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## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE regular Querterly Communication of United Grand Lodge was held in the Temple, at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday evening, at the usual hour of 7. The Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master occupied the throne, and was supported by the Earl of Limerick Prov. G.M. Bristol as Deputy G. Master, and R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight, as Past G. Master. Lord Cremorne G.S.W. and Alderman Fowler, M.P., G.J.W. were present in their appointed places, as likewise were most of the other Grand Officers, while there were present on the daïs very many Past G. Officers and in the body of the Hall the representatives of the different Lodges. The minutes of the last Communication having been read and confirmed, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was nominated for election to the Grand Mastership by Bro. Goldney, who, in the course of his remarks spoke in high culogium of H.R.H.'s regard for Freemasonry and the deep interest he took in its welfare. There were then nominated the following candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer, viz., Bros. R. P. Cama, Major J. Woodall Woodall, and James Willing, who may be said to represent respectively the foreign, the provincial, and the metropolitan elements in the constitution of the English Brotherhood. The Grand Secretary then read a letter which had been addressed by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, in which the former requested His Royal Highness to withdraw the warrants formerly granted to three English Lodges in Montreal still retaining their allegiance to England, and the Grand Master's reply in which, he expressed his unwillingness and inability to compel the said Lodges to the said Lodges and inability to compel the said Lodges to the said the said Lodges to the said th the said Lodges to sever their connection with the parent Grand Lodge which created them. The Earl of Carnarvon thereupon addressed Grand Lodge, explaining the subject more fully than was possible in the narrow limits of a correspondence, and, while deprecating any bitterness of feeling in respect of the somewhat peremptory demands of the Grand Master of Quebec, pointed out that the action of our Grand Master was in accordance with precedent, and indeed that, in his opinion, no other course would have been possible under the circumstances. Here his lordship explained that it was necessary he should leave the chair, not only on account of engagements he had elsewhere, but likewise because he had observed that later in the evening a motion would be submitted having reference to himself. The Earl of Limerick, therefore, also, we believe, somewhat unexpectedly—the Thursday supplied his place, and at once announced that the Grand Master had re-appointed Bro. Joshua Nunn to be President to pass without notice of any kind whatever, even without of the Board of Benevolence, and that, as no other brethren had been neminated. Bro. Towar Prest B.C.B. and C.A. hand for never there are not the same and the same are t Senior and Junior Vice President respectively.

of the Special Building Committee, which was submitted Grand Deacon in 1862, and by the Craft when it elected by Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, the chairman, and was of a him Treasurer in 1879. His regular attendance at the highly satisfactory nature. Briefly it was to the effect various Committee meetings testified to his enduring that the Great Hall had been enlarged so as to afford sitting interest in our Charities, and yet his death has occurred accommodation for about one hundred more brethren; that without a word of regret being uttered that one who had the decorative portion of the work would in all probability done so much for the Craft had passed for ever from our be completed in time for the Grand Festival of next year; midst. The oversight is greatly to be regretted, and we that the cost of restoration, save as regards the additions, feel confident it would never have been allowed to occur

the new exits, the new pictures, &c., had been kept within the amount of the insurance; and that complete accounts would be presented at the next March Communication. Bro. Monckton further pointed out that, by the re-arrangement of the interior fittings, an additional half-panel on the proper right of the daïs had become available for decorative purposes, and the Committee recommended that the vacant space should be filled by a half-length lifesized portrait of the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnaryon, as a memorial of the affection and respect with which his lordship was regarded by the Craft, and of the valuable services he had rendered during his many years of service as Pro Grand Master. The report was adopted, as were likewise the recommendations of the Board of Benevolence. The report of the Board of General Purposes contained a recommendation that Bro. H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, whose state of health did not permit of his continuing his duties in the office of G.S., should be granted a retiring pension of £400 per annum, being the full amount of the salary he had been receiving for many years past. After submitting this report, Bro. Fenn, President of the Board, proposed a resolution in accordance therewith, and, in so doing, spoke in the highest terms of the valuable services rendered by Bro. Buss during the thirty years he had hold office under the Grand Secretary, and Bro. Walls, a member of the Board, having seconded the resolution, it was carried unanimously, amid the strongest manifestations of pleasure on the part of all present. Of the two appeals published in these columns last week, the first was allowed, and the second dismissed, and Bro. James Stevens's motion about Masonic Mendicancy was summarily, and very properly, rejected. Grand Lodge was then closed.

The above sufficiently describes the business that was transacted, but we cannot let the occasion pass without offering some few remarks as to what was done, and what was not done. Taking firstly, for the sake of convenience, the business which was omitted, but which we think should have found a place in the programme of proceedings, we would point out as a conspicuous oversight all reference to the death of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Past G. Treasurer. It was only in September last that a tribute of respect was openly paid by Grand Lodge to the memory of a distinguished brother whose death had occurred somewhat suddenly just a few days before that appointed for the Communication of Grand Lodge. We allude of course to the late Brother John Havers, P.G.J.W., of whose valuable services to Freemasonry it is quite unnecessary we should had been nominated, Bro. James Brett P.G.P. and C. A. hard for more than a quarter of a century in helping to Cottebrune P.G.P. would resume their old positions of promote the interests of Freemasonry, and especially of the Institutions connected with it. These labours had been The next business was the consideration of the Report recognised by the Grand Master, when he appointed him a

had the circumstances been brought to the notice of either the Earl of Carnaryon or the Earl of Limerick.

What passed now claims our attention. As regards the propriety of the compliment which it is proposed to pay to the Earl of Carnarvon, by adding his portrait to those of Past Grand Masters of the Craft, there will be a complete feel of unanimity everywhere. His lordship's services are so well known that it is no more than a bare act of justice that they should be recognized, and we have no hesitation in saying that the Building Committee—as, indeed, was to be expected with a man of such high culture and known taste as Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton as chairman—have chosen the most graceful mode of recognition, and the one most likely to commend itself to his lordship's acceptance. As regards Brother Buss, and the enthusiasm with which the proposal respecting his retiring pension was greeted from all parts of Grand Lodge, we need say little. Bro. Buss has been so well known and for so lengthened a period in the Craft, that it is almost impossible to say anything respecting him which has not already been said again and again. We can well believe that so enthusiastic as well as so unanimous an acceptance of the Board's recommendation must have been intensely gratifying to Bro. Buss himself, and we are anxious not to lose this opportunity of offering our testimony likewise to the uniform courtesy and kindness we have received at his hands, as well as of adding the expression of a very sincere hope that, now he has been released from the onerous cares of active service, he may yet live many years in the enjoyment of his well-earned ease and dignity, and the sincere respect of his brother Craftsmen.

There are still two other points about which we conceive it to be our duty to offer a few remarks. Bro. Stevens's motion was dismissed, as we had every reason to expect it would be, ignominiously. It deserved and could have experienced no other fate from a body of men who we believe are in the possession of their several senses. Quebec business, or rather the action taken by H.R.H. the Grand Master in response to the rude and peremptory summons of the G. Master of Quebec, also met with the fate which must have been anticipated. It is far too heavy a subject to deal with here, but we think we are justified in describing the summons of the G. Master of Quebec as being in the first place an act of gross impertinence, and in the next as being a most unscrupulous attempt to set aside an honourable arrangement cheerfully entered into between Canada and England in 1857, and to which very many of the Quebec Lodges must necessarily have been a party.

## THE OFFICE OF A COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCE.

REEMASONRY is a purely fraternal institutionit does not exist merely for the largest good of the largest number, but for the largest good of the entire number. Its purpose is to advance the best interests of all within the mystic circle. It presupposes, as it has a right to presuppose, that every brother will act in function. accordance with the spirit of the Fraternity in this regard. But experience proves that through forgetfulness, or innate depravity, some brethren neglect to perform their fraternal duties to each other, and even occasionally grossly transgress in this respect the customs and regulations of the Craft. Hence arose the necessity for the erection of a fraternal tribunal, to which should be committed the duty of harmonising jarring interests, placating acts, and, if need be, punishing the guilty. For a time the tribunal well performed its proper work; but it is a question whether that time is not now past. In other words, it is a question whether the Grievance Committee has not resolved itself simply into a Trial Committee, after the manner of the profane, esteeming its only office to be to discover guilt and punish the guilty. This custom, to whatever extent it prevails, is entirely un-Masonic. Freemasonry has, in all such cases, a possible trial in view, but it is to be a dernier resort. This it is easy to establish, both from the provisions of Grand Lodge Books of Constitutions, and subordinate Lodge Bye-Laws. For example: the "Ahiman Rezon" of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (Article XVII, § 70) provides:

" A motion may be made to refer the same (the charge or charges) to the Committee on Grievance, or to a special committee, to report if a trial is necessary, or that one should be had. If, however, the Lodge deems it best, a majority vote shall cause said charge or charges to be sent to a special committee to try the brother on said charges and specifications."

So, in like manner, the Bye-Laws of the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction usually contain a provision like the following:

"All complaints against any of the brethren of the Lodge shall be referred to the Committee on Grievance, with directions to examine the same with care, and, if possible, adjust the difference in an amicable manner; but if they cannot do so, then to report to the Lodge their proceedings, together with all the facts connected with the case, with such measures as they may deem proper to recom-mend."

It is apparent from the above quotations that the Fraternity has in view, primarily, the harmonising of all differences between brethren. Its purpose is to heal wounds, not to aggravate them; to close breaches, not to widen them. It does not say to an aggrieved brother— "Prosecute your brother at once, go to law with him in our fraternal court." Not at all. It discourages litigation, even within the Fraternity, and it sets in motion the machinery of its tribunal of justice only after all other measures have failed to unify the brethren between whom differences have arisen. Some Lodges are so careful to avoid even the appearance of having anything like a Committee of Trial, that they appoint no Committee on Grievance, so that there may be no standing tribunal to invite a hasty resort to it, relying entirely upon the raising of a Special Committee in each case as required. The spirit and intent of Freemasonry is therein apparent -it discourages the preferring of charges, except in the plainest cases of injury and transgression of Masonic obligation; and after the preferring of charges it looks, in the first place, towards the amicable adjustment of differences, and resorts to a trial only because the transgressor will not admit, or seek to rectify, what is proven to have been his plain and gross error.

It is the duty of Freemasons always and everywhere to remember the policy of the Fraternity in this regard. It need not be urged that in discouraging trials, at the outset, they act in a manner that will best tend to preserve the harmony of the Lodge. Nothing is more apt to promote unharmony than a Lodge trial. It at once divides the membership into two parties. It provokes unfraternal remarks on either side, stops proposals for membership, and retards generally the wheels of progress. The whole Lodge becomes a sort of general trial committee. Crimination and recrimination follows, and so the matter continues, until the end of the trial is attained; and even there the trouble does not end. For years the evil results of a Masonic trial may be felt. Let us not be misunderstood here. We do not urge that a guilty brother should not be punished, but only that, in the first instance, the Committee of Grievance shall do its proper work, by adjusting the difference and rectifying the wrong in an amicable and fraternal manner. First, pour oil on the troubled waters, but if it utterly fails to remedy the evil, then let the Trial Committee perform its judicial

Here we are reminded of a fraternal incident that took place in Washington Lodge, No. 59, of Philadelphia, some years ago, communicated to us by our friend Bro. William B. Reed, Secretary of the Lodge. A trial was had. The Committee to whom was referred the charge made by Bro. A. against Bro. B., made its report, fully sustaining the charges, whereupon the aggrieved Brother A. stepped forward, grasped Brother B. by the injured brethren, preventing the recurrence of unfraternal hand, and freely forgave him as a man and a Mason. This fraternal act was pleasingly witnessed by thene tire Lodge, and so gratified were the members, that all the papers relating to the charges were ordered to be destroyed. There was a beautiful living picture, a forcible exemplification of the grace of Masonic forgiveness. Such a spirit would glorify any Lodge, and cause it to go on, as Washington Lodge has gone on, prospering and to prosper.—Keystone.

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## BRO. DRUMMOND'S HISTORIC FALLACIES.

By Bro. JACOB NORTON.

ME superiority of Bro. Drummond's reasoning on the "Philadelphia Mother Question," no one will deny; seems to be on a par with that of the Philadelph'a 'champion for the connection of Coxe with Philadelphia Masonry of 1731. The Masonic Token copied Bro. Drummond's most recent discovery, and Bro. Rugg immediately published it with his endorsement in the Freemason's Repository; and in order to prevent the contagion from spreading, I shall reproduce Bro. Drummond's paragraphs and point out their fallacies. Saith Bro. Drummond:

copy of a manuscript in the British Museum, which must have been written before 1717, and which experts conclude the presence of at least one operative Mason at every Lodge. This shows conclusively that the change from operative to speculative had been gradual, and that when the manuscript was written the speculative element was

very large.
"The 'Old Regulations' (and of course the 'Ancient Charges') were not made in 1717, but were then collected, and the collection approved by the Grand Lodge and published; they were then 'Ancient Charges' and 'Old Regulations.' Both mention more than once the Grand Master as the Supreme executive officer of the Craft. It follows that unless these 'Ancient Charges' and 'Old Regulations' are a fraud, the office of Grand Master has existed long before these Charges and Regulations were compiled. The admission that these existed before they were compiled is also an admission that the office of Grand Master was an acient element in the polity of the Institu-

"There is one point in this connection to which we have given considerable consideration. Originally Lodges had no permanency of existence, and in 1717 it was provided that they must have a charter. It some time ago occurred to us that all this change could not have been made at once. It is certain that prior to 1717 some Lodges had permaency of organisation entirely inconsistent with the old theory and practice, under which a Lodge could not have existence except when in actual session; a Lodge was a mere assembly of brethren, and had no organised character. With the Ancient Charges, there was published the form of constituting a Lodge 'according to ancient usage of Masons.' In this form no mention is made of a charter, but in other respects they are substantially the same as those now in use. In the forms given a few years later, the delivering of the warrant is made a prominent feature. The evidence tends very strongly to show that before 1717 Brethren were constituted into a Lodge, with Master and Wardens, and became a body of a permanent character."

Now I saw Bro. Woodbury's MS. about three months ago. Briefly, then, it is the Harleian MS. No. 1942. In oath, and in my preface to the Roberts MS. in the above consists of two parts, viz., old and new. It begins (like all thirtieth Regulation (one of the New) ordains: the other MSS., or more properly the pre-1717 rituals) with a prayer, followed by all the legends from the fraternity of Free Masons shall bee regulated & governed Matthew Cooke MS.; then comes twenty-five Regulations by one master, & Assembly & Wardens, as ye said Company or Charges, and winds up with an oath, thus:

"These Articles and Charge which I have rehersed to you, you shall well and truely observe, & keepe you to your power, see helpe your god and the contents of this book."

Thus far this MS. is old. It has not as many archaisms as other Masonic MSS. have, but thus far it is mainly copied from an older MS. Next comes the new. The first New Regulation is as follows:

"Noe person (of what degree soever) bee accepted a free Mason, unless hee shall have a Lodge of five free Masons at least, where of one to bee Master or warden of that limit, or devision wherein such a Lodge shallbee kept, and another of the trade of Freemasonry.'

The above regulation was referred to by Bro. Drummond; it shows that two operatives (not one) had to be the Lodge president was variously styled Master, Warden

present in the Lodge. And the fifth of the New Regulations (or as it is numbered, "31") is as follows:

"That no p son shallbee accepted a Free Mason or know the secrets of the said Society, untill hee hath first taken the oath of secrecy hereafter following,-I., A. B. Doe in the presence of Almighty God & my Fellow," &c.

After the oath, there are ten articles or charges designed for an operative apprentice; and from this MS. brother but when he attempts to prolong the existence of Masonic | Drummond inferred his wonderful discovery, that before Grand Masters to a period prior to 1717, his reasoning 1717 Masons were governed by a Grand Master, &c. Somebody believes that the said MS. was written before 1686. Now some experts claim that they can fix the precise year when a MS. was written by the chirography or style of penmanship; but I cannot believe that mere penmanship can fix the period of a MS. within a limit of fifty years at least, for I have in my possession a letter I wrote more than thirty years ago, and the penmanship is so like my present style of penmanship that I could not "Bro. Charles Levi Woodbury has recently shown us a tell by the mere handwriting (if I did not examine the contents and judge by internal evidence) whether my own letter or MS. was written in 1850 or in 1884. Bro. David was written before 1686, in which is given a rule, requiring | Pulsifer, the well known Boston antiquary, who owns and has handled more old MSS, and records than many experts have, agrees with me that the style of writing acquired during youth adheres to the man as long as the fingers retain the necessary strength. Now, if I cannot fix the year of my own handwriting, how can an expert tell when the Harleian MS. was written?

But perhaps the old style of spelling may be a criterion that it must have been written before 1686; for instance, we have in this MS. soe, doe, hee, bee, &c. Now if that fashion of spelling had been prohibited by Act of Parliament on the 1st of January 1686, there would be reason for believing that it was written before 1686; but such an Act of Parliament was never passed, and it is not difficult to prove that the same style of spelling was in vogue for many years after 1686. For instance, I opened, promiscuously, Pepy's Diary and also Evelyn's Diary. In the former, in letters written in 1687, I found soe, finde, bee, roame, barr, yeares, qualifyde, doe, aske, towne, myne, mee, behalfe, and myselfe, all which words were on two pages of the book where I opened; and Evelyn wrote in 1688the subject was the king's trouble with the bishops-and here are his specimens of spelling: addresse, heare, "signed in forme," returne, "The injoyning his ministers," greate baile, "Citty of Lima," &c. If then great scholars and visitors of His Majesty's Drawing-room spelled that way in 1688, why must our Masonic MS. have been written before 1686? And I have here Sloane's MS. 3329, which the Rev. Brother Woodford admits may have been written in 1715, which contains similar spelling. But that is not all. In the petition presented to Henry Price in 1733, and I have no doubt that it was written in 1733, may also be seen soe, att, &c.; and the petition from Portsmouth, N.H., 1736, to Price begins with "WEE." even the extracts given by Bro Schultz from a M-d Lodge record of 1765 contains similar spelling. then, spelling is no criterion for fixing the date of our MS. to 1686.

It is my opinion that the said MS. was written between the latter part of the seventeenth century and 1717-pro-No. 6 of the Masonic Truth, 1883, I quoted therefrom a new bably near 1710. My reason for supposing it to have been written in the eighteenth century, is: first, the newpaper, No. 23, 1884 (7th April), I showed that the fashioned oath in it; and second, it is the only MS. as far Roberts MS. was copied from the Harleian, but with the as I know (except Roberts' MS.) that mentions "Wardens" addition of one regulation and a date. This Harleian MS. and refers to the presiding officer as "Master"; thus the

"That for the future the sayd Society, Company, & shall think fit to chose, at every yearely general

Assembly."

The Antiquity, the Alnwicke, the York, and the Scarborough MSS. are respectively dated 1688, 1701, 1704, and 1705. If, therefore, the Harleian MS. was written before 1686, the later MSS. would probably have copied its innovations; but, with the exception of Roberts' MS.. which contains but one archaism, they are all minus of the new oath, &c. Our MS. seems, therefore, to have been a later production.

It is a curious fact that in no old MS., including the old part of the Harleian MS. under consideration, is the presiding officer indicated by any other title than "Senioribus," meaning Elder or Alderman. In Scotland,

provided for the election of a Master and Wardens. The New Regulations in our Harleian MS, also ordained the election of a Master and Wardens. It is not improbable that the compiler of the Harleian MS. may have derived the innovation of the titles for the Lodge Officers from some Alnwicke Brethren. Now this Alnwicke Lodge continued an old-fashioned operative Lodge from 1701, at least, till 1757. In the (London) Freemason of 1871, pp 35 and 36, Bro. Hughan has furnished extracts from the said record embracing those dates. He could not learn from the said record whether non-operatives were admitted into the said Lodge. The said record begins with the old style ritual, and neither degrees nor Grand Master are indicated either in the record or in the ritual. Here, then, we have positive evidence that operative Lodges could have adopted the titles of Master and Wardens for their officers without dreaming of "speculative Masonry," or of having a Grand Master or Grand Lodge. I will here add that the word "Senioribus" in the old MS. is in a Latin paragraph. In the Alnwicke MS. (as well as in some others) the said paragraph is in English, and reads as follows:

"Then shall one of the most ancient of them all hold a Book, that he or they may lay his or their hand or hands upon the said Book, and these precepts following ought to

After which the above laws or charges were recited by the Master, which wound up with "So help your God," &c. In the above extract Senioribus is translated "one of the most ancient of them," but in another MS. it is "one of the elders." I must further add that "Master, Fellow and Apprentice" are mentioned in all the MSS.; but these words refer to an employer, journeyman, and one who is serving his time to learn the trade. But as to such phrases or terms as Grand Master or Masonic Degrees, the old MSS. and records never allude to them.

The permanence of the Alnwicke Lodge for many years, both before and after 1717, the numerous Lodges in Scotland, which existed for centuries before 1717, proves conclusively that originally Lodges had permanent existence. Nor does the first of the "New Regulations" prove that 1646. Bro. Ryland has shown that another non-operative was made a Mason even before Ashmole. And in Bro. Lyon's "History," page 51, I find that a non-operative was the Warden or Master of the Edinburgh Lodge in the year 1600; but neither themselves, nor any one else, styled those non-operatives by the term "Speculatives." This title is of very recent origin, and unless it is proved that non-operatives in those days speculated, that phrase or term should be discarded from Masonic nomenclature.

But, reasons Bro. Drummond, the old regulations and old charges were not made in 1721, but were only then collected, and of course they must have been printed verbatim et literatim. These printed old regulations mention the office of Grand Master as a long established title for the head of the Masonic fraternity; and unless the old charges and old regulations contained Constitutions of 1723 are frauds, why, then, Grand Masters must have existed before 1717.

Now forty years ago such method of reasoning would have passed unchallenged and uncriticised; then no one supposed it possible for a Masonic author to be guilty of writing a falsehood; but I found out since that Masonic writers are unreliable. Why!—are not the writings of Oliver, Mackey, Moore, and others filled with falsehoods?

\* Mr. Bloomfield, to whom I have already referred, writing about the guilds in the middle ages, says: "Divers of the nobility, bishops and other eminent persons, thought it no dishonour to be admitted into them, which admission was sued for with great reverence, and an oath was taken to be good and true to the masters of the guild and to all the brethren." (Bloomfield's "History of Norfolk," Vol. III., page 494. Lynn, 1769.)

or Deacon. Bloomfield, in his "History of Norfolk," says: Is not the solemn promise of our W. Masters, "on the "The old guilds styled their officers either Custus, word and honour of a gentleman and Mason," a mere Alderman, Master or Warden." The English Masons farce? Is not Templarism, and scores of other high seem to have styled their officer Elder or "Alderman" up degrees, all based on fiction, shamelessly patronised and to the formation of the Grand Lodge, but with two promulgated by the highest Masonic dignitaries of the exceptions. In the Alnwicke record of 1701, the laws land? And instead of our pious clerical brethren rebuking and censuring these deviations from truth and justice, do they not either view them with apathy or defend them with Jesuitical sophistry? Again, it is a wellknown fact that most of our Masonic editors will cheerfully publish communications about the Masonry of Adam, Nimrod, Noah and Co., while they are averse to publish anything which tends to undermine Masonic humbuggeries. Here, then, are sufficient proofs that Masonic writers can be guilty of writing falsehood; and, on the other hand, I know that Anderson deliberately altered the date to the New Regulations, which he copied from Roberts' MS., changing the "Eighth Day of December" into "St. John's Day, 27th December." He also Grand Mastered Moses, Julius Cæsar, Herod the Great, and many others, without giving any authority for the same. Why, then, could not Anderson also have exaggerated the antiquity of English Masonic Grand Masters?

Again, there are now more Masonic MSS. collected than Anderson ever saw, and I have compared many of these with Anderson's so-called "Old Regulations" and "Ancient Charges," and in the whole thirty-nine regulations in Anderson's Constitutions I found but one item that was derived from the old MSS., viz., The Thirty-ninth Regulation contains an old law that apprentices should vote at the annual election of officers, and all the previous thirty-eight Regulations were new in 1723. And I also found that the second and fifth of Anderson's Charges are indicated in the old MS., but the remainder of the said Charges were also new in 1723. Taking, therefore, these facts into consideration, I feel justified in rendering my verdict against Bro. Drummond's conclusions, though they are endorsed by the editor of the Freemason's Repository.—Masonic Truth.

Colonel Sir Archibald Campbell Campbell, Bart., of Blythswood, elected Grand Master Mason of Scotland on 1st inst., is the son of the late Archibald Douglas, of Mains, county Dumbarton (who in 1838 assumed the name and arms of Campbell, on the death of Major Archibald Campbell, of Blythswood, M.P.) He was born 27th of February 1837, and served in the Scots Guards in the when the Harleian MS. was written "the speculative Crimea, where he was severely wounded; he also served element was very large." There is, however, no doubt that in Canada. He contested Paisley in 1868, as a Conservative, non-operatives were admitted in the middle ages into all unsuccessfully, but was returned as a member for Renfrew kinds of guilds.\* The London Tailors claimed that seven county in 1873. In 1874 and 1880 he again contested the English Kings, from Richard II. to James I., were same county, but was unsuccessful. He married, in 1864, members of their guild. In 1607 King James was a Cord- Augusta Clementina, daughter of Robert John, second wainer, and his son Prince Henry and a host of courtiers Lord Carrington. He is Provincial Grand Master of Ren-then joined the Tailors' guild. Ashmole was Masonized in frewshire East, and is Vice Lieutenant and Convenor for the co. Renfrew; also Colonel of 4th Batt. Argyll and Sutherland Militia. The estate of Mains has been in the family since 1373, and that of Blythswood since 1647.

> The annual dinner of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement took place at Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, the 28th ult. The event was, as usual, preceded by a meeting at which the sections of the first lecture were worked, and the brethren present had an opportunity of witnessing the admirable manner in which the Emulation working is carried out. At the dinner, or supper, which followed, the chair was taken by Brother Philbrick, Q.C., G. Registrar, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

> A convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday evening. Comps. Gregory M.E.Z., Knight H., Hubbard J., Sheffield S.E., Strugnell S.N., Radcliffe P.S. The respective offices were well represented, and the ceremony of exaltation was ably conducted. Comp. T. C. Edmonds ably fulfilled the duties of Preceptor.

> Worshipful Brother James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has accepted the invitation of the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, to deliver his Lecture, "Knobs and Excrescences, explanatory of the rituals and ceremonials of the First Degree," at the Collegiate School, Worple Road, opposite the Wimbledon Station, Wimbledon, on Thursday evening, 15th January next. The attendance of brethren from surrounding Lodges will be welcomed.

## Obituary.

WE hurriedly referred last week to the grievous loss sustained by the Craft through the death of Col. Creaton Past G. Treasurer, and now it is our painful duty to chronicle the loss of yet another distinguished Freemason-Bro. H. C. Levander P.G.D.—whose demise took place on Thursday, the 4th instant. Bro. Levander had been a member of our Society for thirty years, and had earned a high reputation, both in the Provinces and London, as one of the ablest exponents of our mysteries, as well as one of the most learned in all matters relating to the ritual and ceremonics of the Craft. Bro. Levander was initiated in Economy Lodge, No. 76, Winchester, in November 1854. and since then he had taken an active part in every branch of Freemasonry, whether Craft, Arch, Mark, Cryptic, or High Grade Masonry. He had essayed all, and in all had achieved distinction, the highest bestowed upon him being that of a Grand Deacon of the United Grand Lodge of England. It will be difficult to find a brother who will be able as well as willing to undertake the many responsible duties which Bro. Levander had borne so cheerfully for many years, but especially will his death be felt by the brethren and Companions of the Province of Middlesex, among whom his chief labours had been carried out.

Nor is this, unfortunately, the only loss we have to report in the present number. Brother Southwood, P.M. and Secretary of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, and P.Z. of the Chapter, died suddenly on Sunday last, and there have likewise passed away Bro. John Bellerby, a P.G. Steward, Bausor, Bro. H. Sarel Cooper P.M. 228, Bro. H. Tucker, and Bro. James Linscott of the Earl of Carnaryon Lodge, No. 1642. All these brethren had played their part well in Masonry, and they will be regretted, not only by their friends and relations, but likewise by the more extended acquaintance they enjoyed in Masonic circles. We offer our sympathy to the friends and families of all our deceased brethren.

## REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

During the year 1883. Philadelphia: Masonic Publishing Com-

This is a voluminous abstract of some 280 pages, the bulk of it containing the Report of the Committee on Correspondence. The contents are interesting, but there is not much in the records of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge which will claim the attention of other than our Pennsylvanian brethren. Possibly the proposal which will be regarded as among the most important of those submitted to the Grand Lodge was one for the establishment of a Home for Aged and Indigent Brethren, or in other words a kind of Male Benevolent Institution such as we have in this country. As regards this, it is almost needless to say that the Grand Lodge expressed its unqualified approval, but it considered that the responsibility of initiating and carrying out such a movement should be left to the enterprise of individual brothren. As regards the numerical strength of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction it appears there are, or rather were, at the beginning of last year, 382 Lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge, and an aggregate membership of 35,829. The financial condition appears to be satisfactory, the Receipts, including the Balance brought forward, amounting to close on 168,000 dollars, and the expenses to nearly 157,900 dollars, leaving a balance to the good of over 10,000 dollars or £2,000. The Receipts for the current year are estimated at 127,000 dollars, including balance from 1883, and the Expenditure at 122,000 dollars, leaving a balance of about 5,000 dollars (£1,000) on the right side of the account. The Grand Lodge Charity Fund shows Receipts 5,175 dollars, and disbursed in relief 3,500 dollars, the total invested funds amounting to 70,500 dols. The Stephen Girard Charity Fund appears to be in an equally satisfactory condition. It is hardly necessary to mention that the question of Grand Lodge jurisdiction crops up in the Foreign Correspondence in connection with the G. Lodge of Quebec, and that the views of the Committee thereon do not agree with the views we have reiterated in this journal.

Information for the Members of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and for all regular Master Masons who are desirous of connecting themselves with the Scottish Rite. Respectfully submitted. New York: Printed by Edward O. Jenkins Sons, 20 North William-

This is a pamphlet dealing with controversial matters written by Bro. Robert B. Folger, M.D., in defence of the position taken by him

purpose best by commending his work to the notice of those among our readers who are more particularly interested in matters of this description. We may state that Bro. Folger writes clearly, as he writes strongly, the device on his banner being manifestly "Dieu et mon Droit"—which for once in our lives we shall take the liberty of rendering into "God and my Rite." Our sympathies are entirely with those who may be anxious to study the question discussed in these pages, with a view at arriving at a clear understanding of its numerous pros and cons.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

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

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

### MASONIC MENDICANCY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, —The fate of Bro. James Stevens's motion will have been settled before this can be inserted in the columns of your valuable journal, and Grand Lodge, at the instance of that brother, may or it may not have thought it expedient to entrust the Board of General Purposes with the duty of devising "the best means for the prevention of the continued impositions practised upon Metropolitan and Provincial Lodges by Mendicant Freemasons." In any case, it appears to me that the course suggested by Bro. Stevens very much resembles that of employing a Nasmyth's hammer to crack a nut. I may, of course, be wrong, but I have not noticed, during the whole of the recent correspondence on the subject, more than one case of mendicancy mentioned by the several writers. I dare say there are other cases frequently occurring. It is not improbable they occasionally put the judgment of our Lodge Almoners to a sharp test, and still more probable that the Lodges and the Almoners are sometimes imposed upon. But to judge from the solemnity of Bro. Stevens's utterances, I feel almost tempted to suppose that one half of our Fraternity in England does little or nothing else than go tramping about the country for the express purpose of—to use a somewhat vulgar expression—taking in the other half; and, furthermore, that the latter are such a set of moodles as to be incapable of protecting themselves from the imposition of the former without the intervention of Grand Lodge. As a matter of fact, I presume that among the thousands and thousands of Masons in England there may be perhaps some two or three score cases of disreputable mendicancy in the course of a twelvemonth. It is desirable that Lodges and brethren, if they have no discretion of their own to exercise, should be put on their guard against the un-seemly practices of professional Masonic tramps; but is there no other way of preventing fools and their money from being parted than that proposed by Bro. Stevens? Surely there must be some plan devisable for administering relief to the worthy and withholding it from the unworthy without gravely inviting Grand Lodge to prepare a code of regulations for the observance of Lodges and members in all cases of doubt and difficulty. We are not children that we cannot repress a few trumpery scandals without grandmotherly help.

I may have seriously under-estimated the extent to which Masonic Mendicancy prevails, and the instance which has been lately the subject of correspondence in the Masonic press may only be one out of very many. But even in that case it strikes me as being very undignified to bother Grand Lodge in a matter we should be able to cope with successfully without its intervention. If we cannot deal with this evil unaided by the authorities, then I think we deserve to be victimised.

Fraternally yours,

"ONCE BIT TWICE SHY."

The regular Committee of the Girls' School was held on 27th ultimo, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Robert Grey, Patron, P.G.D. Five petitions were also accepted, as were those of the two girls recommended for admission on the new purchase system by the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institute, which had been examined since the previous meeting and found in order. while one petition was deferred. The resignation of Miss Barron, one of the Governesses, was announced, and a notice of motion was given for the increases of salary thereby rendered necessary, while it was also proposed to move, at the Quarterly Court, that Miss Barron's services to the School should be recognised by a gratuity of £25. It is almost needless to say that the illness of Colonel Creaton was referred to, the Chairman expressing himself very feelingly, and trusting that the life of that brother might be preserved, and that he might speedily be restored to health. and once again able to resume attendance at their meetings. Our sad record of last week shows that this wish has unfortunately not been realised.

FUNERALS.-Bros. W. K. L. & G. A. HUTTON, Coffin Makers and Undertakers, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C in connection with this Rite. We think we shall serve the author's and 30 Forest Hill Road, Peckham Rye, S.E

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

### WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE, No. 766.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, 27th ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel, when the following Officers were present: -- Bros. W. J. Collens W.M., A. LeGrand S.W., J. H. Brookes J.W., Wm Jerrett Miller P.M. Treas., Wm. Worrell P.M. Sec., A. C. Rees S.D., C. Boy J.D., W. J. Heath I.G., W. F. Smart P.M., E. Kidman P.M. Steward, C. Cutmore P.M. G. Newman P.M., A. Brann P.M., W. Johnston Assistant Steward. The usual business of the installation was performed in a very pleasing manner by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. J. Collens, he placing Bro. Alfred LeGrand in the Chair of King Solomon. business of the day comprised the confirmation of the minutes, the receipt of the Auditors' Report, the raising of Bro. Harker, the passing of Bros. Price and Crawford and the customary appointment of Officers for the cusning year. At the banquet which followed, the newly installed W.M. was well supported by the Past Masters, the brethren, and the following visitors: -Bros. Henry Garrod A.G.P., L. Ferguson 1997, D. Jones 1586, J. Peckett J.W. 256, J. A. Robson W.M. 1445, H. Goodwin, J. L. Apsey I.G. 534, J. C. Innes W.M. 795, H. Von Joel W.M. 957, &c. At the conclusion of the repast grace was sung and then the W.M. gave the first toast-that of the Queen and the Craft. The next business was of a somewhat novel characters and was a matter which might well be copied by other Lodges. It consisted in putting up the contents of the Charity box to auction. Bro. Newman P.M. efficiently acted as salesman, and in introducing "the desirable property" to the notice of the members, remarked that the sale was a time-honoured institution in the William Preston Lodge, which he thought created a little amusement, added to the fund available for the cause of Charity, and gave every brother an opportunity of extending his liberality beyond the amount he had already contributed. The idea originated in the William Preston Lodge, and was a good one worthy of imitation in others. The modus operandi was simplicity itself. There was the Charity box, and it would be "knocked down" to the highest bidder. The fortunate brother who secured it would have the privilege of recouping himself the amount of his expenditure from the contents if he could-and any balance would be added to the purchase money, which was intended to benefit the Charity Fund of the Lodge. ample scope for speculation, as the contents might far exceed the highest bid, when the brother who succeeded in securing the "lot' would have the gratification of knowing there was a large surplus to swell his munificence. On the other hand if the contents fell short of the bid, well, there would then be the gratifying feeling that the collection made had been increased by the difference. operation seemed to be somewhat in favour of the Fund, but all was fair in the cause of "Charity." The bids soon reached forty shillings and then a little friendly rivalry took place, three members vieing with each other until 53/- was reached, at which price the contents found a purchaser. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Grand Officers, expressing the pleasure he and the members felt in being honoured by the presence of a member of that body, in the person of Bro. Henry Garrod, Assist. G. Purs. Bro. Garrod had much pleasure in returning thanks. Since his last visit to the Lodge he had had the honour of the purple conferred on him, a compliment he fully appreciated. The working of the Grand Officers reflected credit on them as a body. While the very large attendance of Past Grand Officers at the regular meetings of Grand Lodge proved that their interest in the Craft did not stop at the close of their term of office. Bro. Collens I.P.M. then assumed the gavel. They had that evening installed into the Chair a Worshipful Master who, from the way in which he had performed the duties leading up to the position, gave every promise of accomplishing the work of Master to the satisfaction of them all. He felt sure that at the close of his year of Office there would be no question as to the way in which he had managed the affairs of the Lodge. Bro. Collens felt sure the brethren would unite with him in wishing Bro. LeGrand a very successful and prosperous term of office, hoping that when he had to retire he would do so with the thanks and hearty good wishes of every member of the Lodge. The W.M. tendered his thanks. He had undertaken the responsibilities of the office he then held with great diffidence, as he had feared his business engagements would prevent his giving as much attention to it as he should desire. Having, however, put his hand to the plough he should do his best to carry out his duties to their satisfaction and for the benefit of the Lodge. He could only hope for the assistance of the brethren. It would be his endeavour to promote that True Friendship which should at all times actuate Freemasons. He hoped especially to have the support of the Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge. He looked forward with pleasurable anticipation to receiving several initiates during office, and hoped that any who were proposed would prove to have been well selected-not drags on the Order, but true ornaments of which they might be proud. It was a duty-a most pleasing dutywhich he had now to perform. It was to give expression to the resolution passed in Lodge, to present to the retiring W.M. a Past Master's jewel. Bro. Collens had been a most efficient Master, and if he (the W.M.) could only carry out the work of the Lodge during his year of office in anything approaching a similar manner he should feel very gratified. Bro. Collens tendered his thanks, both for the jewel the brethren had been pleased to present him with and for the reception they had always accorded him. It had afforded him great pleasure to do what he had done in discharge of his duties in the chair. He had been materially assisted in this respect by the Officers and members, and again he desired to thank them. The toast of the Visitors followed, and was acknowledged by Bros. Robson and Innes. The Past Masters were next honoured, the Master reiterating the sentiment of his predecessors in regard to the ability of those who in years gone by had occupied the position he then had the

honour to fill. Bro. Miller Treasurer responded. The Past Masters one and all endeavour to render Masoury in the William Preston Lodge as happy, as comfortable, and as pleasing as it is possible to make it. To the teast of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bro. Worrell suitably responded, and then the Tyler was summoned to give the closing teast. We can but congratulate the Lodge on its continued prosperity, and on its prospects for the future. The banners of the Past Masters, which in this Lodge are always displayed, form, as we have before said, one of the most pleasing effects it is possible to imagine. It is certainly to be regretted that this custom is not more general in our Lodges.

### CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

THE annual installation meeting of this popular Lodge was held at the Regent Masonic Hall, Café Royal, Regent-street, on the 27th ult. There was a numerous gathering of Officers and brethren, in whose presence Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient formalities about five o'clock, under the presidency of the Master, Bro. Thomas W. Eastgate, who was supported by Bros. Jones W.M. elect S.W., Lee J.W., Hammond Treasurer, Shaw Secretary, Smith S.D., Hill J.D., Hoare Organist, Cox I.G., Brander Steward, and a number of other members of the Lodge. Amongst the visitors, of whom there over fifty present, were Bos. Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain of England, Carrick P.P.G. Sussex, F. Sengar Hunt J.W. 1304 and 2030, and a large number of the Masters and Officers of sister Lodges. After the transaction of some routine business, the Auditor's Report and balance-sheet, which showed the Lodge Benevolent Fund to be in an eminently satisfactory position were submitted and approved. candidates, Messrs. P. Philpott and Henry Price, were ballotted for and initiated, and Bro. Ashby was passed to the second degree. these ceremonies were performed with regularity and precision by the retiring Master, assisted by his Officers. Bro. Jones was then presented for the benefit of installation, a Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, that impressive rite was duly solemnised by the retiring Master. On the re-relatission of the brethren, the newlyinstalled Master was saluted with the customary honours, after which he proceeded to invest his Officers for the year as follows:—Bros. Eastgate I.P.M., Lee S.W., Smith J.W., Hammond P.M. Treasurer, Shand Secretary, Hill S.D., Cox J.D., Hoare P.M. Organist, Durant I.G., Bradner D.C., Higgins W.S., Filher Assistant W.S., Potter Tyler. The Secretary read letters of apology for unavoidable nonattendance from Sir F. Burdett Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex and Surrey, W. Burdett-Coutts, Master of the Abbey Lodge, and other brethren. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the company sat down to banquet, under the presidency of the newly-installed Master, who, after dessert, proposed the Loyal toasts, referring to Queen as Patron of the Craft, and to the Prince Wales as G.M. of Engiand, who was thoroughly devoted to the interests of Masonry. In responding for the Grand Officers Present and Past, the Rev. R. J. Sampson Past Grand Chaplain, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be a member of the old Westminster and Keystone Lodge, and of the new and rising Abbey Lodge of which he had the honour to be the Chaplain. Without attempting a speech, he took this opportunity of saying that at the present time Freemasonry was becoming a subject of discussion to a very considerable extent—so much so, that that day he saw a red, flaming newspaper "contents sheet" the line, Freemasonry saved me. Let them not for a moment imagine he had any commission on that advertisement, for he never had the honour of seeing the paper in question. But these words were significant, apart from any touting for a newspaper. He knew of an eminent citizen in London who for a long period was held in considerable doubt upon his religious convictions, and as to what course be should pursue, when his attention was arrested by a study of the principles and teachings of Freemasonry, and he became a different man. He When we came to consider that superwas saved by Freemasonry. stition and atheism stood like Scylla and Charybdis on either side of them, it was a happy thing to be able to steer their bark clear from the troubled world in so good a ship as Freemasonry. Moreover, there was nothing that brought out the domestic affections, beautiful that was high, and lofty, and in more than Freemasonry; nothing that led to to the State; that taught men not thorough loyalty be parrow-minded, but to extend their charity to all around them. Therefore, they ought to consider it an honour and privilege to belong to the Order. It was pleasing also to think that their charity was not merely confined to the Craft, but extended to thousands in the outer world. Only that day two gentlemen and he (the speaker) made an attack upon the City of London, as trustees of the Rowland Hill Benevolent Fund, on behalf of the widows and orphans of lettercarriers, of whom they were no fewer than 23,000 in the country. In two hours they received promises for £1,100. The first firm they went to was Jewish, and the second Christian, and from each they got £250. He mentioned this to show that the principle of charity, which was one of the cardinal points of Freemasonry, was thoroughly upheld in the City of London. The health of the newly-installed Master was then proposed by Bro. Eastgate I.P.M. The brethren had had ample opportunities during the past of judging of the capabilities of their new Master. He had discharged his duties in each of the offices to which he had been appointed in a most satisfactory manner, and would no doubt add lustre to his reputation during the coming year. It was five years since he had been initiated in the Lodge, and during that time he had gained the respect and esteem of the brethren. The W.M. tendered his thanks. He would do his utmost for the welfare of the City of Westminster Lodge and the comfort of its members. He then proposed the health of his predecessor in the chair and installing Officer of that day. After eulogising the services of Bro. Eastgate had rendered to the Lodge, he asked that brother's acceptance of a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, which had been voted him by the brethren, "in

recognition of the able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair." In fastening the jewel to the breast of the Immediate Past Master he wished him health, happiness and long life to enjoy the esteem and affection of all by whom he surrounded. Bro. Eastgate suitably acknowledged the and the kindly expressions which had accompanied it. then gave the toast of the Initiates. By the attention they had paid to the ceremony, he felt they would not only be a credit to the Lodge, but also to the Craft in general. The Initiates in brief but appropriate terms responded to the toast. The W.M. then said he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the Officers and members of the Abbey Lodge, and felt honoured by the presence of all but the W.M., whose absense they regretted. They had, however, good representatives in the I.P.M., Wardens, and brethren. The City of Westminster Lodge had signed the petition for the Lodge, and was proud of it. The W.M. hoped that the good feeling betweed them might long continue; he called on the I.P.M., Bro. Spink, the Senior and Junior Wardens, to respond. Bro. Spink I.P.M. said he felt it an especial honour to respond to the toast, and regretted the absence of the W.M. It was rare that members of one Lodge invited those of another Lodge to see their working and receive their hospitality. The working of the I.P.M. and the W.M. of the City of Westminster Lodge wes something to emulate. Bro. W. H. Baker J.W., Abbey Lodge, and said he had been authorised by his W.M. (Bro. Burdett-Coutts) to say public duty called him away that day. On a future occasion he hoped to ask them to the Abbey Lodge. Bro. Seager Hunt J.W. in a very eloquent speech followed, and hoped that the future of the City of Westminster Lodge might be one of prosperity. The toast of the Visitors was given, Bros. Draper P.M. 1305 and Carrick responding. The toast of the P.M. followed, the W.M. speaking of the assistance they had rendered to the Lodge. He coupled with the toast the health of the Treasurer, Bro. J. Hammond P.M., and the Secretary, Bro. J. E. Shaud P.M., whose knowledge of the duties of their respective offices could not be equalled. Bro. Phillips in a very humonrous and eloquent speech replied, followed by Bros. Hammond and Shand. The latter felt proud to see the members of Abbey Lodge present. The toast of the Wardens and other Officers. and the Tyler's toast, concluded a very delightful and harmonious evening.

### EBORACUM CHAPTER, No. 1616.

THE regular meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday night, a the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York, when the following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Comps. Simpson Z., Millington H., Whytehead P.Z. J., Turner Treasurer, Kay S.E., Blenkin S.N., Brown P.S., Turner and Lackenby Auditors. The installation meeting will be held in February.

The testimonial which, as our readers are aware, has been raised during the current year for the purpose of testifying to the valuable services rendered by Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.D. in the cause of Masonic literature was presented to that brother on Wednesday, shortly before the time appointed for the meeting of Grand Lodge. It was thought advisable that a luncheon should be served to those invited to take part in the interesting event, and this over, Brother Sir. J. B. Monckton, who occupied the chair, rose and delivered a speech in every way appropriate to the occasion. Brother Monckton speke warmly of the literary labours of Bro. Hughan, and the immense advantage which must result therefrom to the Craft generally. He also laid stress on the admirable manner in which Bro. Hughan had discharged the ordinary duties of a Mason, his services to the cause of charity, and the distinctions which had been so worthily conferred upon him in his Province as well as by Grand Lodge. He then handed to Bro. Hughan a purse containing cheque for the full sum contributed, namely £364, Brother George Kenning, Treasurer of the Testimonial fund, having generously foregone all idea of saddling it with the usual necessary expenses. The purse was accompanied by a handsome writing table, and Brother Monckton having expressed the pleasure he felt at having been chosen as the medium for presenting these evidences of the Craft's respect and esteem, Brother Hughan briefly, but cordially, returned his acknowledgments, and the meeting separated.

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The following twelve Past Masters were, on Wednesday. elected by Grand Lodge to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the ensuing year:—

Brother GEORGE POLE BRITTEN	Lodge 183
JOSEPH CLEVER	171
THOMAS CULL	1416
CHARLES DAIRY	141
GEORGE P. GILLARD	657
CHARLES F. HOGARD	205
WILLIAM MANN	186
WILLIAM H. PERRYMAN	3
GEORGE READ	511
FRANCIS R. SPAULL	1768
EDWARD FRANCIS STORE	22
ROBERT J. TAYLOR	144

We understand that a testimonial, consisting of an illuminated address, in massive gilt frame, is shortly to be presented to Bro. Charles Hunt, by his friends and colleagues on the staff of the City Press, of which journal he was subeditor for upwards of twenty-five years. The address is presented as a mark of esteem and respect, and regret at Bro. Hunt's severance from a connection which he has so long and praiseworthily held in journalism in the City of London.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—A meeting was held on Saturday, 29th ult., at the Hampshire Hog Hotel, Hammersmith. Present—Brothers W. F. Williams W.M., George Gardner S.W., A. Williams J.W., A. H. Strong Sec., A. Craggs S.D., J. Davies J.D., H. Furze Steward, V. Wing I.G.; Past Masters Bros. W. Mann P.Z., A. Ayling Preceptor, W. Hopkins, Smither, Sims, Shatter, Botley, Brown, Pidcock; Visitors—Brothers Cubitt and W. Williams. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Sims candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair, and the Preceptor rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Williams candidate. On the W.M. resuming, Bro. G. Gardner was elected to preside at the next meeting. This was the first appearance of the Preceptor since hi illness; he returned thanks for the letter of sympathy sent him. Lodge was then closed. The brethren spent a very enjoyable hour together in harmony, Bro. Smither officiating at the piano. We may add that these gatherings tend to increase the attendance at this rising and successful young Lodge of Instruction.

### THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the Members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, at the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., on Monday, 15th of December, at 6:30 precisely. Bros. Elvin S.W. 538 W.M., Hemming I.G. 1287 S.W., Ager W.S. 957 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Thom, Saunders, Frascr, Scurrah, Davies, Sillis, and Smith. Second Lecture—Bros. Smith, McKay, Hemming Ager, and Day. Third Lecture—Bros. Knight, Edmonds, and Emblin. Bro. Stiles W.M. 1744 P.M. 1507, &c. Preceptor; Bro. Storr W.M. 167 Secretary.

The following Festivals took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, for the week ending Saturday, 6th December:—

Monday—Scottish Corporation, Robert Burns Lodge, Lodge of Unlons, Regularity Chapter, Lodge of Joppa, Caxton Lodge. Tuesday—Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, Royal York Lodge, Old Concord Lodge, Albion Lodge. Wednesday—Grand Officers' Mess. Thursday—Westminster and Keystone Lodge, St. Andrew's Lodge, St. James's Chapter, Victoria Rifles Lodge, Lodge, La Tolerance. Friday—City Swiss Club, Royal Kensington Lodge, British Chapter, Thistle Lodge.

## MASONIC LECTURE. "KNOBS AND EXCRESCENCES."

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## THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

OF THIS INSTITUTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON

WEDNESDAY, 25th FEBRUARY 1885,

FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON,

UPON WHICH OCCASION The Rt. Hon. Sir MICHAEL E. HICKS BEACH, Bart. M.P.

R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE,

has been pleased to signify his intention of presiding.

Brethren are ear jestly invited to accept the Office of Steward upon this occision, and they will greatly oblige by for anding their Names and Masonic Bank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any aformation required.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies. Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which are much needed.

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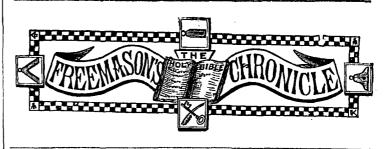
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### MARK GRAND LODGE.

THE Winter Half-Yearly Communication of the Grand
Lodge of Mark Master Master Market Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, the 2nd instant. The throne was occupied by the Earl of Kintore M.W.G.M.M., and there was a large gathering of the members of Grand Lodge and the subordinate Lodges. The minutes of the Summer Half-Yearly and Movable Communications having been read and confirmed, the Earl of Kintore announced that in consequence of certain action he had taken in the Supreme Grand Chapter, Scotland, steps were on the eve of being taken which would bring that body into friendly communication with the Mark Grand Lodge, and that there might shortly be expected an interchange of representatives between the two Supreme bodies. Lord Egerton of Tatton having been obligated, invested, and installed as D.G. Master, and having briefly acknowledged the honour, the Report of the General Board was submitted and accepted. From this we learn that the total number of registered advancements to date is 19,387, and that since June last Warrants have been granted for eight new Lodges, making the total now on the roll 345. The total of elevations to the degree of Royal Ark Mariner is 1670, and Warrants for two new Lodges have been granted during the half year. It was also stated that the last Mark Benevolent Fund Festival yielded £832, and that great progress had been made in connection with the Educational Branch of the Fund, there being now twelve Boys and five Girls being educated. The subject of the difference with the Quebec Grand Chapter was as a matter of course mentioned, while as regards the "Dewar Benefit

Fund," it was stated to have reached a total of nearly £340. The financial statement, which was likewise submitted, was of the most satisfactory character. A vote of thanks having been passed to Bro. Hughan for his kindness in presenting to the Library of Mark Grand Lodge his work on the "Origin of the English Rite of Free-masony," that brother briefly acknowledged the compliment, and the Earl of Kintore having been nominated as Grand Master for the ensuing year, Lodge was closed. After a brief intervallit was again opened as a Special Grand Lodge for the purpose of consecrating the Grand Stewards' Lodge, the ceremony being most ably carried out by the Grand Master in person. At its close Bro. C. E. Soppet was installed as W.M., and the appointment and investiture of Officers followed. The customary banquet brought the proceedings to a close.

### ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

### --:0:--PROVINCE OF CHESHIRE.

Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, M.A., held a Provincial Priory, at the Macclesfield Arms Hotel, Special Communication having been taken as read and Macclesfield, on Wednesday, 26th November, under the confirmed, the Report of the District Board of General banner of the St. Salem Preceptory, the following Sir Purposes was presented and approved. Three matters of Knights being present:—The Eminent Sub Prior, Henry Bulley Past Grand Expert of England; Sir Knights F. K. Stevenson Prov. Treasurer, H. Claud Lisle P.G. Registrar, T. S. Pattinson, Arthur C. Meir, T. A. Daniel, G. Bland, W. Astle, Otho N. Shaw, &c. &c. The St. Salem's Preceptory having been opened in due form, the Sir Knights received the Eminent Prior under an Arch of Steel. Letters of apology for non-attendance from several Sir Knights were read, also one from Sir Knight E. G. Simpson, who at the same time tendered his esignation as Provincial Chancellor, which was accepted with regret. Sir Knight Stevenson then read a statement of his accounts, which was duly passed, and on the proporsition of the Eminent Provincial Prior, seconded by Sir Knight Brown, he was duly re-elected as Treasurer. The Eminent Provincial Prior addressed a few words to should be rigidly observed. The Deputy Grand Master the Sir Knights present, and said that he was sorry he next drew attention to the Revised Edition of the Conhad not seen his way to call a meeting of the Provincial stitutions and the local scheme proposed some time Priory last year, but as he heard that the members of the previously for the education of Masons' children. As St. Salem's Preceptory were anxious to receive him this regards the latter he mentioned, as evidence of the apathy year, it gave him great pleasure to comply with their wish, and again to visit the town of Macclesfield. He regretted to say that the Degree in his Province was not in so flourishing a condition as be should wish it to be; but that he supposed the recent depression of trade was to a great extent the cause. He hoped, however, trade would soon improve, and that the Preceptories would be more prosperous, and that future attendances at Provincial Priory would be more numerous than at present. The Eminent Prior then proceeded to appoint his Officers, as follows:-

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Sir Kt. H. Bulley	•••		Eminent Sub Prior
W. Astle	•••	•••	Prelate
F. K. Stevenson			Chancellor
A. E. Cokayne			Constable
W. S. Sutton			Marshal
W. A. Vaughan		•••	Registrar
Otho N. Shaw			Almoner
E. G. Parker	•••		Warden of Regalia
T. A. Daniel	•••		Sub Marshal
George Bland	•••		Vice Chancellor
Captain Meir	•••	***	Captain of the Guards
W. J. Bates			Sword Bearer
Thomas Pattinson	***	•••	Standard Bearer
T. H. Kirk		•••	Organist
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The Eminent Prior said he would call the next meeting of the Provincial Priory, all being well, about the end of May, or beginning of June next, that being considered a more convenient time of the year. Alms having been collected, the Provincial Priory was closed in due form. The Sir Knights adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by the proprietor of the hotel, after which the usual Loyal toasts were given and heartily responded to.

### DEATH.

LEVANDER.—On the 4th inst., at 30 North Villas, Camden Square, N.W., Henry Charles Levander, M.A., F.R.A.S., &c., P.G.D., P.G. Secretary for Middlesex, in his 59th year. The interment will take place at West Hamp-stead Cemetry, on Saturday, 6th inst., at 2 p.m.

## DISTRICT G. LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA.

W. Bro. Cornelius Thorne D.G.M. presided at the IV. Regular Communication of the D.G. Lodge of Northern China, held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Monday, the 22nd September last, when among the D.G. Officers and others present were Bros. J. I. Miller D.D.G.M., Thos. W. Kingsmill P.D.S.G.W. as D.S.G.W., L. Moore P.D.S.G.W., W. C. Howard D.J.G.W., W. H. Short D.G. Treasurer, E. P. Lalcaca D.G. Registrar, C. J. Holliday President D.B. of General Purposes, A. Johnsford D.G. Secretary, J. D. Bishop P.D.S.G.D. as D.S.G.D., R. A. Gubbay D.G. Steward as D.J.G.D., J. M. Cory D.G.S. of Works, John Morris D G.D. of Ceremonies, O. Middleton D.G. Sword Bearer, D. G. Fentum D.G. Organist, John Findlay D.G P., A.M.A. Evans and Alex. P. MacGregor D.G. Stewards, C. Merritt D.G. Tyler, J. Kennard Davis P.D.G.D. of Ceremonies Hongkong, R. W. Astell, O. Rosquest, G. W. Smith, J. H. Osborne, F. Edwards, Rev. F. R. Smith, F. M. Gratton, F. Marshall, A. Gallanders, J. G. Thirkell, A. Olsen, J. L. Hammond, M. H. Cook, THE Very Eminent Provincial Prior of Cheshire, the G. L. Skinner, A. Neubourg, and E. A. von Amblunxen. D.G. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of a interest were mentioned in this Report. In the first place, the D.G. Secretary having prepared lists showing the strength of the different Lodges during the period 1877-83, and the members past and present of the D.G. Lodge, it was determined that similar lists should be compiled annually and submitted at the annual meeting in January or published as an addendum to the minutes of its proceed. ings. It was further resolved that the D.G. Treasurer's statements of account should be presented annually in full instead of in summary, together with a balance sheet of assets and liabilities; and finally it was specially enjoined on the Masters of Lodges to see that clause 189 of the new Book of Constitutions requiring every brother, on presenting himself as a joining member, to produce his G. L. certificate and clearance from his past or present Lodge with which so important a question had been received by the brethren in the District, that though at the last meeting of D.G. Lodge he had invited suggestions from the Craft, not a single response to the invitation had been made, and consequently that, in his opinion, it was needless for any further steps to be taken in the matter. After some discus. sion, however, it was ultimately agreed that the D.G. Secretary should communicate with the Secretaries of the different Lodges so that a Committee consisting of representatives from each might be formed, the District Grand Master's name being added as representative of the District Grand Lodge. Attention was also called to the financial position of the District Grand Lodge, which was declared to be sound, there being, for the first time since its organisation, a balance to the credit of District Grand Lodge. A few remarks on the subject of "Maimed Members" having been offered, the District Grand Master mentioned that he had tendered to His Royal Highness the Grand Master the resignation of his office, which he now held only until an answer to his letter had been received. He also said he had recommended at headquarters that the brethren "should have the opportunity of recommending who they would prefer to rule over them," and that pending their consideration of the matter, the District Grand Lodge should be governed by his Deputy, Bro. J. I. Miller. On this Bro. Miller expressed the regret which he in common with the rest of those present felt at such an announcement, and hoped that as long as Bro. Thorne remained in Shanghai he would continue to be their District Grand Master. They all knew him, and appreciated the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of his high office, and if they could not induce him to remain, he should like the other officers of District Grand Lodge to meet him at an early date "to consider what steps should be taken under such circumstances." In the meantime, they could not allow the meeting to close without expressing their sincere. thanks to Bro. Thorne for what he had done on their

behalf, and their hope that he might long be spared to them as a ruler in the Craft. Bro. Kingsmill having endorsed the suggestions of the Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. Thorne gracefully returned his acknowledgments for their kindness, the business of the meeting was brought to a close, and the brethren separated "in peace, harmony, and brotherly love."

We learn from one of the tabular statements appended to the printed account of these Proceedings that the aggregate membership of the Lodges in the District has increased from 101 in 1877, when the District Grand Lodge was organised under Bro. Thorne, to 154 at the close of 1883, there being at the same time an increase of one in the number of the Lodges.

## SOUTH AFRICAN DIAMOND FIELDS.

## NEW HALL FOR THE CHARLES WARREN LODGE.

A MOST interesting and imposing ceremony took place on 29th October, the occasion being the laying of the foundation or corner-stone of the New Hall to be erected for the Charles Warren Lodge at Beaconsfield. The preparations for this auspicious event in the history of local Freemasonry attracted unusual interest and it was not surprising, therefore, that a large company of ladies and gentlemen assembled in the enclosure round the site of the new building, which is about 100 yards from the Court House, and in the immediate vicinity of the Catholic Church and the Exploration

Company's buildings.

The members of the Charles Warren Lodge met in the Temple of the Peace and Harmony Lodge at Dutoitspan, and there the ceremony of declaring the Lodge in conclave was gone through. At the Court House, whither the members then proceeded, they were joined by the Officers and many members of the Cosmopolitan, Octahedron (Barkly), Richard Giddy, and Athole Lodges. At four o'clock the Lodges marched in procession, with their banners, to the enclosure where their arrival was engerly expected. The Masons, of whom there were a total of 116 present, formed around the three sides of there were a total of 170 present, formed around the three sides of the building, the Officers of the Charles Warren Lodge grouping themselves on the remaining side. They included the following Masons:—Charles Aburrow Worshipful Master, R. H. Blackbeard Immediate Past Master, R. M. Connolly P.M., J. C. Wylie P.M., J. D. Norden P.M., and the Rev. W. T. Ganl Chaplain, the Treasurer Bro. Somerset, and the Secretary. The Senior Warden of the Lodge (Bro. A. S. Woodley), and the Junior Warden (Bro. H. W. Hull) were each stationed with their jewels of office in the opposite corners of the building. The Masters of the other Lodges present were: -Bros. H. I. Campbell Peace and Harmony, S. T. Solomon Cosmopolitan, Du Toit Octahedron, J. D. Foster Richard Giddy, and J. Hampton jun. Athole. A beautiful little miniature model of a corner-stone, in marble, and its lowering apparatus, was placed near the stone which was the raison d'être of the impressive gathering. The banner of the Charles Warren Lodge bears the arms of the founder, Colonel Sir Charles Warren, and underneath the inscription "Leo De Juda Robur est Nostrum." The brotherhood having gathered round the building in the manner above related, the opening hymn was sung. Bro. R. M. Connolly P.M. then addressed a few introductory remarks. The Chaplain read a short lesson from Holy Writ, followed by prayer, and this was succeeded by another hymn. Directed by the Past Master, the Secretary (Bro. E. Withycombe) read the following Scroll, to be placed under the stone together with a number of coins of the realm of the present day :-

IN THE NAME OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

On this, the 29th day of October, A.D. 1881 and A.L. 5884, and in the 48th year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign Victoria by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the Colonies and Dependencies thereof in Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Australasia, QUEEN, Empress of India, Defender of the Faith, His Excellency the Right Hon. Sir George Robert Robinson, a member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Colony of the Cape of Good Hope and South Africa and of the territories and dependencies thereof, and Her Majesty's High Commissioner, &c., &c. The building Committee of the Lodge, as ollows:—Charles Connolly, J. C. Wylie, C. A. Blackbeard, and R. H. Blackbeard, Past Masters; Adam Sedgwick Woolley Senior Warden, Wm. Hull Junior Warden, and E. T. Somerset Treasurer. This stone, cornerstone of the Freemasons' Hall now being erected by the Charles Warren Lodge, No. 1832, under the Constitution of England, was laid in accordance with the ancient practice of the Order by Worshipful Brother R. M. Connolly, Past Master of the Warren Lodge, assisted by the Masters and Officers and members of the Lodges above recited.

### GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

A collection, which gave as a result the sum of £65, was made, and J. C. Wylie P.M. gave a short résumé of the history of the Lodge, which was founded in 1879, since which period 70 Masons have been inaugurated by it. A hymn followed, after which three cheers for Her Majesty the Queen were given, and the band also played the National Anthem. The ceremony over, the different Masters of the Lodges participating in it congratulated their brethren of the Charles

Warren Lodge, the members of which proceeded to the Peace and Harmony Temple to close the Lodge. The Architect of the building is the Senior Warden Bro. Woolley, and the builder Mr. Langford. It will be 53 ft. long by 25 wide and 18 ft. high, with three antercoms to the principle chamber.

## RED CROSS OF ROME AND CON-STANTINE.

### DE LA POLE CONCLAVE, No. 132, HULL.

THIS flourishing and popular Conclave held its annual installation meeting on the 26th ult. Past Sov. Sir Kt. G. Wilson (in the absence of the M.P.S. Sir Knight Gillett through illness) presided. After the muster roll had been called, the minutes of the previous Conclave were read and confirmed. Eminent Sir Knight J. R. Ansdell P. Sovereign assumed the chair. A College of Viceroys was formed, and opened, and Sir Knight Dr. Cooper (who had filled the office of Standard Bearer during the previous year), was presented, consecrated, and invested as Viceroy Eusebius for the ensuing year. Subsequently, a Sanate being called, Eminent Sir Knight A. P. Wilson M.P.S. elect, who bad filled the office of V.E., was enthroned. The M.P.S. afterwards appointed the following Officers:—James R. Ausdell P.S. Senior General, P. C. Whitfield Junior General, T. D. Wing P.S.E. High Prelate, Henry Preston P.S. Treasurer, George S. Highmoor Recorder, James Matthews First Aide de Camp, John Walton D.C., John Chappell Prefect, J. Longley Standard Bearer, T. T. Davis Herald, Charles W. Cheeseman Organist, J. Bindell Sentinel. The Sir Knights afterwards adjourned to the Refectory, and dined together under the presidency of the M.P.S., when the usual Red Cross toasts were given and responded to.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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## CONSECRATION OF THE GALLERY CHAPTER.

MOST interesting Masonic event took place on Saturday afternoon, 29th alt., at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton, on the occasion of the consecration of a new Royal Arch Chapter, to be attached to the Gallery Lodge, which during its three year's existence has attained a success which its most ardent promoters could scarcely have anticipated, as its members are exclusively composed of gentlemen engaged on the London newspaper press. With a view of rendering the original intention more extended and complete, so that the members of the Lodge might have an opportunity of participating in the Supreme Degree of Freemasonry, a petition was presented to the Supreme Grand Chapter for a warrant for a Royal Arch Chapter to be attached to the Gallery Lodge, and this request was at once granted. As above stated, last Saturday was appointed for the consecration, and Comp. Colonel Shadwell Clerke G.S.E. consented to act as the Consecrating Officer, he having performed a similar duty at the consecration of the Gallery Lodge, being assisted by the Eminent Comp. Capt. N. G. Philips as H., Comps. Drysdale as J., and Frank Richardson P.G.A.S. as Director of Ceremonies. Comp. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall P.G.A.S. intended to take part in the ceremony, but was suddenly prevented from doing so by severe indisposition. The three Principals designate in the Warrant of Constitution were Comps. J. Henwood Thomas P.Z. 657 M.E.Z., Henry Massey P.Z. 619 H., Thomas Minstrell 1507 J. There was a goodly number of Royal Arch Mssons present, who had received invitations. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. John Reed. The Companions having assembled in an anteroom, the Principals pro tem and the other Principals Past and Present entered the Chapter-room, and the new Chapter was then formally opened and the rest of the Companions were admitted. The Consecrating Officer having addressed the Companions on the nature of the meeting, S.E. pro tem stated the wishes of the Companions and the steps they had taken with respect to the Chapter. In consequence of the illness of Comp. the Rev. Ambrose Hall, the customary oration was omitted. The usual anthems having been sung and portions of Scripture read, the Consecrating Officer, after observing the usual rites, constituted the Chapter in ancient form, and with the Patriarchal Benediction the ceremony was brought to a close. This was followed by the installation of the Principals, Comps. Thomas M.E.Z., Massey H., and Minstrell J. The following were the other appointments:—Comps. Duckworth S.E., Albury Treasurer, Dr. Griffiths P.S., and John While S.N. The first act of the M.E.Z. was to propose that the thanks of the Chapter should be given to the Consecrating Officers for their valuable services on this occasion, and that they should be elected honorary members of the Chapter, together with Comp. Meredith of the Supreme Chapter of Ireland. Comp. H. Massey H. seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to. Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke and the other Consecrating Officers suitably acknowledged the compliment which had been paid them, each expressing the pleasure which he experienced in rendering any service on this interesting occasion. On the motion of the M.E.Z., it was agreed that the members should form a Committee to draw up a code of Bye-laws for the government of the Chapter. The S.E. then read out a list of eight names of members of the Gallery Lodge, who were candidates for exaltation in the Chapter, and a meeting of emergency was arranged to be held for that purpose. The Chapter was closed and the Companions adjourned to a banquet, after which the usual Royal Arch toasts were given and responded to. The proceedings of the evening were most harmonious, and angured well for the success of the new Chapter in the future.

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

N the evening of Wednesday, 22nd October, there was witnessed in the Freemasons' Hall, Flinders-street, a celebration of great interest and importance to Masons, as well as to other colonists not within the pale of the Mystic Craft. It was the jubilee of South Anstralian Freemasonry, the establishment of which in the practical inauguration of the Friendship Lodge, No. 1, S.A.C., and late 613 and 423 E.C., dates back to 22nd October 1831. It was deemed only right to worthily mark so auspicious an event, and consequently the brethren of the Lodges, with the concurrence of the G.L. Officers, issued invitations to all the prominent brethren living within a reasonable distance to witness a specially brilliant ceremonial on the jubilee night, and to discuss subsequently in the Town Hall a banquet of no common order. These invitations were almost without exception responded to, and the gathering of Officers in their brilliant and varied-coloured regalia, bedight with jewels, was a very

picturesque spectacle. After the Lodge had been opened in the usual form, Bro. Philip Sansom P.M. W.G.S.D. read a long and very interesting sketch, written by himself, of the history of the Friendship Lodge, quoting voluminously from old copies of the Register to amplify points of particular importance in the records of the Lodge. His material was unfortunately somewhat scanty, but out of it he managed to construct a statement which will form a valuable contribution to Masonic history. The warrant for the Lodge was issued under the English Constitution by the Duke of Sussex (Prince Augustus Frederick of Brunswick), on 22nd October 1834. The conscoration was performed at No. 7 John-street, Adelphi, London, amongst those present on that occasion being Bro. R. Doig (uncle to the esteemed P.M. of the same name now in Adelaide). The usual petition for the formation of the Lodge was subscribed to by Bros. J. T. Taylor, G. S. Kingston (the late Sir George), Captain Walter Newton, Col. Leslie Walker, E. G. Hancock, Lieutenant Jackson, and R. Doig. Bros. J. F. Taylor was the first W.M., G. S. Kingston S.W. and Colonel Walker J.W. At the first meeting of the Lodge Sir John Morphett and the late Sir R. D. Hanson were initiated into Masonry, and at the same time Messrs. Thomas Gilbert, Robert Gouger, and Daniel Wakefield, whose names have been perpetuated in the several Adelaide streets. All these gentlemen have had a good deal to do with the social and political history of the colony, and the writer in passing referred to the long public record of Sir John Morphett, beginning in 1843 with the establishment of the Legislative Council, and of Sir R. D. Hanson who occupied various positions in the colony, legislative and otherwise, from 1846 until he became Chief Justice. Brother the Colonial Secretary, had a good deal with the history of the Lodge. Brother Gilbert was Colonial Store. keeper, and temporarily filled the office of Postmaster. Bro. D. Wakefield never came to this colony, but had a creditable record in New Zealand. His brother, E. Gibbon Wakefield, was the originator of the land system bearing his name, and the author of a celebrated work on political economy. The second meeting was held in London, on 2nd March 1835. At that Lodge Bro. A. Hardy, the present member for Albert, was appointed I.G. The next meeting was held in Adelaide, at Black's Assembly Room-the site on which Rosettaterrace now stands-on 11th August 1838. It would thus be seen that this was not the actual jubilee of Freemasonry in South Australiathat would not occur until 11th August 1888-but the jubilee of the South Australian Lodge of Friendship, which was established fifty years ago. At that meeting Bro. P.M. Mildred presided, and there were also present Bros. E. B. Gleeson, Gordon, Allan, and G. Gleeson P.M., Kingston S.W., Beare, Morphett, Gilbert, and Solomon. another meeting Bro. Kingston was installed Master. The subsequent proceedings of the Lodge show as prominent members the late Mr. Charles Mann, Captain Finniss, Mr. W. R. Wigley, Governor Grey, Dr. O'Hea, the late Mr. Wicksteed, Messrs. B. W. Andrews, J. C. Hawker, J. Stilling, F. S. Dutton, D. Moore, Judge Wearing, Sir R. R. Torrens (who was initiated in 1854), Messrs. A. Abrahams, J. H. Parr, Sir R. G. Macdonnell, the late Commissioner of Police, Mr. G. W. D. Beresford, the late Dr. Gosse, the late Mr. W. Townsend, Mr. H. C. Mais, and Mr. John Clark. The room which the Lodge met in for some time is still standing, but it has been turned to the ignominious use of stabling horses. In 1884 the Adelaide Lodge, meeting at Port Adelaide, was formed; eight days afterwards the Lodge of Harmony was consecrated; and ever since accessions to the Masonic ranks have been numerous. In November 1844, a memorial was sent to England requesting the appointment of a Prov. Grand Lodge in South Australia, and recommending Bro. Mildred as Prov. Grand Master. About twelve months afterwards the prayer was granted, but the patent of office took no less than three years and four months in transmission. On 2nd December 1846, Bro. George Coppin, the well-known theatrical manager and present M.W. G.M. of the Victorian Constitution, was elected as a joining brother, and a month later the first Masonic ball was held in Neales'-buildings. September 1850 there was such a scarcity of ladies in the colony that any brother who bought a ticket at 7s 6d for the ball was allowed to bring as many ladies as he liked. In 1854 a fund was raised by South Australian Masons to assist the widows and families of those who might fall in the Crimean War. One part of a Masonic history, marked with a red letter, was a grand Masonic ball held in 1855, for which extraordinary liberal preparations were made. The attendance of the viceregal party on that occasion gave rise to a slight dispute on account of the Committee having decided that only Masons and their eldest sons should be admitted. The Governor of the day, Sir R. D. MacDonnell, was a Mason, but he declined to be present unless his aides-de-camp, who were not Masons, were allowed to attend him. The difficulty was subsequently got over by the appointment of temporary aides-des-camp. One significant entry in the minute book was opposite the names of two intending candidates for initiation—"Candidates for the hot poker." They had a jocular tion—"Candidates for the hot poker." They had a jocular Band for Annual Banquets, Dinners, Excursions and Quadrille Parties. Secretary. In 1861 a notable discussion took place about the Ritual for terms apply to "R. Hirst, The Three Crowns, 237 Mile End Road, E."

in use. Finally the Ritual fixed upon was that known as "the Somerset," which was partially revised and altered. In 1861 Bro. Hardy was appointed P.G.M., still holding that position, although a king without subjects. In October of the same year a Royal Arch Chapter in connection with the Friendship Lodge was appointed, but it soou fell through, though it was considered probable that the warrant would shortly be revived. In the year 1863 one of the brothers discovered an old sea captain in the Adelaide Hospital. The Lodge sent him home, and soon after received a handsome gold chronometer watch as a recognition of its services. The condition made by the donor, a brother of the old captain, was that it might be disposed of in any way that the Lodge thought fit and the proceeds devoted to a benevolent purpose. The watch was subsequently raffled for 100 guineas. Great credit was given to Bro. Percy Wells for his labours for the good of Masonry, and it was mentioned that he was now in England assisting to secure recognition for the South Australian Constitution. Amongst other amusing facts it was mentioned that one Worshipful Master, thinking that the brethren would "relish a sardine after leaving their labours," had invested no less than £40 in this dainty. This meant that 3,200 boxes or 25,600 fish, were purchased. History did not record whether these were used or not. Special note was made of the fact that during Brother Ware's first year of office-from 1881 to 1882-and when Brother Downer was R.W. G.M. the handsome building in which the Masons now meet was crected. The writer graphically described the circumstances which led to the formation of the Grand Lodge, and predicted a career of great usefulness for it. He enlarged upon the advantages of the organisation. During the reading of the paper the vicissitudes of the Lodge were feelingly referred to. It was stated that in 1878, owing to the commercial depression and other causes, it was nearly broken up, there being only twenty-two members on the roll. Now, however, they occupied a position in the Masonic world which they might well be proud of. During its career the Lodge had met in no less than fifteen different buildings, including the present hall. The reading of the paper was listened to with great attention. On the motion of Bro. Solomon P.M., seconded by Bro. Mais, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Sansom for this excellent history of the Lodge. A banquet, which was largely attended, took place in the banquetting-room of the Town Hall. The W.M. (Bro. J. T. McLean) presided, and was supported on his right by the Grand Lodge Officers of the S.A.C., and on his left by the Grand Officers of the I.C. The G.M. (His Honour Chief Justice Way) was absent in the South-Eastern circuit. After justice had been done to the edibles, the Queen and the Craft, and other toasts were honoured.

We understand that a Warrant of Constitution for a new Lodge, to be named the Lodge of the "Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, has been granted by the M.W. the Grand Master. The founders are nine in number, which correspond with that of the five sculptors and the four Officers who, together, make up the group of Christians massacred for their faith in Christianity in the time of Diocletian, and are now commonly described as the "Four Holy" or "Four Crowned Martyrs," and also as the "Quatuor Coronati." The "Four Martyrs," as the generality of our readers will be aware, were the earliest patron Saints of the Masons. The Lodge is designed—at least we are so informed—to serve as a common meeting ground for brethren desirous of promoting the study of Masonic archaeology in its numerous branches. Papers will be read at each meeting of the Lodge, and afterwards printed in the Annual Proceedings. The production of an "Essay" or "Masterpiece," will be an essential preliminary to initiation or joining, and the "intrants," to adopt a Scottish phrase, will be duly provided with "intenders" or instructors. Major General Sir Charles Warren is the W.M. designate, and the absence of this distinguished brother in South Africa will temporarily postpone the ceremony of consecration. Among the petitioners, or "Charter-members," as our American brethren would express it, are Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C., W. J. Hughan P.G.D., R. F. Gould P.G.D., Walter Besant, G. W. Speth, and W. H. Rylands.

"The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Essex 1884.5," is another of those provincial publications which are so useful and desirable to all who have in any way to assist in Masonic journalism, as well as to those who take an interest in Masonic statistics and those who from the frequency of their visits to the Provinces stand in need of some authoritative guide to Lodge and Chapter meetings. The Calendar has been very carefully compiled, and iswell printed and set up. We trust it will be continued yearly, now that it has once been started.

Band for Annual Banquets, Dinners Francisco, an efficient

### 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 Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

## -:0:-SATURDAY, 6th DECEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
188—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement Union, Air-street, Regentest, W., at 9
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill MONDAY, 8th DECEMBER.

1362-Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill 1459—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden 22—Loughborough. Cambria Tavern. Cambria Road, near Loughborough
Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)

29—St. Albans, Albion. Aldersgate-street
46—Strong Man. Excise Tavern. Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.,
90—St. John. Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.,
136—Good Report. Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincority, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street. at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (In st).
222—St. Andrews. 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).

1445—Prince I copold, Printing Works, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)

1489—Margness of Ripon, Pembury Tovern, Amburst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)

1507—Metrorcli'nn, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)

1571—I copold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge

1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)

1603—Killeun, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)

1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)

1625—Tradegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Rivil. (Inst).

1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand

1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)

1895—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley

1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington

R.A. 22—Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street R.A. 22—Mount Sion, Gnildhall Tavern, Gresham-street R.A. 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street R.A. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. R.C. 53—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square R.C. 53—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffleld
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
1724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
277—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
393—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House-Buildings, Barrow-in-949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham

1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1336—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1477—Sir Watkin: Masonic Hall, Mold
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth

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R.A. 362—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 128 Mill Street, Kidderminster
R.A. 379—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 557—Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Queens Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 56—Hugh de Papens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.C. 22—Victoria, Ipswich

TUESDAY, 9th DECEMBER. TUESDAY, 9th DECEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park,
Station, at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8
(Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)

831—Ranelagh, Criterion, W. 840—Dalhousie. Sisters' Tavern. Pownall-road. Dalston at, 8 (Instruction) 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Batterses Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Chamoion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Chamoion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1579—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1579—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1579—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1670—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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1672—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool
1674—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1675—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1676—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1677—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1777—Eleanor, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
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1778—A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
1778—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Tavorn, W.C.
1789—Rocial, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
1780—Wanderers, Hall, Turo R.C. II—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

33—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Ken
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184—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
182—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
184—Staffful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
185—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
185—Reinful, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
1853—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
1863—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
1864—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
1850—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwioh
1866—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
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1862—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
1863—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge 892—Royal Edward, Royal Cak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1314—Acaeia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1515—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute. Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
R.A. 70—St. John'a, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 324—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Stylbridge
R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 510—Stuart, Bedford
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool WEDNESDAY, 10th DECEMBER.

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Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
30—United Mariners'. The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavera, Loadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanlope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Telerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
913—New Concord, Jolly Fariners, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
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862—Whittington, Red Lion, Ponpin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
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1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1284—Finshury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-stroet, Hackney, at 9 (Inst)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hait Hotel, Upper Norwood
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Mar. h. Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gato (Inst.)
1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavorn, Air-street, Rogent-st., at 9 (Instruction)
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 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction) M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
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                    54-Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
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117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrowsbury
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Atheneum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Hamworth

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1084—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Mascnic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1343—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1431—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 3. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
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            THURSDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
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1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1155—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 3. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 3. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion, House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
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1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
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1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
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1897—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 213—Porseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
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1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
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1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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### SATURDAY, 13th DECEMBER.

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108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S. E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
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### YORK LODGE, No. 236.

T the regular meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Dancombe-place, York, on Monday night, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Garbutt, Bros. Draper S.W. was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Todd P.M. P.P.G.R. re-elected, Treasurer, and Calvert re-elected Tyler. The installation and banquet will take place on Monday, the 15th instant.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. Banks W.M., Stringer S.W., J. J. Pitt J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Sec., W. E. Dilley S.D., J. Bedford Williams J.D., Penrose I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Hutchings Preceptor, E. Good; also Bros. Cooper, Jones, Dale, Prior, H. G. Pitt, Dandridge, Emblin, &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jones candidate. Bro. H. G. Pitt answered the usual questions leading to the degree of F.C., and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the second. Bros. Potter, Tullett, Rennie and Bunce, all of the Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, were elected members. Lodge was closed in due form.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday, last. Bro. Little W.M., Brown S.W., Fidler J.W., Egan S.D., Seaman J.D., Hollands I.G., Webb Preceptor, and Millbourne. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiato was rehearsed, Bro. Millbourne candidate. Bro. Seaman answered the questions leading to the second degree for his improvement. Broo. Seaman 193 was elected a member. Bro. Brown was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, 1st instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Brothers Western W.M., Rhodes S.W., Brock J.W., Collingridge Sec., Huck S.D., Baines J.D., Trewinnard Preceptor, Turner, and other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second, when Bros. Atterton and Potter answered the questions. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Townsend acting as candidate.

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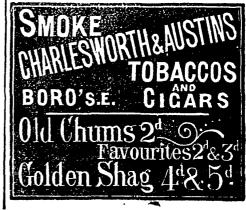
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