping that his services would always be accepted in the spirit in which they were tendered. Several other of the Officers expressed their thanks, and then the W.M. summoned the Tyler, who gave the parting toast.

attendance, both of members and visitors. The regular formalities having been complied with, the lodge was advanced, and Bros. W. Davies and T. Scoborio, having satisfied the members of their proficiency, were raised. The next work was the passing of Bros. C. Ouin and John H. Gordon Winter, the ceremonies in each case being well performed. Bro. Spink was now formally introduced to the W.M. by P.M. Ferguson, to receive from him the benefit of installation. The W.M. having administered the necessary obligation, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Spink was regularly placed in the chair and saluted as Master of the Domatic Lodge for the ensuing year. The following brethren were named as the officers, and were in due form invested with the insignia of their respectivo positions:-W. Harris S.W., James McLean J.W., George Everott P.M. Treas., Thomas Morris Sec., W. Herbage S.D., E. W. Kent J.D., William M. Foxcroft I.G., R Pierpoint D. of C., James Jennings Steward, and Daly Tyler. A word of praise is due to the ontgoing W.M. for the able manner in which he performed the various duties required of him during the evening. The report of the auditors was presented and received, and on the motion of Bro. P.M. Willing the thanks of the Lodge were voted to them for the way in which they had performed their work. Bro. Walford P.M. proposed that a vote of thanks should also be passed and recorded on the minutes on behalf of Bro. White, for the very able manner in which he had that day performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Willing seconded the proposition, which was carried with acclamation. The appeal of a French Brother, who petitioned the Lodge for some assistance, was next taken into consideration, a sum of £2 being voted from the funds on his behalf. Nothing further offering the W.M. closed the Lodge, and the brethren repaired to the banquet hall, The newly-installed Master where a first rate repast awaited them. presided at the banquet, and at its conclusion proposed the regular toasts. Bro. White the I.P.M. in introducing that of the Master to tho notice of the brethren expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to have to propose the health of so excellent a Mason as Bro. Spink. The great interest he took in the welfare of the Lodge was evidenced from the fact that he had introduced more gentlemen into it than any other Member had done. If the Brethren entertained any doubt as to whether he was competent to undertake the duties of the chair, he could but refer them to what he had already done in the Lodge; he had there shewn himself capable of fulfilling any duty that might be required of him. Bro. White, in speaking of the high standard to which the working of the Domatic Lodge had reached, said it was owing to a strict principle it was the custom of its rulers to observe, viz., to prove that every brother was capable of undertaking the duties of an office before he was appointed to it. He (Bro. White) had no doubt but that the result of Bro. Spink's term of Mastership would be highly satisfactory. After a most enthusiastic reception, the W.M. rose to reply. He considered it a very high honour to be installed as Master of this, his mother Lodge. He had been initiated some seven years since, and after that ceremony he had thought what a proud moment it would indeed bo for him if ever he occupied the chair of W.M. He hardly knew how to express his thanks to the brethren, but would assure them that he should strive his ut. most to properly fulfil the duties of the chair during the term of his Mastership. The W.M. now proposed the health of Bro. White, the I.P.M., whom he complimented on the ability he had displayed in ruling the Lodge during the past year. He might say that no brother had excelled him in the office ; in fact he had performed the duties in such a manner as to reflect the greatest credit upon himself, and ensure the satisfaction of every member of the Lodge. For his last act, that of installing his successor, he was especially to be complimented. He (the W.M.) had now the pleasure of investing Bro. White with the Past Master's jewel which had been voted by the members as a mark of their esteem. The jewel bore the following inscription :- "Presented by the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, to Bro. Edward White, for his valuable and efficient services as W.M. of the Lodge. Jan. 9th 1880." The W.M. thought that the task of ruling a Lodge was a great ordeal for any man to go through, and if at the end of a term of office a brother possessed the good opinion of the whole of the members he was amply repaid for any trouble he might have been put to. He was sure Bro. White would be welcomed into the ranks of the P.M.'s, and he hoped that he would be found there for many years to come. In acknowledging the last toast, the I.P.M. said if he had felt somewhat awkward in proposing the health of the W.M., he must say he felt more so now that he had to respond for himself. The year of Mastership he had just passed through might be looked back upon as most satisfactory, especially so far as the finances of the Lodge were concerned. The Lodge was then in a better position, so far as funds were concerned, than it had ever been before. They had given a large amount to the Charities, and he thought they had done everything that was needed. He did not wish to take any credit to himself for this it. He felt he had performed the dutics of the chair with some amount of credit to himself. A young Mason such as he was must naturally feel great diffidence in ruling so large a Lodge as the Domatic, and he was pleased that the result had been so satisfactory. He believed all had enjoyed themselves during the past year; he was sure he had. He again thanked the brethren for the kindness they had at all times displayed towards him. The W.M., in introducing the next toast, said it was a very important one, and one that should be received with the greatest cordiality. The Lodge was deeply indebted to the visiting brethren for having been honoured by their presence. He should at all times hail with delight the advent of visitors. The Domatic Lodge was celebrated throughout the Craft for being one of the most hospitable as well as one of the largest and "noisiest" of the London Lodges, and he hoped they would long continue to deserve that reputation. On the present occasion they had thirty-four guests, all of whom he was pleased to see, and to each of whom he tendered his heartiest wel-F. Kent, J. G. Potter, W. J. Ferguson, &c. There was a large come. With the toast he coupled the names of Bros. Haddro, Briggs,

## DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THE annual festival of this Lodge was celebrated on Friday, 9th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C. Shortly after the time announced on the summons Bro. Edward White the W.M. opened the Lodge, supported by Bros. H. N. Bowman Spink (the W.M. elect) S.W., W. Harris J.W., George Everett P.M. Treas., Thomas Morris Sec., James McLean S.D., W. Herbage J.D., E. W. Kent I.G., W. M. Foxcroft D. of C., R. Pierpoint Steward, Past Masters J. Buscall, James Willing jun., H. Elmes, J. E. Walford,

Digby, Swanborough, Johnson, &c. Bro. Haddro assured the brethren that it afforded him great pleasure to attend. This was the first visit he had ever paid to a London Lodge, and he had thoroughly enjoyed it. No man more deserved the success that had attended him than the W.M., who was fully entitled to his present proud position. Bro. Swanborough expressed the pleasure he had experienced during the evening. He felt quite at home among the members of 177, so many of them being personally known to him. He had been told that his elder brother was initiated into Freemasonry in this Lodgo some 25 years since; he was now pleased to visit, as it were, old friends of the family. Bro. Parkes paid the members a compliment for the excellent way in which the work of the Lodge had been conducted. If ever he had the fortune to be elected to fill the chair of a Lodge he hoped he might be able to conduct the affairs as well as they were carried out at the Domatic. Bros. Johnson, Digby and Briggs also responded. Bro. Digby said he had attended that night to see if he could learn anything that would enable him to perform the ceremony in his own Lodge better than he was before capable of doing, and he must admit that he had gained considerable knowledge from what he had seen. The W.M. next proposed the health of the P.M.'s. They were esteemed for their worth, and honoured for their antiquity. Of one thing there could be no doubt, the P.M.'s of the Domatic had for years past done their duty : one and all had ever been ready and willing to do everything in their power for the good of the Lodge. The W.M. specially referred to Bro. Elmes, the father of the Lodge, who he said was especially entitled to honour, having been a member of the Lodge for upwards of forty years. He concluded by expressing a wish that the P.M.'s might long be spared to take a part in the meetings of the Lodge. Bro. Walford considered it a great privilege to be numbered among the P.M.'s of the Domatic Lodge, he had enjoyed the position for some years past. He believed that all the P.M.'s were actuated by the same feelings as he himself,-to do everything in their power to secure the prosperity of the Lodge. Bro. Elmes briefly tendered his thanks. Bro. Fergnson hoped the P.M.'s would ever strive to obtain and always secure the good feeling of the members. Bro. Kent said the main object among the P.M.'s was to strive who should serve the Lodge the most. Bro. Willing congratulated the W.M. on the able manner in which he had that day been installed. The P.M.'s were very pleased to see the W.M. had arrived at the summit of a Mason's ambition. He believed the selection of Officers was everything that could be desired. In giving the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, the W.M. said that the two brethren who filled those positions in the Domatic Lodge were everything that could be wished. The brethren well knew, and thoroughly appreciated, the value of the brother who had undertaken the duty of Trea-Bro. Everett had always worked for the interests of the surer. Lodge, and had secured the unanimous support of the members. Bro. Morris the Secretary followed worthily in the steps of the Treasurer. The brethren had heard how the Auditors had complimented him, and one and all knew how well he had performed the duties of his office. Bro. Everett, in reply, would content himself by saying that all the good things that had been said about the Domatic Lodge were correct. The members were happy, united, and unanimous. He had set his heart in doing all in his power to secure the happiness of the brethren, and he hoped his efforts had been successful. Bro. Morris felt he had but done his duty; as an Officer of the Lodge, he should try and give equal satisfaction during the coming year that he had in the past; and if the W.M.'s successor could speak of him as the W.M. had that night done, he should feel amply repaid for the trouble he was put to in carrying ont the work of his office. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Officers; this toast he characterised as one always cordially drunk by the members of the Domatic Lodge. All must know that it would be impossible to manage a Lodge without good Officers; he felt that those appointed that night had done their duty in the past, and would continue to do so. He hoped that each in turn would be honoured by the Lodge conferring on him the highest appointment it was in their power to bestow. After a response from each Officer, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. Among the Visitors were Bros. W. Beavis I.G. 879, A. Price 1351, W. Banbery 217, George Briggs W.M. 1572, C. Digby W.M. 933, J. D. Earr 1293, R. L. Sindall S.W. 1293, Edward Swan. borough W.M. 1319, H. J. Ashby 1319, J. H. Haddro P.M. 376, T. R. Elkington 376, Augustus F. Leech J.W. 749, W. Russell P.M. 77, Henry Walden 463, E. W. Parkes, W. Blank 704, W. J. Collens I.G. 766, James Barber 933, W. J. Cooper 1668, George C. Pulsford 1593, F. A. Kelly 1524, J. B. Edwards 861 and 1107, F. Silvester 193, J. L. Baker P.M. 1305, G. N. Johnson P.M. No. 1, Henry G. Thompson P.M. 299, John Owen 1459, W. P. Webb P.M. 1381, F. W. Koch P.M. 820, W. W. Morgan jan. 1385.

congratulated at the conclusion of the ceremony. Hearty good wishes were given by the brothren and Visitors, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren then sat down to a sumptions banquet, provided by Bro Clemow. After grace had been said, the W.M., who ably presided, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. D. M. Belfrage I.P.M., in proposing the toast of the W.M., was sure he would prove as good a Master as any who had preceded him; he was already a Past Master of another Lodge. He (Bro. Belfrage) was confident the Manchester, under his direction, would prove a success. Bro. Stead sang a very humorous song. The W.M. then He thanked the I.P.M. for the manner in which the toast replied. had been proposed. From the moment he joined the Craft he had hoped to attain the position of W.M., and in no Lodge more than in this old and influential one; he hoped he should, on leaving the chair, have the same good feeling shown him that had been exhibited that evening. Bro. Parker sang, splendidly, "A father's love." The W.M. then proposed the toast of the I.P.M. Bro. Belfrage; all who had attended the Lodge had seen how he had carried out the duties of the chair during his year of office. in very feeling terms the W.M. then presented him with an elegant jewel, the gift of the Lodge; in placing it on his breast, he expressed the hope that Bre. Belfrage might live long to wear it, and that he might be among them for many years as a P.M. of the Lodge. After a capital song from Bro. Phillips, Bro. Belfrage replied ; six years since he was initiated in the Lodge; his year of office as Master was one of unalloyed pleasure, the recollection of it would never be effaced from his memory. As to the jewel presented to him, and the inscription on it, this was more than he could find words to acknowledge. Bro. Parsons sang a very excellent impromptu song. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the visiting brethren, whom they were always pleased to see among them. Bro. Phillips P.M. 173 and H. M. Levy P.M. 188 responded, they complimented the Lodge on its hospitality, the working of the Installing Master, and the charitable feeling exhibited by the members. Bro. Lindsay sang "The Skipper and his Boy." The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Installing Officer Bro. Kew P.M. Every one knew his capabilities, and the interest he had taken, not only in the Lodge, but also in the Craft at large. The W.M. had never heard the ceremony more perfectly worked than had been done by Bro. Kew ; he took this opportunity, in the name of the Lodge, to drink to his health, and thank him for all the services he had rendered to them. Bro. James Parker sang splendidly "The Village Blacksmith." Bro. Kew P.M. in a very excellent speech, returned thanks. What he did for the Lodge and Freemasonry was a labour of love, all and any assistance he could render would be at their service. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s, they were all patterns of what P.M.'s should be. Howould ask the brethren to drink the toast, and accord it the reception it merited. Bro. Dickinson sang a capital song accompanying himself on the piano. Bro. Hopekirk P.M. and Treasurer responded. No one could wish the Lodge greater prosperity than did the P.M.'s. He hoped all would pay deference to the Master, and perfect themselves so as to be enabled to occupy the chair. In every day life, while he was connected with the Lodge, he hoped they would always have a member like the W.M. to fill the chair. Bro. Belfrage I.P.M. followed in a telling speech, and the W.M. then proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities, and spoke eloquently of those noble institutions. He informed the company that he was a Steward for the ensuing Festival of the R.M.B. Institution, which will take place on the 9th February; he hoped to have a good list to present. Bro. Jas. Terry returned thanks. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Officers said he hoped his selection had given satisfaction. He was sure, with their assistance he would be able to carry out the duties of the chair. This toast having been responded to, the Tyler's was given, and the brethren separated after passing a very agreeable and harmonions evening. Among the visitors were-Bros. J. C. Lardner 1586, J. Weston S.W. 1602, J. H. Townshend 1426, Phillips P.M. 173, Mansfield W.M. 766, Stead S.W. 1622, Walrond 141, Howard 1708, J. C. Reynolds 1229, Jacard 1314, Holland, Jas. Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts, H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1247.

THE dinner of this Lodge, to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, was held on Wednesday, 14th inst., at Bro. C. Walters', Farley Hotel, Plymouth. Amongst those present were Worshipful Brother Byron Elliott W.M., who presided, and W. Bros. George Firks I.P.M., Pearce S.W., J. Kinton Bond J.W., F. Anbrey Thomas P.M. P.P.G.S.D., J. R. Lord P.M. Treasurer, J. Rendle P.M. Secretary, R. P. Culley P.M., J. Fly P.M., J. H. Keats P.M., Elliott Square P.M., R. A. Penrose S.D., H. J. Barter J.D., H. Lewis I.G., A. Rider D.C., R. C. Uglow S.S., J. A. Christie Organist, E. S. Lancaster, all of 1247; J. E. Curteis P.M. P.P.G.S.W., Charles Gotschalk P.M. P.P.G.D., S. Jew P.M. P.P.G.T., R. Twose P.M. P.P.G.T., E. A. Davies P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works, J. B. Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., T. W. Fitch P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., Bowhay Mark Embden W.M., John James P.M. 105, S. Pearce P.M. 159, T. Goodall P.M., Thomas Gibbons W.M. 1205, W. II. Pike J.W. 156, J. C. Cornish P.M. and Treasurer 223, W. Criper 248. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of the Worshipful Master especially. Since its formation-some eleven years sincethis Lodge has been celebrated for the musical talent of its members. The arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors were quite in accordance with the reputation of the Lodge, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Thanks were given to Bro. and Mrs. Walters for their admirable catering. During the evening a very handsome gold Past Master's jewel, voted by the Lodge, was given to the I.P. Master, on which was engraved the following inscription :----"Presented to W. Bro. G. J. Firks, by the Brethren of the St. John's Lodge Va 1247 to make the production of his state of the strain of his state. Lodge, No. 1247, to mark their appreciation of his zeal during his

## MANCHESTER LODGE, No. 179.

THE installation meeting of this ancient Lodgo was held on Thursday, 15th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bros. D. M. Belfrage W.M., W. A. Lovett S.W., Green J.W., W. Hopekirk P.M. Treasurer, W. Hughes P.M. Secretary, C. Pugsley S.D., Dettmar J.D., Brown I.G. Kew P.M., and a numerons assemblage of brethren. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were road and confirmed. Bro. Kew P.M., by the courtesy of the W.M., raised Bro. Lindsny to the third degree. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. W. A. Lovett was presented to the Lodge, and received the benefit of installation at the hands of Bro. Kew. On the readmission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted, and he appointed and invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. D. M. Belfrage I.P.M., H. C. Green S.W., C. Pugsley J.W., W. Hopekirk P.M. Treasurer, W. Hughes P.M. Secretary, Dettmar S.D., Brown J.D., Dickinson I.G., Millward D.C., Osmond A.D.C., Parsons W.S., Doran Tyler, R. Webb Organist, Parker Musical Director. Bro. Kew was warmly

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## UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

SPECIAL meeting of Grand Lodge was held on Saturday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, London, for the purpose of the appointment and the investiture of a Grand Secretary, in room of Bro. John Hervey, who resigned that office 3rd Dec. 1879, on account of serious and long-continued ill-health. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M. Wor. Grand Master, presided; and, on his entering Grand Lodge, which was composed of some 500 brethren, was received with vociferous cheering. On his taking his seat in the Grand Master's Chair, Lord Skelmersdale occupied the Chair of Deputy Grand Master on his right, and Colonel Burdett took the position of Past Grand Master on his left. Captain Platt Past Grand Warden took the Chair of Grand Senior Warden, and Major-General the Hon. Somerset G. Calthorpe the Chair of Junior Grand Warden. The Rev. R. J. Simpson and the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplains, officiated as Grand Chaplains, Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) Grand Director of Ceremonies, Colonel Creaton Grand Treasurer, W. J. B. Monckton (Town Clerk) President of the Board of General Purposes, and H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, also occupied the seats reserved for those Officers. Among other Grand and Past Grand Officers present were General Brownrigg Provincial Grand Master for School, the Secretary, Bro. F. Binckes, and others, paid a Griqualand, S. Rawson and H. Murray Past District Grand | Pantomime there. We need hardly say that, "Our Boys" M. Case, Joshua Nunn, Dr. Jabez Hogg, and John Gibson they take in the institution at Wood Green. Grand Superintendent of Works. The new Grand Secretary, Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, as a Past Grand Deacon, sat a little to the rear of the Grand Master among the Past Grand Officers on the dais. Bro. Henry G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, after the formal opening of Grand Lodge, by the direction of the Prince day, 14th inst., at Newton Abbott, its future place of encampment. of Wales, read the summons assembling the brethren. The Prince of Wales then said : Brethren,-This special meeting Knight Thomas Perry was elected E.P., and Sir Knight William of Grand Lodge has been called together for the purpose of Vicary was elected Treasurer.

investing Bro. Shadwell Clerke with the office of Grand Secretary. You will, brethren, I feel sure, agree with me that we have every reason to deplore and lament the serious illness of Brother Hervey, who has fulfilled the duties of Grand Secretary for many years so ably and well; and I am sure it is with unfeigned regret we learned that, from the state of his health he has thought it necessary to resign the important, and I may say very ardnous duties of his office. Brethren, as your Grand Master, I have felt some responsibility in choosing one who I thought would be capable of holding this important post, and also at the same time I was anxious he should be one who would be agreeable generally to the brethren. I can only hope that the choice I have made is one which will meet with your approbation. I feel convinced that Brother Shadwell Clerke will do his duty to the utmost in the new and important situation he is about to fill. I may add, as you are doubtless aware, brethren, that Brother Shadwell Clerke has had many important duties in Masonry, but I know from him that those duties will in nowise interfere with the duties of Grand Secretary which he is about to hold. Colonel Shadwell Clerke was then conducted by Sir Albert Woods and Mr. Thomas Fenn to the right of his Royal Highness, when the Grand Tyler (Bro. Henry Sadler) attended with the Grand Secretary's apron, collar, jewel and gauntlets, on a blue velvet cushion. The Prince of Wales thereupon took these regalia, invested Colonel Shadwell Clerke with them, and afterwards cordially shook him by the hand. The new Grand Secretary proceeded to his table, under the conduct of Sir Albert Woods and Bro. Fenn, amidst universal cheering. Sir Albert Woods then called the brethren to "order," and taking the "fire" from him, Colonel Clerke was saluted with the salutes apper-taining to his rank. The Prince of Wales then announced that there was no more business before the Grand Lodge, which was therefore closed in due form. On leaving Lodge, as on entering, his Royal Highness was greeted Colonel Shadwell with loud and continued applause. Clerke was presented with an address of congratulation from the Masonic Province of Monmouth by the hands of Brother William Watkins, of Newport, Monmouthshire, who was deputed by the brethren of that Province to perform the duty.

In another column we publish a letter from Bro. S. B. Wilson, referring to his unfortunate disagreement with the House Committee of the Boys' School. We regret exceedingly that there should be any cause for threats of legal proceedings, but if Bro. Wilson cannot obtain redress without recourse to law, we think he is quite justified in appealing to that tribunal. We shall take the opportunity of referring to the matter at more length in a future number. At present we can but hope, in the interest of the Institution so dear to us all, that an amicable settlement will be arrived at.

We have this year received, as usual, Calendars from the Provinces of West Yorkshire and North and East Yorkshire, compiled by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, and of Lancaster; compiled by Bro. Dr. J. D. Moore P.G.S.B. England. We have before testified to the usefulness of these little works, and think it only necessary to say that the same care that has characterised previous issues appears to have been taken with those now under notice.

On Friday, 16th inst., the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, accompanied by the Masters of the

Surrey, Sir Michael Costa, Captain N. G. Philips Past | visit to the Alexandra Palace, and, on the invitation of Bros. Grand Deacon, W. R. H. Giddy District Grand Master of Bertram and Roberts, witnessed the performance of the Masters of China, Thomas Fenn Past Grand Deacon, ex- greatly appreciated the kindness of Bros. Bertram and Sheriff Hutton, James Lewis Thomas, H. J. P. Dumas, J. Roberts, who have thus again evidenced the great interest

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

THE first meeting of the Royal Sussex Preceptory of Knights Templar since its removal from Devonport was held on Wednes. Templar since its removal from Devonport was held on Wednes-A satisfactory balance of over £12 has been handed over by the late Treasurer, E. Sir Knight Vincent Bird P.P.G.A. England, &c. Sir E.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## SATURDAY, 24th JANUARY.

Adjourned Quarterly Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12. 199-Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southcate Road, N., at 8 (Instruction) 1624-Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instructur.) Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Moltham 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood

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4-Royal Somerset Honse and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45-Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58-London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
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, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1648-Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Depticnd, at 8 (Instruction)
1806-St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Mapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1306-St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Napping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425-Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1439-Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1603-Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1615-Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623-West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1632-Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1818-Clapham, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common
48-Industry, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead

- 1013-Stanker, Surrey Basonic Hair, Canhact with Common
  48-Elapham, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common
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  48-Lindustry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
  61-Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
  62-Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
  148-Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
  264-Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
  302-Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
  307-Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
  409-Three Graces, Private Booms, Haworth
  467-Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
  613-Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
  724-Derby, Masonic Hall, Southport
  724-Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 9 (Instruction)
  999-Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
  1177-Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
  1449-Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
  1675-Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
  R. A. 241-Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
  R. A. 257-St. John, Masonic Rooms, Atheneum, Lancaster

## TUESDAY, 27th JANUARY.

- **TUESDAY, 27th JANUARY.** Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4. 14--Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. 65--Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bidges, Holborn, at 7 (Inst.) 65--Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction) 92--Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly, W. 141--Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. 145--Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 177--Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction) 186--Industry, Freemason's Hall, W.C. 205--Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, F.C. 654--Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction) 763--Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.) 860--Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 3 (Instruction) 1044--Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.) 196--Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 1349--Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction) 1360--Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersen Park, at 8 (Instruction) 1441--Ivv, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E. 1446--Mount Edgeumbe, 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) 1472--Henley, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction) 1472--Henley, Three Growns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction) 1474--Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee Honse, Cornhill, 6.30. 24--Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (Inst) 51--Awed Three Comma Hotel, Colchester

- 24-Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newc.
  61-Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
  117-Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
  126-Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
  178-Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
  241-Merchants, Musonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6 30 (Instruction)
  263-Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
  299-Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
  310-Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
  357-Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Astle-street, Carlisle
  357-Apollo University, Masonic Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
  610-St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
  673-Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
  624-Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
  779-Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
  896-Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
  1016-Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham 24-Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (1a.)

- 1763—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction) R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
- R. C.-Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

- R. A. 173-Pfinder Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
  R. A. 753-Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
  R. C.-Studholme, Masonie Hall, 33 Golden-square
  32-St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
  117-Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
  125-Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
  128-I'rince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
  128-I'rince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Manchester
  210-Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
  220-Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
  274-Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
  290-Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
  304-Philanthropio, Masonie Hall, Great George-street, Leedts
  363-Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
  387-Airedale, Masonie Hall, Great George-street, Leedts
  366-Segontium, The Castle, Carnaryon
  625-Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
  721-Derby, Masonie Hall, Liverpool
  750-Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Gauterbury (Instruction)
  966-Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
  1039-St. John, George Hotel, Liehfield
  1033-Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
  1035-Hartington, Masonie Hall, Gower-street, Derby. (Instruction.)
  119-St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
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  129-Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Stanley-street, Sury Bridge
  132-Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sury Bridge
  133-Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7. (Instruction.)
  133-West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Stanley-street, Rury, Lancashire
  140-West Lancashire, Commercial Hote

THURSDAY, 29th JANUARY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4 3—Fidelity, Yorkshiro Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction) 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction) 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Londenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction) 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction) 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.) 435—Salishnry, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.) 751—High Cross, Conch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction) 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction, 1226—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, F.C., at 6.30 (Inst.) 1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.) R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.) R. A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)

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FRIDAY, 30th JANUARY.

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Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25-Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-screet, W., at 8 (Instruction)
607-United Pilgrins, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766-William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
834-Kanelagh, Six Bolls, Hammersmith (Instruction)
902-Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
903-Dorie, Duko's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056-Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Floet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1288-Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1365-Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642-E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 9.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79-Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

K. T.-Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale K. T.-Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury

1016-Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1214-Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1358-Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566-Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead
1587-St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1609-Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675-Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 199-Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R. A. 109-Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K. T.-Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds 1016 -Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birminghan

## WEDNESDAY, 28th JANUARY.

193-Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction) 212-Euphrates, Masons Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C. 228-United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Canden-town, 8 (In.) 212—Euphrates, Masons Hall, Daving more street, Inc.
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Canden-town, S (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Inst.)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Bardett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1289—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 9 ;(Instruction)

# n. A. 19-ryinagorean, Fortand Rotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 401-Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn. 460-Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme. 652-Holmo Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth. 780-Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.) 810-Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton 1034-Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill 1102-Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield 1385-Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham R. A. 242-Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster SATURDAY, 31st JANUARY.

199-Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction) 1624-Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction) 1706-Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

## NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55. – A meeting was held on Tuesday, 20th inst., at Bro. Bond's, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, W.C. Present-Bros. Dickins W.M., Hallam jun. S.W., T. B. Linscott J.W., John Soper Sec., Snodin S.D., Hallam son. J.D., Alford I.G.; Past Master Bro. John Bingemann Preceptor. Lodge was opened to the second degree, when Bro. Soper offering himself as a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Soper was raised. The following sections of the third lecture were then worked-1st by Bro. Hallam jun., 2nd by Bro. Hallam sen. Lodge resumed to the first degree, was then closed, and adjourned to 27th January, at 7 p.m. The ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed on Tuesday, February 10th, by Bro. Pownceby W.M. of the Constitutional Lodge.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193 .- The usual meeting was held at Bro. Seaton's, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Wednesday, 21st inst. Present-Bros. Walker W.M., J. Smith S.W., A. Kahn J.W., Biddle P.M. S.D., W. J. Ramsay J.D., Saint I.G., Tobias, &c.; Visitor Bro. McGuire, of the Corinthian, 1802. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. McGuire offering himself as candidate. Bro. McGuire was elected a member. The Lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and the meeting adjourned till next Wednesday evening at 7.

St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.-A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 13th January 1880, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present :-Bros. A. Withers W.M., W. Radcliffe S.W., Dr. Waters J.W., W. W. Morgan Sec., Usher Bach S.D., W. E. Young J.D., J. F. Hentsch I.G., T. C. Speight Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Alfred Green, D. Drysdale, T. H. Lavers, J. an early hour the Companions separated. Laver; Bros. H. Green, Peirce, Crapper, Thring, J. Withers, Carter, Skipp. Visitors-George King P.M. 172, W. V. Dunkley I.G. 1777, H. J. Carter 1585, Henry Webb P.M. 72, Alfred Kent 1425, J. A. Coldicutt late 211, Frederick Dickinson 1298. The Warrant of the St. Michael's Lodge bears date the 11th day of September 1795; the number it then bore on the roll of the Grand Lodge (Ancients) was 290. At the Union it was placed as No. 367 ; at the renumbering of the Lodges in 1832 it became No. 255, while since 1863 it has stood as No. 211 on the roll. The Lodge has, during its career, stood prominently forward, and has had many eminent Masons associated in its government; while, at the present day, it seems likely fully to sustain the prestige of the past. The meeting of Tuesday, the 13th inst., was an eminently successful one, and Bro. Alfred Withers the W.M. must be congratulated on terminating his Mastership under such anspicions circumstances. The first business of the day was a ballot for Mr. Alexander Dickson, Secretary Kent Water Company, who Vas proposed by Bro. Lavers P.M., and seconded by Bro. John Laver P.M. The result was unanimous in favour of the candidate. Bro. Friday, 23rd January, at 7.30. p.m. Crapper, a candidate for the second degree, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Thring, a candidate for the third, underwent examination. Bro. Crapper was then introduced, and the W.M. conferred on him the degree of Fellow Craft. Bros. Crapper and Thring then retired, and the Lodge was opened in the third degree; Bro. Thring was re-admitted, and the W.M. worked the ceremony of the sublime degree in favour of the candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the Secretary, who had not been able to attend in the early part of the proceedings, read the minutes of last meeting, which were confirmed and signed. Mr. Alexander Dickson was next introduced, and received his first lesson in Freemasonry, Bro. Withers rendering this ceremony, as he had those of the two other degrees, most perfectly. The election of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelvemonths was the next business, and the S.W. Bro. William Radcliffe received the suffrages of the brethren without one dissenting voice-a result that that worthy brother seemed fully to appreciate. The choice of the brethren for the office of Treasurer again fell on Bro. C. Green. wood P.M. Prov. G. Sec. Surrey, and Bro. T. C. Speight P.M. was re-appointed Tyler. Bros. Young, Martin, and Bach were appointed Auditors. After the Bye-laws had been read by the Secretary, and the transaction of routine business, Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was served in the large Dining Hall of the Albion, and was placed upon the table with the accessories for which this establishment is so famed. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Withers proceeded with the toasts customary on these occasions. After that of the Queen and the Craft, the National Anthem was snng, Bro. P.M. Green sustaining the solo parts. In speaking to the toast of the M.W. Grand Master, the W.M. remarked that our illustrious Prince had given the most carnest attention to the duties required of him, and had gained the respect and esteem of Freemasons throughout England. The next toast-the Pro G. Master, the Deputy G. Master, and the Grand Officers Past and Present-needed not to be expatiated upon. The constituents of this illustrious body had every reason to be proud of their representatives. The toast was cordially received, after which Bro. Martin favoured the brethren with "Simon the Cellarer." Bro. Alfred Green I.P.M. proposed the health cf the W.M., this pleasing duty devolved upon him that Symons, Debson, C. Corston, &c. evening for the last time. He had infinite satisfaction in doing so. In whatever capacity they considered the claims of the W.M., whether as the persevering student, the Master of ritual, or for his liberality and generosity as a Mason, Bro. Withers was worthy of their esteem. always ready to extend the warm greeting of fellowship, and his year of Mastership had, indeed, shed a lustre on the St. Michael's Lodge. After a song from Bro. Kent, the W.M. returned thanks, in brief but hearty terms, and then came the several toasts of the Initiate, the Visitors, the Past Masters, the Charities. To all these brief replies were made, but the remarks were well to the point. The W.M. elect in due course received his meed of praise, which compliment he gracefully acknowledged. As usual at this Lodge the musical brethren well exercised themselves ; we may especially mention Bros. Carter, Thring, J. Laver, Bach and A. Green. One feature of the evening we must not omit to mention. In the banquetting room was exhibited a capital portrait of the Worshipful Master, painted by a young, but we think a rising artist,-Mr. Ward Robertson. From the expressions of approval we heard, it is more than likely we may be called upon to give an opinion on other works by the same gentleman. The Installation Meeting of the Lodge will take place on Tuesday, the 10th February. søven o'clock.

Chapter of Prosperity, No. 290.-The regular Convo-cation of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield, on 14th January. The Comps. were summoned for seven o'clock, but it was fully 7.15 before the Chapter was opened. In the absence of Comp. Allen Haigh Z., the duties were performed by Wm. Schofield P.Z., Sykes II., and Farrer J. The business The business being light, there was not so great an assemblage of Comps. as asual. Minutes having been read and confirmed, the three lectures were given-the Historical by Comp. Farrer J., this being the first time of his delivering a lecture; he did it very creditably, with care and attention, and a certain amount of impressiveness. The Symbolic was delivered by Comp. Sykes II., and more was expected from him, he evidently not being fully at home with the lecture ; it was neither impressive nor perfect, he having to be continually prompted. The Mystical was delivered in a masterly manner by Comp. Brierley, and was a pleasing relief to the previous one, being delivered with great care, skill, and impressiveness. There were also present Comps. B. Hutchinson P.Z., John W. Turner P.Z., Wheawill E., Mitchell P.S., and others. After the completion of the basiness and the Chapter closed, the Comps. partook of refreshments, after which the usual toasts were duly proposed and responded to, and at

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.-At the meeting on the 16th inst. there were present-Bros. Yonens W.M., Gomm S.W., Joney J.W., Acworth S.D., C. E. Botley J.D. (Hon. Sec. pro tem), Maton I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Goss P.M., Gunner (Hon. Sec.), Wotton and Bellerby 1612. The coremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Acworth candidate. Bro. Wotton answered the questions leading to the second degree. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Gomm, who opened in the second, and worked the ceremony of passing, Bro. Wotton candidate. The Lodge was closed in the second, and Bro. Youens resumed the chair. Bro. Gomm was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. C. P. Bellerby of the West Middlesex Lodge 1612 was elected a member. A cordial vote of thanks was given to the W.M. (to be recorded on the minutes) for his able conduct in the chair, it being the first time he had occupied that position. Bro. Gunner (Hon. Sec.) was congratulated on his reappearance after his severe illness, and the Lodge was closed with observance of ancient custom and adjourned till

Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, No. 834.-A meeting was held on Friday, 16th instant, at the Six Bells Tavern, Hammersmith, Bro. G. Festa W.M., Pordue S.W., Jack J.W., Alais Hon. Sec., and a numerons attendance of brethren. The Lodge having been opened, the W.M. performed the ceremony of passing excellently. The Lodge of Instruction having been closed, the brethren, nearly forty in number, sat down to an excellent supper provided by Bro. Copplestone. The W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts ; in eloquent terms proposing that of the worthy Secretary, Bro. Alais, who he said was worthy of their regard and esteem. They were also met to inaugurate the removal of the Lodge from the Bell and Anchor to its present place of meeting, and he felt this a fitting opportunity to present to Bro. Alais the testimonial which had been subscribed for by the brethren. He accordingly handed to Bro. Alais a very elegant clock, and hoped he would live for many years, and look on it as a souvenir of the regard and esteem of the brethren for his indefatigable exertions for their comfort. When he gazed on it, he would remember the many pleasing hours he had passed with them in this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Alais, in reply, said he was overpowered by his feelings at the flattering remarks of the W.M., and the reception of the toast, with their valuable gift. It would be an incentive to him to do all in his power for the Lodge; this he had done in the past. The toast of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Perdue in very feeling terms, and appropriately responded to. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Preceptor, Bro. Read P.M., who had rendered the brethren great services by his valuable instruction. This having been responded to, the brethren separated, after some very excellent songs. Bro. Copplestone was warmly complimented for his excellent providing, and attention to the comfort of those assembled. Among the brethren were Bros. B. Swallow P.G.J.D. Middlesex, Docker, Moiles, Joseph Andrews, Burton, S. Williams, G. Clayton, A. Thomson, Vowler, H. Blunden, R. H. Williams, Harrison, Carter, H. Corston, W. C. Williams, Collins, Morton, Read, Square, Oliver, Webb, Motcalf, W. H. Chalfont, Captain Guage, Blake, Batt,

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.-On Tuesday, 20th instant, at Bro. Smyth's, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present-Bros. Christian W.M., Hand S.W., Clark J.W., Smyth S.D., Williams and generosity as a Mason, Bro. Withers was worthy of their esteem. J.D., Fleck I.G., J. Lorkin Scc., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. All must regard with satisfaction the rapid strides he had made. His Polak, Dallas, Allen, C. Lorkin, Carr, and others. The Lodge was rendering of the ceremonics had been able and conscientions, while opened to the second degree. Bro. Polak was interrogated and en-the poetry of his elequence had taken all by surprise. He was trasted. The Lodge opened in the third degree, and Bro. Polak was trusted. The Lodge opened in the third degree, and Bro. Polak was raised. Bro. Allen assisted Bro. C. Lorkin to work the 2nd section, and Bro. P.M. Wallington the 3rd section of the lecture. The Lodge was resumed to the second degree. Bro. Carr assisted Bro. C. Lorkin to work the 1st section of that lectare. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Hand assisted Bro. Lorkin to work the 3rd section of the lecture. Bro. Hand was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday, 27th January, by the following brethren :-Bros. C. Lorkin J.D. 1524 W.M., Webb P.M. 1607 S.W., Christian 860 J.W. First Lecture-Bros. Smyth 1524, Clark I.G. 1178, Hand 1178, Christian 860, Moss 1275, Webb P.M. 1607, Powell S.W. Second Lecture-Bros. Carr I.G. 1607, Hallam S.W. 1349, Fenner S.W. 1227, Smith S.D. 860, Worsley S.W. 860. Third Lecture-Bros. Brasted J.W. 1554, Allen W.M., Perren P.M. 1056. The Lodge will be opened at

## JORDAN LODGE, No. 201.

THE Installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, 16th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, London. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Smith, who was supported by Bros. Hyland S.W., Payn J.W., Davage P.M. Treasurer, Robinson P.M. Secretary, Wallis S.D., Dovey J.D. Past Masters Bros. Ellsam, Reed, Wagner, Spooner, Whitley, &c. Bros. Gibbs and Smith were passed, after which Bro. T. J. Hyland was formally presented as W.M. elect. He was obligated, and a Board of Installed Masters being opened, he was placed in the chair of the Lodge by Bro. P.M. Ellsam. After the usual salutations, the following brethren were appointed as the Officers for the year :- Bros. Payn S.W., Wallis J.W., Davage Treas., Robinson Sec., Dovey S.D., Fox J.D., Simpson I.G. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room. At the conclusion of the banquet, after grace, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. He hoped the day was not far distant when all men would have as much reason to be proud of their rulers as Englishmen were of their Queen. The toast was heartily received and followed by the National Anthem. Those of the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers followed. With the latter was coupled the name of Bro. J. Wright P.G.P. who in reply, after acknowledging the kind way in which the toast had been received, said he believed all agreed with the remarks of the W.M. that the Grand Officers one and all did their duty. Nothing could give a greater zest to any brother or induce him to perform his duties more efficiently that an appointment to an office in Grand Lodge, be it ever so low on the list. The I.P.M. next rose; it was now his pleasure to propose the health of the W.M. All must feel proud that a brother so young and so amiable as the W.M. should have risen to fill the office. Had he been fortunate enough to have been appointed to the chair at so early an age he should have looked forward to a long round of pleasure; he had no doubt but that Bro. Hyland did so now, and he felt sure all present heartily wished that he might enjoy it. The W.M. in reply tendered his thanks to the brethren for having placed him in his present prond position. Without doubt he considered it was a great honor to be placed in the chair so young as he was. He hoped he might carry out the duties of the office to the satisfaction of the brethren and conduct the affairs of the Lodge in a way that would add to its good name. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the Visitors. He saw several round the board, many of whom had done so much for Freemasonry that were he to attempt to recount all the good work they had accomplished he feared they would not get away before midnight. He would simply call on the members to honour the toast, and then let each of the guests say a few words for himself. Bro. Walls having explained that he considered much time was wasted at Masonic gatherings in long speeches, which he did not think were necessary, proceeded to thank the W.M. and members for the reception accorded to the Visitors. Bro. Stiles followed. He was very pleased at the way in which the work of the Lodge had been conducted. Several of the brethren present may not have had the experience of the W.M. that he had. In another Lodge he had seen him perform his duty extremely well, and in Lodges of Instruction he had so often shown his ability that he felt sare the work of raling the Lodge would be efficiently carried out. Bro. Hyland now proposed the health of the I.P.M., whom he had known for many years. He bad always found that Brother using his utmost endeavours to carry out the duties of any position he undertook with zest and true Masonic feeling. More especially was this the case as regarded the Masonic Charities which had been one of Bro. Smith's first cares. Bro. Hyland said he had the pleasure of being initiated with his I.P.M., and therefore felt that a closer tie existed between them than was ordinarily the case. In reply to the toast the I.P.M. tendered his thanks. He always tried to be a good Mason, and to act up to the principles taught in the Lodge. He felt a great pleasure in associating himself with the Charities, all of which he hoped to see in a continued state of prosperity. He was convinced that if the brethren more numerously visited the Institutions there would be many more supporters, as all must be gratified at the way in which they were conducted. The W.M. in giving the health of the P.M.'s said he was very happy to say the Lodge possessed a long array of trusty brethren who had in years gone by faithfully discharged the duties of the chair. Even now they were ever ready to undertake any duty or perform any work that might be required of them. Bro. Ellsam in reply said it always afforded him the greatest pleasure to attend the Lodge or do anything for its members. He really felt it a great pleasure that he had that night installed into the chair a brother who, he was sure, would be able to perform all the work that might arise. He felt sure he was echoing the sentiments of the other Past Masters when he said they were all anxious to do what was required of them. Bro. Spooner followed. He was initiated in the Lodge 31 years back, and since that time had always met with the greatest kindness from its members. The Lodge appeared to him to be formed of a happy and united band. He felt sure the W.M. would speedily become an ornament to the Craft, and that he would do everything in his power to uphold the prestige of the Jordan Lodge. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was the next on the list, The W.M. thought that the election and the selection of those two officers met with universal approval. It was really impossible to find better men than those who filled the offices in the Jordan Lodge. Bro. Secretary, after tendering his thanks, expressed the pleasare it afforded him to perform the duties of his office. So long as he had worn the collar the Lodge had continued on a course of progress. It was then in a better position than it had ever been before, so far as he knew after an experience of twenty years. As a small Lodge, he thought they did as much in true charity as many much larger could boast of. Bro. Davage, the Treasurer, followed. It afforded him great pleasure to fill the office to which he had been elected. So far as he could ascertain the Lodge funds were in a better condition than they had been at any time during the past year. He hoped that every brother would complimenting Bros. Jeffs and Hooper, who replied. Several assist him as far as laid in his power. The toast of the Charities toasts followed, and altogether the time passed most pleasantly.

was next given, and responded to by Bro. James Terry. As a result of that brother remarks one of the members offered himself as Steward at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and at once commenced collecting subscriptions on its behalf. Before the brethren separated, a goodly sum was promised, which we believe will be augmented at the next meeting by a grant from the Lodge funds. In addition to this, Bro. Smith, the Immediate Past Master, undertook a similar duly on behalf of the Jerusalem Chapter, which is, we believe, strongly supported by the Jordan Lodge, so that between the two the members of No. 201 promise to be to the fore in the Charity lists of 1880. Bro. Hyland, in proposing the health of his Officers, thought the selection he had that night made was the best that circumstances afforded. To this toast each of the Officers replied in brief and appropriate terms. The Tyler was now summoned, and he gave the usual closing toast, A.U.B.N.R. Among the Visitors who were present we may name Bros. Ferguson P.M. 177, Wright 781, Martins 1329, Storey 1107 P. Prov. Grand Steward of W. Kent, Millard 179, James Terry Sec. R.M.B.I., Pincher 1677, Walls W.M. 1381, Stock P.M. 1178, Garbit P.M. 1178, Stiles W.M. 1782, Cook J.D. 1744, Mabey 1744, Gibb 1178, and Morgan jun. 1385.

## SALISBURY LODGE, No. 435.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Taesday, 20th L inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. J. Holden W.M., Emil Berger S.W., Jeffs J.W., W. H. Hooper P.M. Secretary, H. T. Hooper S.D., Allhausen J.D., Ball I.G.; Past Masters Secker, S. Rosenthal, Wilhelm Ganz P.G.O., Stamwitz, Biggs, Sachs, and Rahells. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Captain J. Arnitt and Mr. J. R. Ward, which were unanimous in their favour. They will come forward for initiation at the next Lodge meeting. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Emil Berger S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge and daly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., in a very perfect and impressive manner. There were fifteen W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. The W.M. having been saluted according to ancient custom, appointed and invested his Officers as follows :-Bros. J. Holden I.P.M., Jeffs S.W., Hooper J.W., W. H. Hooper P.M. Secretary, Allhansen S.D., Ball J.D., Cook I.G., Brown D.C., Marsh Tyler. Loud applause followed the investiture of each Officer. The Senior Warden presented the brethren with a new ballot box. Bro. Jeffs S.W. announced his intention to act as Steward for the Anniversary Festival for the Girls' School, and Bro. Capstick consented to do a like service at the Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School. The sum of five guineas was voted to be placed on each of their lists, and also five goineas on the list of the W.M., who is a Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Hearty good wishes were given by the Visitors, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins, which gave great satisfaction. Among the Visitors were Bros. Frend P.M. No. 1, South-wood 1260, T. Cooper W.M. 538, Lindner W.M. 25, Baker P.M. 753, E. Humphreys 538, Pownceby W.M. 55, C. V. Bibra 1446, Simmons 1677, Starkey 813, Drew 591, Humphries 45, Blundell 742, Meredith 742, Lloyd S.D. 1201, Dane 173, Fonntain W.M. 1216, Belejante 36, S. A. Cooper J.W. 1637, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Grace having been said, the W.M., in elequent terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Speaking of the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, he said they were proud to recognise Bro. Ganz P.G.O.; he generally was called on to respond to the toast, but on this occasion he was obliged to leave. Bro. Holden I.P.M. rose; holding the gavel, he had now the pleasure to propose the toast of the W.M. This always received at the hands of the brethren a good reception. The present W.M. would find such support as would enable him to carry out the duties, and would, at the end of his year, receive at their hands a testimony of their good wishes. The W.M. said he could not attempt to emulate the eloquence of the preceding speaker, but if they would accept his heartfelt thanks for the kindness shown him, and say after his term had expired he had performed the duties required of him, he should feel intensely gratified. He had now the great pleasure to propose the toast of the Installing Master, who had well shown his proficiency; the lecture on the Tracing-board given by him needed no comment. The brethren had voted him a jewel, which he well deserved, and in placing it on Bro. Holden's breast, he hoped he would live for many years to wear it, and enjoy health and prosperity. Bro. Holden said his services, humble though they were, it was gratifying to him, were appreciated; he was proud of the position of W.M., and equally so of that of P.M. As long as he was spared, he would thank the brethren who had awarded him and decorated him with a jewel; he did not think he should have such a badge of peace placed on his breast as a mark of the kindness of those who had helped him to attain the Master's chair; he would always treasure it as a mark of their esteem. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters; they had many among them-all respected in the Craft; he would call on the brethren to give the toast the reception it merited. Bro. Rahells re. plied, in a very excellent speech; he had watched the career of the W.M.; he was one that would cultivate the right feeling of good fellowship, and would rule the Lodge with kindness. One of the precepts of the Craft is good will to all men; he (the speaker) was sure the W.M. would at the end of his year of office have the good wishes of every brother. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors; they were very numerous; he saw many who were dis. tinguished in the Craft, and one who came from South America. Bros. Belejante, Frend, and H. M. Levy returned thanks ; all complimented the W.M., who had so ably presided; while the excellent manner in which the Installing Master performed the ceremony was beyond praise. The toast of the Officers was next given, the W.M. especially complimenting Bros. Jeffs and Hooper, who replied. Several other

## ORDER OF ST. LAWRENCE.

Metropolitan Lodge.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at 2 Red Lion-square, on Saturday, 17th inst. Present:—Bros. C. F. Matier P.M. as W.M., S. C. Dibdin S.W., S. Rawson J.W., D. M. Dewar Secretary, Robert Roy I.G.; Bros. F. Binckes P.M., S. Rosenthal P.M., J. Constable P.M., Thomas Cubitt, J. E. Anderson, George Graveley, C. E. Soppet, George Lambert, J. S. Badkin, James Glaskin, L. P. Conbro, George Cooper, R. P. Spice, and C. J. Morgan. In the absence of the W.M., the Lodge was opened by Bro. C. F. Matier P.M., in ancient form. The minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. Bros. J. S. Badkin, J. Glaskin, and L. P. Conbro, all of Clapton Mark Lodge No. 236, and Bros. George Cooper of Bon Accord Lodge (T.I.), and R. P. Spice of the Keystone Lodge No. 3, proposed by Bro. Dewar, and seconded by Bro. Soppet, were unanimously approved, and being in attendance, were duly obligated and admitted as members of the Order, the ceremony and lecture being ably performed by Bro. Matier. It was moved by Bro. Matier, seconded by Bro. Constable, and unanimonsly resolved, that the Secretary communicate to Bro. Roebuck the W.M. the congratulations of the Lodge on this the anniversary of his birth, and wish him "Many happy returns of the day." Bro. G. Lambert proposed, and Bro. S. Rawson seconded, Bro. William Bywater P.M. Royal Athelstane Lodge, as a candidate for admission to their degree. No further business offering, the Lodge was closed in ample form, and the brethren adjourned to a "grill" at the Holborn Restaurant, under the genial presidency of Bro. Binckes.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, at the Jamaica Coffee House, Change Alley, Cornhill, Comps. Lee Z., Edmonds H., Catterson J., Pennefather S.N., Pain P.S. Amongst those present were Comps. Le Feuvre Prov. G.S.E. for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Comp. Frederick Brown Preceptor, G. L. Walker, &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Walker candidate. R.A. Masons in want of Instruction should pay a visit to this Chapter.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Thursday, 15th January 1880. Present:—Bros. Patrick W.M., Powell S.W., Gieseke J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Wallbrecht Secretary, Bromet I.G.; also Bros. Legg, Klein, Pearcy, &c. Usual formalities were duly observed, and ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Klein acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree, when Bro. Leoffler of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, was elected a member. Bro. Fenner was appointed to preside at the next meeting, after which the Lodge was closed.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 20th January. Bros. Andrews W.M., Pavitt S.W., Candick J.W., Smith S.D., Butler J.D., Power I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. Bannister, White, Sadler, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The Lodge opened in the second degree, when Bro. Musto answered the necessary questions; the Lodge opened in the third, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Musto candidate. Bro. Worsley worked the sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Pavitt was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when sections only will be worked. He will be assisted by P.M. Bro. Cundick as S.W., Musto as I.P.M. The Secretary announced that the Fifteen Sections would be worked at the Dalhonsie Lodge of Instruction 860, at Bro. Smyth's, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday next, commencing at seven o'clock precisely. The Lodge then closed in due form. We are asked to state that this capital Lodge of Instruction has resumed its weekly meetings, after the recess.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.--Meeting held at Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday 15th inst. Present:--E. C. Porter W.M., A. Jones S.W., H. Westmore J.W.,

C. Bellerby S.D., J. W. Woolmer J.D., M. W. Wyville I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer, H. Martin P.M. 1329, F. C. Woolmer, J. J. Clarke. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. F. C. Woolmer candidate. The Lodge was opened in second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Wyville candidate. The Lodge was closed in second degree. Bros. H. Westmore 217, and H. Martin were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction, and Bro. A. Jones was elected W.M. for the ensning week. The Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer, and the meeting adjourned to Thursday 22nd inst.

The regular meeting of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, was held on Wednesday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. A report of the proceedings stands over until next week.

A very interesting entertainment is now provided at the Royal Polytechnic, in the form of a series of Tableaux Vivants, representing the career of the unfortunate Mary Queen of Scots. Each Tablean is preceded by a few words of explanation, and followed by music and dissolving views, further illustrating the story. The dresses are superb, and the general arrangements are worthy of praise. Mr. H. C. Sanderson has the direction of the whole, Bro. Stedman conducting the vocal music. As usual here, there are several other items to interest visitors, and a pleasant hour or two may easily be spent.

The Third Annual Ball of the Manchester Lodge, No. 179, will be held on the 5th February, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. E.W. Allen and an influential body of Stewards.



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