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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FALMOUTH.—LODGE OF LOVE AND HONOUR (No. 75).—The members of this lodge met on Tuesday, 12th inst., to instal Bro. W. H. Dunstan in the W.M.'s chair. The ceremony was performed by Bro. W. Newman, P.M., and the following appointments were afterwards made:—Bros. M. Little, I.P.M.; T. Webber, S.W.; A. B. Harris, J.W.; W. F. Newman, Treas.; D. Rogers, Sec.; T. Polglase, S. of C.A. fund; H. Tilly, S.D.; Wilson Fox, J.D.; James, I.G.; Johns and Hasselwood, D. of C.; Wallace and Williams, Stewards; F. Rusden, Tyler. The annual banquet afterwards took place.

PENZANCE.—MOUNT SINAI LODGE (No. 121).—The members of this lodge met to instal Bro. T. J. Rowe, the Worshipful Master elect. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by the W.M., Bro. W. A. Gerry, and the following appointments were afterwards made:—Bros. W. A. Gerry, I.P.M.; Robert Lovell, S.W.; T. W. Pengetty, J.W.; Charles Read, re-elected Treasurer; James Lovell, Secretary and Organist; W. H. Kinsman, S.D.; J. J. Taylor, J.D.; W. H. Longhurst, I. G.; J. H. Cornish and G. H. Small, D.C.; and R. Reynolds, Tyler. Among the brethren present were Bros. F. Boase, P.M.; Israel Levin, P.M.; P.P.G.D. John Maxwell, P.M.; G. S. Denbigh, P.M.; C. Trevithick, P.M.; W. Dusting; Nicholls (Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, Hayle), and Jacobs (Love and Honour Lodge, No. 75, Falmouth). The brethren afterwards dined together at the Western Hotel.

TRURO.—LODGE OF FORTITUDE (No. 132).—St. John's Festival was celebrated by this lodge on Tuesday, 12th inst. The brethren met at the lodge-room in the afternoon for the purpose of installing Bro. W. C. R. Crewes as W.M. for the next year. The ceremony of installation was very impressively performed by Bro. Chirgwin, P. Prov. G.W. The newly-appointed W.M. named his officers as follows:—Bros. Tillman, S.W.; Cummings, J.W. and Chaplain; Chirgwin, Treasurer; Lean, Secretary; Rendle, Assistant Secretary; Wilcocks, S.D.; Sampson, J.D.; Lovell, Organist; W. H. James, D.C.; Cardwell, I.G.; Boys and Trembath, Stewards; and Langdon, Tyler. Several new members were proposed. Bro. Chirgwin, the Treasurer, reported that there was a very good balance in favour of the lodge. Ten pounds was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Fund, and five pounds to the Cornwall Masonic Amnity Fund. The banquet was held at the Red Lion Hotel, where a sumptuous spread was provided by Bro. Bray. The bill of fare was a most substantial and liberal one. The newly-elected W.M., Bro. Crewes, occupied the chair. About fifty sat down. There was some very good singing by members of the lodge, and Bro. Heath, of Redruth presided at the piano most efficiently. Letters were read from Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., D. Prov. G.M. of Cornwall, the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. E. T. Carlyon), and the Provincial Grand Treasurer (Bro. W. Tweedy), apologising for their absence. After "The Queen and the Craft" had been proposed by the W.M., "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Officers of the Grand Lodge," was given from the chair. The W.M. echoed the sentiments of everyone present when he expressed pleasure at the Prince of Wales being at the head of English Masons. This fact must speak volumes as to the loyalty of the Craft. It was unquestionably a great privilege, and it was also a great privilege to the county of Cornwall that they had living among them two past officers of the Grand Lodge. They were all very sorry that Bro. Sir F. M. Williams could not be present with them. The cause of his absence everyone present regretted, but there was one amongst them who occupied the proud position of Past Senior Grand Deacon—Bro. Hughan. Bro. Hughan responded, and was received with great enthusiasm. He said it was some 33 years since they had a Royal Grand Master to preside over them, and during that time there had been great changes in Freemasonry. The election of the Prince of Wales to the Grand Mastership of English Masons, arose out of the secession of the Marquis of Ripon, the late Grand Master, to the Church of Rome. It was a rather curious fact that just 100 years ago a very prominent Roman Catholic nominally presided over the Grand Lodge, as Grand Master, namely, Lord Petre, and at that time there were not 200,000 Masons in the world, whereas at the time of the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon, there were over 2,000,000. Some fifty years before then, another prominent Roman Catholic was Grand Master—the Duke of Norfolk, and at that time there were not 5,000 members in the world, so that they would see how rapidly the society progressed and how impossible it was for any one man or

many men to expel it from England, or indeed anywhere. It had always been the boast of the Grand Lodge that it was neutral as regarded religion and politics. This boast was not without foundation, as we all know. Among the names of the Grand Masters could be found several of the Royal Family. There were King William IV., George IV., and the Dukes of Sussex and Cumberland, and he was exceedingly glad to see that three sons of Her Majesty Queen Victoria (whom may God long preserve) had now become brethren of the Mystic Tie. The Prince of Wales had not only the honour of being Grand Master of the oldest Grand Lodge in the world, but also of the largest and most benevolent. These facts were sufficient to show that Freemasonry was not antagonistic to the State, for surely no one would think that the Prince of Wales sought to undermine his own throne; and as to religion and morals there were thousands of ministers of various sects belonging to the Order, thus showing that neither religion nor morality met with any injury from the true Masonic principles. Masons must congratulate themselves on having so very excellent a Pro Grand Master as the Earl of Carnarvon to preside over them, and Lord Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master, who was lately installed as Provincial Grand Master of the very important province of West Lancashire, was a most zealous brother, who had helped Masonry very materially. They and others had brought it to its present dignified position. It was a society that had seen many other Institutions crumble and fall away, but it was still living, fresh and vigorous.

Thus midst the ruin of revolving years,
Unhurt, unchanged, Freemasonry appears.
Its towers and monuments may fade away!
Its truth and social life shall ne'er decay.

The Chairman then gave "The P.G.M. of Cornwall (the Earl of Mount Edgcombe), the D.P.G.M. (Sir F. M. Williams), and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge." Bro. Solomon, P. Prov. S.G.W., replied. Masons must be proud to be presided over by a man so high in society, so intelligent, and in every way so qualified as the Grand Master of the Province was. His energy and his tact had been most amply manifested when the great meeting of Masons took place at Plymouth last August. Bro. Solomon looked forward to a very similar gathering at Truro this year, when the Prince visited them; and he hoped it would be such a Masonic gathering as Truro had never yet seen. It would be a manifestation of their zeal for the Craft, as well as of love for the throne. As regarded Sir F. M. Williams, he could not speak too highly of him. There was no better Mason existing; and he was prepared to make any sacrifice for the Craft. What was Freemasonry? It was neutral. He had often thought that a Masonic lodge was the only neutral place in the world, and was almost the only place where men of all religions and politics could meet together on one footing, and were tied together by one bond on the principle of brotherly love. As far as his experience went, this neutrality was to be found only in a Masonic lodge. He hoped they would take these things to heart, and do all they could to advance Freemasonry in a true spirit. Bro. W. Lake proposed the health of "The Installing Master, Bro. Chirgwin," praising him for the way in which he conducted the ceremony, and for his long attachment and devotion to Freemasonry. Bro. Chirgwin, P. Prov. J.G.W., who was loudly cheered, replied, and expressed his delight at witnessing the increasing prosperity of the Lodge of Fortitude. Bro. Holloway, P. Prov. J.G.D., proposed the health of the W.M. in very complimentary terms. Bro. Crewes, in acknowledgment, said he had done all he could, since he had been a member of the Craft, for the last six years, to merit the high office to which he had been raised, and trusted to the brethren to support him in his exalted position. Bro. W. J. Johns, P. Prov. G.R., proposed "The Visitors," referring to the fact that Bro. Colonel Sir J. Hogg had travelled more than three hundred miles to be present at this banquet, and extended to all a most hearty welcome. Bro. Sir J. Hogg, who met with a warm reception, made an amusing speech, mentioned that his business engagements prevented him from attending the meeting of the Phoenix Lodge on Monday, and that he intended, at the Exchange dinner on the following day, to give a lecture on farming, and he only hoped those who heard it would be wise after it. Bro. Thomas (Druids, Redruth), responded in a capital speech; and Bro. Jeffrey (331, Truro), also replied. Bro. W. H. Christoe acknowledged the compliment for the Phoenix lodge. Bro. Middleton, P.M., &c., proposed the health of the I.P.M., Bro. N. B. Bullen. The office of W.M. had been most zealously and most ably filled by Bro. Bullen, and he was sure that Bro. Crewes would conduct the lodge with equal ability. Bro. Bullen, Prov. G. Organist, returned thanks. Bro. John Hocking, jun., Prov. J.G.D. (Druids, Redruth), proposed the health of the "Past Masters of Fortitude Lodge." He claimed for the Druids Lodge, Redruth, the honour of having a larger number of subscribing members than any other lodge in the county. He regretted the absence from the banquet of Bro. Harvey, who was the oldest P.M. in the Fortitude. Bro. W. J. Johns replied most effectively. Bro. R. John, P.P.G.D.C., proposed the healths of the S.W. and J.W., and other officers of Fortitude Lodge. Bro. Tillman, in reply, said that although he did not live in the town, he could manage to be present at the meetings of the lodge. Bro. the Rev. A. H. Cummings, M.A., P.G. Chap., also thanked the meeting. He declared most positively that if there were anything in Freemasonry that was not compatible with his profession as a minister of religion, he would not again attend a lodge, or take any active part in Freemasonry. But it was because he was sure that a man became a better man through being a Mason, that he delighted in taking an active part in the principles of the Order, and the more he studied it, the more he became convinced that Masonic principles were founded upon

Christian truth. Bros. Lean, Wilcocks, Cardwell, Sampson, Boys, James, Lovell, and Rendle also replied. Bro. Dorrington, P. Prov. J.G.D., proposed the health of the brethren not in office. To this Bros. J. Michell, George Brown, P.M., and Richards replied, and the latter proposed "Absent Brethren." Bro. the Rev. A. H. Cummings proposed the health of Bro. Heath, who so kindly accompanied on the piano most of the songs that were sung. The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, Bro. Heath acknowledged it. Bro. N. B. Bullen proposed "The Ladies." Bro. Rendle responded. The healths of the host, Bro. Bray, and the hostess, were then proposed by Bro. Brown, and heartily given. The meeting broke up at eleven.

OLD CONCORD LODGE (No. 172).—The brethren of the above old-established lodge met on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, to instal Bro. E. Vorley, W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S. The meeting was well supported by a numerous attendance of visiting brethren and members of the lodge, some of whom claim an acquaintance of about 40 years' membership. The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., Bro. E. Dottridge, then proceeded to initiate Bros. Haubert, Frostick, and Hoadley, into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The lodge was then opened up into the second and third degrees, and the more interesting business of the evening was commenced—viz., the installation of the W.M. elect. The ceremony was performed by Bro. E. Dottridge, the Worshipful Master, and in a manner as to elicit repeated demonstrations of approval. The following brethren were invested with collars:—Bros. D. Devensish, S.W.; Hockley, J.W.; Ward, S.D.; A. Dottridge, J.D.; Goosey, I.G.; J. Emmens, P.M., Secretary; J. Hancock, Treasurer; King, D.C.; and Marriott, Organist. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Installing Master presented Bro. Edwin Dottridge, in the name of the Old Concord Lodge, a magnificent Bible, with elaborate mountings of classical design, as a token of the combined good feelings of esteem and respect which they entertained towards him, and for the faithful discharge of the duties annexed to the Master's chair, now extending over a period of two years. The presentation was accompanied with some well-chosen remarks, which were suitably responded to by the recipient. At the conclusion of the meeting, the brethren retired from labour to refreshment, and partook, as usual, of an excellent banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly observed, and we noted an especial hearty response to the toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon." The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. C. Marriott, Organist of the lodge. We were especially gratified to observe this long-established lodge so well and worthily attended; and it having passed its centenary, and obtained its jewel, we wish it every success, being assured it stands foremost in carrying out the true principles and tenets of the Order.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on the 7th inst. at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, Bro. George Abbott, W.M., in the chair, and all the officers, with the exception of Bro. Goodyer, the Treasurer, who was unfortunately absent through illness, being in their places. Lodge was opened shortly after four o'clock, and the W.M., after disposing of some preliminary business, raised Bro. R. H. Goddard to the third degree. His working was perfection, and he gave the whole ceremony without any curtailment. When this was over he vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Henry Muggeridge, the father of the lodge, who has for many years regularly installed successive Masters. Bro. Muggeridge thereupon installed Bro. George Newman, S.W. and W.M. elect, in the W.M. chair with all the vigour and expressiveness for which he was famous in his younger days. Bro. Newman having been installed, acquainted Bro. Muggeridge with the names of the officers he had chosen, and Bro. Muggeridge duly invested them and delivered the usual charges. The brethren appointed were Bros. Cohu, S.W.; Arkell, J.W.; Goodyer, Treas.; Jones, S.D.; Legge, J.D.; F. Fellowes, I.G.; Rickwood, D.C.; King, W.S.; and George Smith, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. Roberts, P.M., seconded by the W.M., the sum of ten guineas was unanimously voted for a Past Master's jewel to be presented to Bro. Abbott, I.P.M. Bro. Marsh gave notice that ten guineas be given to the Girls' School. Bro. Roberts gave notice of a similar motion for the Boys' School, and Bro. Cohu one for £10 to the Aged Freemasons' Institution. The W.M. afterwards rose, and presenting a massive gold Past Master's jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, to Bro. Abbott, assured him that he considered it a privilege that this should be his first official act as W.M., for the performance of the duties of the Master's chair by Bro. Abbott, while he held the office of W.M., reflected the greatest credit on him as a persevering and enterprising Freemason. He (the W.M.) and all the brethren wished Bro. Abbott health, wealth, and long life to wear the jewel. Bro. Abbott thanked the brethren and said that it was a great pleasure to him to be of any service to the lodge. His year of office had been one of unalloyed happiness; the work had gone on well, and he hoped that it would continue to do so in future. The W.M., before closing the lodge, informed the brethren that during his year of office he intended to observe strict punctuality, and the Secretary would put upon the summonses the hour at which the different ceremonies would be performed. The officers must therefore be in their places, and the candidates ready at the appointed time. It frequently happened that they were not, but came in late, and if the ceremony for which they attended was not performed, they were offended. The ceremony was therefore given, and the consequence was that banquet ordered at six or half-past, was not partaken of till half-past eight. It was then found to be spoiled, and the brethren's tempers were ruffled; and all this because one or two brethren would not be punctual. He thought it hard that 50 or 60 brethren should be dis-

arranged by a few, and he should make it a rule that if these latter did not attend at the appointed time for taking their degrees, he should postpone giving them till a future meeting. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a magnificent banquet, provided by Bro. Sidney Spencer, the proprietor of the hotel, and superintended by Bro. Lord, the manager. Among the brethren who sat down, were the W.M. and his Officers, and the following brethren:—Bros. E. Roberts, P.M., D.C.; E. King, P.M., Steward; Henry Muggeridge, P.M.; George Kenning; F. Trott, P.M. Bros. J. Perrin, J. G. Chillingworth, R. H. Goddard, G. Taylor, E. Fellows, T. B. Charlesworth, J. G. Dunn, W. Ramsey, Jas. Hyde, W. F. Poulton, Thos. Barker, W. Medwin, S. Haynes, S. T. Lucas, G. H. Gillam, W. Smale, E. Hunter, H. Stevenson, H. Davis, George Bartholomew, E. J. Kellaway, John Curle, R. E. Bright, A. Lewis, A. G. Marks, W. R. Baker, J. H. Fuller, G. E. Quintin, S. Spencer, Henry Abbott, W. Alftatt, G. T. Smith, W. T. Rickwood, A. T. Honeywill, John Kent, J. G. Rollins, S. Edwards. Visitors: Bro. H. Garrod, P.M. 749; Bro. Capt. E. Shrewsbury, 474; Bro. Thos. Turner, P.M. 140; Bro. J. Brooksmith, P.M. 82; Bro. Francis Burdett, P.G.M., Middlesex; Bro. John Hervey, Grand Sec., England; Bro. Colonel Peters, W.M. 1460; Bro. Rev. Dr. E. Brette, S.W. 1460, and Grand Chaplain, Middlesex; Bro. R. W. Little, Sec. Girls' School; Bros. H. J. Dawe, 871; M. S. Larham, 1216; F. McDougall, 3; A. Murray, 860; W. R. Horncastle, 1365; C. W. Ashdown, P.M. 1421; H. S. Partridge, 1445; H. Massey (*Freemason*), P.M. 619; J. R. Foulger, P.M. 177; M. Ullmer, 49; H. Canter, 1421; W. J. Miller, P.M. 766; W. Worrell, P.M. 766; F. H. Atkins, 890; B. Phillips, 1305; W. G. Connell, 890; W. E. Ransford, 12; J. M. Lewen, 474; J. T. Hiserø, 1420; J. Wright, W.M. 1158; J. T. H. McEwan, 4; S. P. Smith, 393; J. Hill, 212; T. Moore, P.M. 145; E. Clarke, 1194; R. W. Pandline, 1260. Ample justice having been done to the repast, grace was said, and the cloth removed, and the W.M. rapidly gave the toasts. Bro. Colonel Burdett responded for "The Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers," and expressed the gratification he experienced at being present to witness the admirable working in the lodge. He felt that a new era was opening in Freemasonry, not only in England, but in Scotland, Ireland, and the Colonies. The Craft was flourishing and thriving in every possible way. Bro. John Hervey, for whom there were loud and protracted calls, in obedience to the summons rose and said he thought it was a good rule which was generally observed, that only one brother should respond to any given toast, but as they had so enthusiastically called upon him to respond as well as Colonel Burdett, he did not hesitate to offer his cordial thanks for the manner in which he had been received. After congratulating the lodge on the working, and the Installation by Bro. Muggeridge, and expressing his pleasure at being present, he went on to observe that during last year many events had occurred interesting to Masons, and which, he thought, must have some influence on the Order for some time to come. In the early part of 1874, the Prince of Wales, the present Grand Master, was installed as Master of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, and on the same day, he (Bro. Hervey) being present on the occasion, His Royal Highness proposed his brother, the Duke of Connaught, for initiation in the Craft, thereby showing most conclusively that he did not consider Freemasonry inimical to the Government of the country, or that there was anything in it subversive of the established authority over the land. In March, the Duke of Connaught was initiated, and he need not say that that was an event which was exceedingly gratifying to the Craft. In the following April, and within six weeks of this event, Prince Leopold was proposed, likewise by his brother, the Prince of Wales in the Apollo Lodge at Oxford, and was initiated at the end of that month. Those were three significant things—one, that the Heir Apparent to the Crown should take upon himself the Mastership of a private lodge in London; another, that he should then and there, that very day, propose his brother as a member of it, and, a very few weeks afterwards, again propose his youngest brother as a member of another lodge, of which he was also the Master. He might further allude to another event of interest at which he and another brother in the room were present, the installation of the present Earl of Zetland in succession to his late uncle, who was so long the Grand Master, as Provincial Grand Master of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire. It showed that the good feeling to the Craft was not lost sight of—that it had not died out in the generation that had passed away; but that still there were some left to come forward in the same line and take the same position and do honour to the Craft which the late Grand Master had for so many years efficiently supported. There was another event which he was very sorry to allude to—the secession of the Marquis of Ripon from the Grand Mastership of the Order. He could speak most strongly in his Lordship's favour for the way in which he had invariably acted as Grand Master. There could not have been a better Grand Master. During the time that Lord Ripon ruled the Craft, he was attentive to business, ready at all times to do anything in furtherance of its prosperity, and to uphold it in every shape and way. One of the proofs of this was his taking the chair, ten months ago, at the annual festival of the Boys' School, when there was a very large subscription. The Craft, in their calmer moments, would feel that they had sustained a great loss in the resignation of Lord Ripon, and that they had a great deal to thank him for during the twenty years that he was an active member of Grand Lodge. Still, it was said, "There were as good fish in the sea as had ever come out of it," and so it was with the secession of the Marquis of Ripon; it had been followed by the Heir Apparent to the Crown succeeding his Lordship. What could they wish for more? Those were a few of the events of the past year, and they were

significant of the position the Craft held in the Royal Family, and he hoped they were significant of what Freemasons were looking forward to in the future in the way of support by that family. The Freemasons of England would never deviate for a moment from the respect they owed to the Royal Family, to the Craft, and to the authorities which ruled over them. Bro. Abbott, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," whom he was glad to have seen installed in the chair of his mother lodge. To be sure, he was a P.M. of the William Preston Lodge, but it was a greater pleasure to a brother to become Master of the lodge in which he first saw Masonic light than in any other. The W.M. replied, and, in the course of his remarks, said that one great ambition he had was that though he might perhaps lack ability in the chair, he was desirous that his year should be one of peace, happiness, and prosperity, to obtain which every effort of his would be used. "The Installing Master, Bro. H. Muggeridge," was the next toast, and the W.M., in proposing it, said that it was the greatest mistake Bro. Muggeridge ever made—absenting himself for a time from the lodge. The lodge held him in the highest esteem, and when he came at installations and told the brethren that he was the father of the lodge—that he was initiated thirty years ago—his remarks were listened to by his old associates with great attention. If the younger members did not do the same, it was not from any want of feeling, but because by his own act in absenting himself all the rest of the year, he was not so well known as he ought to be. In future it was to be hoped he would come more frequently. Bro. H. Muggeridge, in the course of his reply, remarked on the great change which had occurred in the lodge during a few years. There was scarcely one of his old friends left, but still there were many new ones. He was initiated on the 7th November, 1839, and at that time the lodge was a numerous one—not so numerous as at present, but still numerous. Some brethren might think he was a visitor on these occasions, but he was not; he was a *subscribing member*, although he only came once a year to instal the W.M., which he was very pleased to do. Some years ago he used to attend regularly, and part of his time he had been Secretary. Circumstances arose which induced him to decline discharging the duties of Secretary any longer, but he still wished for the prosperity of the lodge. He was glad to have heard that evening that the lodge was going to recognise the services of Bro. Marsh, the Secretary, which he thought was a step in the right direction, because Bro. Marsh devoted a great deal of his time to the work of the lodge. He (Bro. Muggeridge) had not taken any active part in the lodge's affairs for some years, and none of its success or prosperity was due to him. The success and prosperity of the lodge arose from the way in which it was conducted, and from the masterly skill of such brethren as Bro. Abbott, the W.M., and Bro. Marsh. The Lodge of Instruction was the oldest in the City of London. The Stability Lodge of Instruction was established by Peter Thompson, of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, in connection with Peter Broadfoot, of the Lodge of Stability, in 1817. He (Bro. Muggeridge) had the honour of being the Preceptor of that lodge. It met at Bro. Gosden's, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Coleman-street, every Friday evening at six o'clock, and closed at eight. At that Lodge of Instruction he would be happy to meet any of the brethren and give them whatever instruction they might desire. He would also state one other fact, that Bro. Spencer, the proprietor of the City Terminus Hotel, had kindly granted him the use of rooms for the anniversary festival of the Stability Lodge of Instruction on the last Friday evening in April, and on that occasion he hoped to secure the presidency of a distinguished brother. On the last occasion some 200 brethren sat down, and no doubt the brother who would preside at the next festival would be as well supported then. Bro. H. Garrod responded for "The Visitors," and Bro. Maclean, from Victoria, added a few words at the earnest desire of the lodge. He spoke with great cordiality on the reception he had met with, and gave an encouraging account of the progress Masonry was making in the colony he came from. Some difficulty was experienced there on account of the three jurisdictions which prevailed, but the brethren were endeavouring to effect an amalgamation, and to consolidate the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions under one head. He thought that in all those colonies Masons ought to be represented by one head, as it would give them a standing of more importance. Bro. Edward Clark (Villiers Lodge) also replied. Bro. Abbott responded for "The Past Masters," and again thanked the brethren for the jewel they had presented to him. Bro. Little replied for "The Masonic Charities," and regretted that neither Bros. Binckes nor Terry was present. Bros. Cohn and Arkell responded to the toast of "The Officers," and the brethren soon afterwards separated.

WINDSOR.—ETONIAN LODGE (No. 209).—The Installation Meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, when the following brethren were present:—Bros. G. W. Dixon, W.M.; L. Bryett, P.M.; P. G. Steward Berks and Bucks, as S.W.; J. O. Carter, J.W.; J. Pullin, P.M., Treasurer; J. Strange, P.M., P.G.S.D., Secretary; W. R. Denne, S.D.; W. Crowhurst, J.D.; C. Canvin, I.G.; C. D. Hume, D.C.; R. Roberts and E. Schieman, Stewards, P.M.'s; W. Biggs, P.G. Sec., Berks and Bucks; J. Wilson; J. H. S. Reid, Bros. W. S. Nicholes, A. Pears, J. Andrews, R. S. Garratt, T. Hiseock, Whomes, Ferry, Webster, Pennicott, Jones, Duffield, and others. Visitors:—R. W. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Berks and Bucks; the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, was both numerously and influentially represented by Bros. Alderman W. Devereux, P.M., P. Prov. G. Sec., Berks and Bucks, Bingham, W.M.; Grimbark, P.M., P.G., J.D.; Tolly, P.M., P. Prov. G.O.; Powell, P.M., P. Prov. G.D.; Cantrell, J.W., 1501; Carter and Briggs. There were also Bros. Read, P.M. 511; T. Bryett, 834; Nash, P.M., and Johnson, S.W. 865. The lodge

having been opened by the W.M., Bro. Garratt was passed to the 2nd degree by Bro. T. Wilson, P.M. The W.M. then resumed the chair and raised Bro. Andrews to the 3rd degree, and then proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. J. O. Carter, into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, the ceremonies being rendered in such a manner as to elicit expressions of unqualified praise. The newly installed W.M. then appointed and invested the officers as follows: W. R. Denne, S.W.; J. Canvin, J.W.; J. Pullin, P.M., Treasurer; J. Strange, P.M., P.G.S.D., Secretary; W. Crowhurst, S.D.; C. D. Hume, J.D.; R. Roberts, I.G.; E. Schieman, D.C.; W. S. Nicholes and A. Pears, Stewards. Bro. L. Bryett, P.M., delivered the address to the W.M., and Bro. T. Wilson, P.M., those to the Wardens and Brethren. The W.M. then invested the I.P.M., Bro. Geo. W. Dixon, with a very handsome P.M. jewel, which was unanimously voted to him by the lodge in testimony of appreciation of the valuable and efficient services rendered by him during his year of office. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel, where the banquet was held. The usual Masonic toasts followed. The P.G.M., in responding to his health, which was eloquently proposed by the W.M., and most cordially received by the brethren, expressed his great satisfaction with his first visit to the Etonian Lodge, and complimented the brethren upon the admirable working which he had witnessed, and also on the prosperous condition of the lodge, which was highly gratifying to him, and which amply sustained the position as the oldest lodge in the Province.

LIVERPOOL.—HARMONIC LODGE (No. 216).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 14th inst., at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, when Bro. A. C. Moore was installed W.M. of the lodge by Bro. J. Jones, P.M. The officers appointed were Bros. J. Ismay, I.P.M.; G. Fowler, S.W.; W. Derryhouse, J.W.; Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, Chaplain; J. Laidlaw, Treasurer (re-elected); E. Evans, S.D.; B. Williams, J.D.; J. Hoult, I.G.; J. Rumney, S.S.; J. G. Bayley, J.S. The brethren afterwards banquetted, under the presidency of the W.M.

LEICESTER.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 279).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday the 6th January, 1875, at which a large number of visitors and brethren were present, amongst whom may be mentioned Bros. A. Palmer, P.P.G.A.P., W.M.; Clement Stretton, P.P.G., W.I.P.M.; J. W. Smith, S.W. and W.M. elect; J. M. McAllister, P.G.S.D., J.W.; William Weare, P.M., Treasurer; G. W. Stratham, P.G.S., Secretary; C. E. Stretton, P.G. A.P., S.D.; S. Cleaver, J.D.; G. Toller, P.P.G.S.W. 279, and P.M. 523; S. S. Partridge, P.G. Secretary, W.M. 523; W. B. Smith, P.G. Treasurer, P.M. 523; Dr. Clifton, W.M. 1391; J. F. Dixon, 1019; J. Clemmey, 930; also Bros. J. Jessop, Law, Rev. T. W. Gordon, J. Farndale, J. Hart, Rev. J. H. Smith, all of 279; W. Shout, I.G. 523; E. Mason, Secretary, 1391; and others. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed, the Treasurer's account was received, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to that officer on his re-election, for his long and valued services to the lodge. Bro. J. W. Smith, P.G.S.B. and W.M. elect, having been presented by Bro. Palmer, W.M., Bro. Toller ably performed the ceremony of installation, with the usual salutations and observances. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Alfred Palmer, I.P.M.; J. Malcolm McAllister, S.W.; G. W. Statham, J.W.; William Weare, P.M., Treasurer; Clement Edwin Stretton, Secretary; Samuel Cleaver, S.D.; Samuel Tebbutt, J.D.; Orlando Law, I.G.; William Weare and S. Cleaver, Stewards; C. Bembridge and T. Dunn, Tylers. After the lodge had been resumed in the first degree, the W.M. addressed the brethren, expressive of his high admiration of the efficient manner in which Bro. Palmer had ruled the lodge during the past year, with special remarks of appreciation of his Masonic zeal in presenting new Officers' Collars to the lodge during his year of Mastership. He then, in the name of the lodge, presented Bro. Palmer, I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel, bearing a suitable inscription, which had been unanimously voted to him by the brethren. Bro. Palmer gracefully acknowledged this memento of friendship and good feeling. It was proposed by Bro. Palmer, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. Stretton, P.M., and carried unanimously, that "A sum of Five Guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and placed on Bro. Waite's List." The routine business having been concluded, the lodge was closed in due form. The annual banquet was then served, of which a large number of brethren partook. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, drawing forth many eloquent speeches from the brethren. The toast of the evening, "The W.M.," was received in the most hearty manner. In responding, the W.M. felicitously announced his intention to rule the lodge not with an iron gauntlet, but with "a kid glove!" Bro. McAllister's reply to the toast of the Officers must have been very cheering and strengthening to the W.M., as he, on their behalf, assured him that it was their one earnest desire to be punctual in attendance and zealous in the performance of their Masonic duties. The harmony of the evening was considerably promoted by the musical talents of Bros. Palmer, J. H. Smith, T. A. Wykes, and others.

BODMIN.—LODGE ONE AND ALL (No. 330).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. John Hele, Mus. Bac. There was a very large attendance of visitors and brethren, including V.W. Bros. the Rev. A. H. Ferris, P.G. Chaplain; and T. Solomon (Truro), P.P.G.S.W.; W. Bros. Loye, Truscott, Dyke, Lukes, Matthews, and Higman, of 496, St. Austell. The ceremony was most impressively performed by the Worshipful Master, V.W. Bro. Capt. Colvill, S.G.W. of Cornwall; and the W.M. then appointed the following as his officers for the

ensuing year:—Bros. Capt. Colvill, I.P.M.; T. Hawken, S.W.; W. Rowe, J.W.; Capt. Colvill, Treasurer; R. Rich, P.M.; P.P.J.G.W. Secretary; Hon. C. Agar Robartes, S.D.; W. Beacock, J.D.; Trevail, D.C.; Garland, Organist; J. O'Neill, I.G.; Vincent, Steward; P. Carrol, Tyler. About fifty brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent dinner, at the Royal Hotel. The lodge has recently been decorated by Bro. Solomon, of Truro, and three handsome stained glass windows have been added by Bro. Fouracre, of Stonehouse, and is now one of the most attractive Masonic halls in the province.

BIRKENHEAD.—MERSEY LODGE (No. 477).—The brethren of this lodge assembled at the Masonic Chambers, Argyle-street, Birkenhead, on Thursday evening, the 14th inst., the special business being the installation of the W.M. elect. Considerable interest was evidently excited by the ceremony, as there was an attendance of nearly 120 brethren. Bro. R. Gracie, W.M., occupied the chair at the opening of the lodge, and there was a good sprinkling of the representative Masons of "the city of the future." A lively discussion took place on the minutes as to the election of W.M., and after nearly an hour's debate, Bro. Donald Fraser was declared chosen for the chair during the next year, "or until his successor shall be regularly elected and installed in his stead." The chair of Installing Master was occupied by Bro. W. Bulley, one of the Past Grand Officers of the province, and he proceeded to place Bro. Fraser in the chair of W.M. in a remarkably effective manner. The following brethren were subsequently invested as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. Gracie, I.P.M., Treasurer; J. G. Adams, S.W.; Wm. Pulford, J.W.; Samuel Jones, P.M., Secretary (re-appointed); John Dutton, S.D.; Robt. Rhodes, J.D.; T. Brown, I.G.; W. Lockyer, D.C.; J. Proudfoot and J. Perrin, Stewards; J. Wooley, Organist; and West, Tyler. It was unanimously resolved that Bro. Rodan, who had for many years been the excellent Tyler of the lodge, but who had latterly become somewhat enfeebled by old age, should be paid the same salary he had received during active service, and that he should be allowed to visit the lodge whenever he felt able to do so. At the close of business, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, supplied by Messrs. Fisk and Fairhurst, Castle-street, Liverpool, the newly-chaired W.M. presiding during the evening. He was supported by Bros. J. P. Platt, P. Prov. G.S.W.; W. Bulley, P. Prov. G.S.W.; E. Friend, another P. Prov. G.O.; F. K. Stevenson, P. Prov. G.S.B.; E. G. Willoughby, P.M. 477; J. Griffiths, P.M. 477; and others. During the after-dinner speeches, which did not begin till nearly ten o'clock, the Mersey was referred to as one of the largest and most prosperous in the province.

ST. AUSTELL.—LODGE PEACE AND HARMONY (No. 496).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. The lodge was close tyled at 2 p.m., when W. Bro. Truscott said that the first thing he had to do was to present to Bro. Guy, P.M., in the name of the lodge, a Past Master's jewel, which he did with many kind remarks of the services rendered by Bro. Guy to the lodge. Bro. Guy suitably replied. Bro. Loye was presented, as the W.M. elect for the coming year, with a board of Installed Masters, consisting of Bros. Colville, W.M. 330, P.G.S.W.; R. Rich, P.M. 330, P. Prov. G.J.W.; J. B. Paul, P.M. 1151, P. Prov. G.C.; E. G. Dyke, P.M. 496, P. Prov. G.O.; W. Guy, P.M. 496, P. Prov. G.D.C.; J. Grigg, P.M. 496, P. Prov. G.S.; W. Giles, P.M. 496; W. Hicks, P.M. 496; J. P. Berryman, P.M. 496; R. G. Ross, P.M. 1151, P. Prov. G.C.; E. Carlyn, P.M. 496, P. Prov. S.G.W.; and J. Tonkin, W.M. 977. The installation was most ably performed by Bro. W. Truscott, W.M. 496. The W. Master afterwards appointed and invested the following officers for the coming year:—Bros. A. N. Jervis, S.W.; T. J. Smith, J.W.; Guy, P.M. Treasurer; Paul, P.M. Chaplain; Mason, S.D.; Matthews, J.W.; Mufford, I.G.; Real, Tyler; Kirkham, D.C.; Wheeler, Steward; Gregory, Secretary; Guy, Steward to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund. The brethren afterwards dined at Bro. Gregory's, White Hart Hotel.

NEWBURY.—LODGE OF HOPE (No. 574).—On New Year's Day there was a Masonic gathering in Newbury, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. John Bance, as W.M. of the Lodge of Hope, No. 574. The ceremony, which was efficiently performed by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. W. Biggs, of Reading, took place in the Council Chamber, the dimensions of which were scarcely sufficient to accommodate the numerous body of Masons who assembled on the occasion. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Herbert, S.W.; Ravenor, J.W.; Deller, Secretary; G. M. Knight, S.D.; Head, J.D.; Glover, Organist; Fielder, D.C.; W. Knight, Steward; Hunt, I.G.; Dodd, Tyler. The brethren resolved, on the motion of Bro. Biggs, to make Bro. Deller a life member of the body, and present him with a testimonial, in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge for some years past, as Secretary and otherwise. At five o'clock the brethren, numbering between 30 and 40, sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Mr. Hamlen, of the White Hart Hotel, whose catering gave much satisfaction. The newly-installed W.M. presided; and the company included Bros. Biggs, P.M., P.G.S.; Portsmouth, P.M.; Wheeler, P.M.; Daniels (Oakley Lodge, Basingstoke); Bailey (Reading); A. Burns, I.P.M.; T. Deller, P.M.; B. Fielder, P.M.; W. H. Herbert, S.W. (in the vice chair); R. Ravenor, J.W.; G. M. Knight, A. Stradling, W. Graham, A. Judd, J. T. Stacey, C. P. Smith, W. Knight, S. Knight, Tegg, Corderoy, J. Carter, J. Brooke, Hammond, P. Glover, J. O'Farrell, G. J. Cosburn, F. Head, F. H. Maychurch, R. Johnston, S. Hunt, E. L. Farrow, T. Dodd, &c. The table was adorned by several handsome vases, filled with choice flowers, presented for the occasion; and the walls of the room were decorated with more than usual taste by Bros. Stephen and William Knight, who were

much complimented upon the success of their labours. The room was festooned with evergreens and flowers, and well executed Masonic designs, which gave an appropriateness to the whole. The Prince of Wales's plume occupied a prominent position in rear of the W.M.'s seat, the heir-apparent being Grand Master of the Order. Beneath this was the well-known Masonic motto, "Audi, Fide, Tace." At the opposite end of the room appeared the words "Peace," "Unity," and "Plenty," while at the sides were—"Charity," and "A Happy New Year." The general effect was excellent, and greatly admired. The musical arrangements were kindly directed by Bro. Glover, who ably accompanied on the pianoforte. Dessert having been introduced, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and remarked that the sons of our beloved Queen were probably the greatest patrons of Freemasonry of any Royal family since the world began. The healths of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the most Worshipful Grand Master, and the rest of the Royal Family," "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; the Right Worshipful the Deputy-Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale; and the rest of the Grand Officers of England, past and present," were severally honoured, after which the W.M. proposed the health of "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart, M.P." He (the W.M.) had hoped to have seen this gathering honoured by the presence of Sir Daniel Gooch, their worthy Provincial Grand Master, but a family meeting on New Year's Day, which Sir Daniel never set aside, had prevented him accepting the invitation. They were all aware that there was no one more anxious to promote the prosperity of the Craft, or who more deserved the goodwill, friendship, and fraternity of all Masons than Sir Daniel Gooch. He regretted that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and their late D.P.G.M. (the Rev. Sir J. W. Hayes, Bart.), had also been unable to accept his invitation, through family gatherings. The W.M. coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Barron Fielder, P.S.G.W., who, in returning thanks, remarked upon the increasing prosperity of this province, which, he believed, would be inferior to none in England in a few years, if the members throughout the province worked together as the brethren did in Newbury. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Very Worshipful the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present," for whom Bro. Biggs, P.G.S., responded, and, in doing so, expressed the pleasure he had derived in seeing how greatly the Loyal Berkshire Lodge had, in all respects, improved during the past seven or eight years. He felt gratified to be able to state also that Freemasonry had progressed satisfactorily throughout the entire province, and instead of there being but eight lodges, when Sir Daniel and he took office in the province, there were now fourteen. A new lodge was about to be opened at Maidenhead for residents in that neighbourhood. A new lodge had been started at High Wycombe, and he much regretted to say that a very distressing event had occurred in connection with it. He received an invitation from Bro. Jesse Owen, the founder, and first W.M. of the lodge, to visit it; but a day or two before the appointed time he was grieved to learn that Bro. Owen had dropped down dead, and it so happened, by a melancholy coincidence, that on the very day their departed brother was to have met him in the Wycombe Lodge, he was buried in Highgate Cemetery. An effort was being made to secure the election of the daughter of their lamented brother to the Masonic Girls' School, and he hoped the Newbury brethren would kindly reserve their votes for this deserving case. Bro. Biggs concluded by proposing "The Health of the W.M.," and remarked that he had never installed anyone with greater pleasure than in this instance. Bro. Bance had filled the office of Steward of the Masonic Charities on more than one occasion, and he (Bro. Biggs) felt perfectly sure, from the interest he had shown in Freemasonry, that he would perform all the duties required of him in his new position, and promote the prosperity of the lodge over which he had been chosen to preside. The W.M., in responding, thanked Bro. Biggs for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and expressed his appreciation of the kindness of the brethren in having placed him in the position he occupied, and which he regarded as a great honour. He assured the brethren that nothing should be wanting on his part to promote the interests of Freemasonry in general and those of this lodge in particular. He had not entered upon the position he occupied without giving a full consideration to its responsibilities, and he hoped to discharge his duties in a manner that would reflect credit both upon himself and the lodge. The following toasts were also honoured:—"The Immediate P.M., Bro. Burns, and the other P.M.'s of the Lodge," responded to by Bro. Burns; "The Installing Master," acknowledged by Bro. Biggs; "The Visiting Brethren," replied to by Bros. Wheeler, Portsmouth, Daniels, and Bailey; "The Masonic Charities," responded to by Bro. Wheeler; "The Wardens and Officers of the Lodge," acknowledged by Bros. Herbert, Ravenor, Glover, G. M. Knight, W. Knight, and S. Hunt; "The Tyler's Toast," given by Bro. Dodd; "The Health of Bros. S. and W. Knight," with thanks for their services as decorators of the room (proposed by Bro. Cosburn), &c. Some excellent songs were rendered by Bros. S. Hunt, A. Stradling, Wheeler, Glover, Farrow, and others, and at eleven o'clock the festive gathering broke up.

REDRUTH.—LODGE OF LOVE AND LIBERality (No. 589).—The annual festival was held on Monday, 11th inst., when Bro. E. S. Angove was elected the W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was very impressively performed by the Installing Master, Bro. P. M. Tregay, assisted by the I.P.M., Bro. Cock. The finances of the lodge were reported to be in a very satisfactory

state, showing a balance of about £90 in the Treasurer's hands, after paying £40 for a piece of freehold property in a most desirable situation in the centre of the town for the purpose of building a new lodge-room. The W.M. then invested the following as his officers:—Bros. E. M. Cock, I.P.M.; T. H. Martin, S.W.; John Thomas, J.W.; Willcock, Chaplain; J. H. Reynolds, P.M., Treasurer; J. Hocking, jun., P.M., Secretary; G. S. Bray, Assistant Secretary; W. Tresseder, S.D.; T. S. Kistler, J.D.; E. T. Pearce, D.C.; R. Rodda, I.G.; and Chapman and Pemberty, Stewards. Bro. Polkinhorne was re-elected Tyler unanimously after thirteen years previous service. The banquet was held at Bro. Tabb's hotel, and was largely attended. There were visiting brethren from Phoenix and Fortitude (Truro), Boscawen, Love and Honour, True and Faithful, and Cornubian. The lodge is in a very prosperous condition, numbering 103 subscribing members.

DEAL.—WELLINGTON LODGE (No. 784).—On Thursday last the installation of the W.M. of the Wellington Lodge took place in their lodge-room, Park-street. This interesting ceremony was ably performed by Bro. A. E. Ralph, P.M. and P.G.J.D. of Kent. After Bro. John Edward Apps, P.M., was duly installed, he appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. Woon, S.W.; Goodhall, J.W.; C. E. Shirley Woolmer, Chaplain; Apps, Treasurer; W. M. Cavell, P.M. and P. Prov. G.S.D. of Kent, Secretary; J. Doorne, P.M., Organist; W. H. Hayman, S.D.; F. Fitch, J.D.; T. Paul, D.C.; T. Stubbs, I.G.; T. J. Woodruff, S.; W. J. A. Norris, Tyler. After the business of the lodge was over, about forty of the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Mrs. Allen, of the Royal Hotel, in her usual excellent style. After the cloth was removed, the customary loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., and duly responded to; after which came the usual complimentary toasts. The Rev. Chaplain gave a lucid and extensive description of the origin of Craft Masonry. He clearly showed the important advantage of Masonry in bringing men together of all grades of religious opinions, so long as they are believers in the Great Architect of the Universe; teaching men morality in its purest principles, and to avoid all bad propensities. The evening was interspersed with some excellent songs from Bros. Doorne, Emmerson, Usher, Dow, Bordeaux, Meson, and others, and a very enjoyable and pleasant evening was spent, which will doubtless long be remembered by all present.

MILLBROOK.—LODGE MERIDIAN (No. 893).—The members met on Monday, 11th inst., for the purpose of removing their lodge to a more convenient and extensive building, "The National Schoolroom," to meet the requirements of this flourishing lodge. On this occasion the W.M., Bro. H. Filmer, presented the lodge with a very handsome silk banner, on a blue-and-white ground, the centre of which contains the whole of the emblems of Freemasonry. On the top is the plume of the M.W.G.M. of England, and at the bottom the armorial bearings of the R.W.P.G.M. of Cornwall, with the motto "One and All." Bro. Nicholls was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. The W.M. was assisted by Bros. W. H. Bickford, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D.; E. Poor (P.M. of Carew Lodge), P.G.P.; W. Coath, I.P.M.; W. H. Clarke, P.M.; W. Harris, P.M.; W. Carne, P.S.D.; W. Cawse, S.W.; R. J. Laity, J.W.; S. Hutchings, S.D.; J. Broadhurst, J.D.; W. Hockaday, I.G.; and A. Fisher, Tyler. The brethren adjourned to the Commercial Inn, where an excellent banquet was provided by the host, and numerous loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with enthusiasm. The new lodge-room has been beautifully fitted and decorated by Bro. G. Harris, P.M., Millbrook, and reflects great credit on his taste and abilities.

LIVERPOOL.—PRINCE OF WALES LODGE (No. 1035).—The annual installation meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 14th inst., when there was a very numerous gathering of members and visitors. The chair was taken and the lodge opened by Bro. G. Sculthorpe, P.M., who was supported by the following officers and members of the Prince of Wales:—Bros. G. Morgan, P.M.; T. Foggard, P.M., M.C.; J. F. Newell, P.M.; J. W. Turley, P.M.; H. Williams, P.M.; J. Salmon, J.W.; J. B. Bunting, Treas.; W. Westbury, S.D.; A. Salmon, J.D.; L. Peake, I.G.; J. Donkin, J. Whaites, A. Willis, J. Stephens, T. Hugo, W. Nelson, M. Walmsley, D. Robertson, J. W. McWean, T. M. Stother, G. Andrews, J. Hamson, J. P. Bryan, T. McWean, C. W. Stewart, T. Mason, R. Pritchard, W. T. Rees, W. Fothergill, R. Richardson, R. R. Forshaw, W. Forrester, J. Barlow, J. Richardson, G. Mitchell, J. Law, T. Ormiston, W. Yeoman, F. Wells, S. K. Gardham, J. Smith, H. Tyrer, W. D. Walker, R. Wilson, R. Ingham, J. Bird, W. Nicholson, C. Peake, W. J. Mullin, G. D. Peake, H. Robinson, F. H. Cox, R. Crawford, J. Pratt, R. Seddon, W. Longcake, H. Balmer, J. H. Gruer, A. Kerr, and T. Shirlaw. The visitors present were:—Bros. S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Healing, P.M. and Treas. 1264; J. P. McArthur, P.M. 1086; T. Lowe, P.G.S.B.; C. E. Bryan, 1313; J. Hocken, P.M. 673; R. P. France, J.D. 594; H. MacAulay, 339; W. Tolmie, 339; W. G. Veale, Org. 249; A. Peters, 1267; Captain T. Berry, 155; G. Wodlam, 1473; J. B. Mac Kenzie, 1356; and others. After the minutes had been confirmed, and the transaction of some formal business, Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.S.G.D. (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. H. S. Allpass, P.G.S.) proceeded to instal Bro. J. F. Newell, P.M., in the chair of the W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation work was very admirably performed by Bro. Wylie, and he received very valuable help from Bro. T. Fozzard, P.M., who gave the charges to the officers with his usual force and impressiveness. The newly installed W.M. subsequently invested the following brethren as his officers for the year: Bros. M. Walmsley, S.W.; A. Willis, J.W.; J. B. Bunting,

P.M. (again unanimously re-elected) Treasurer; J. W. McWean, Secretary; Bro. T. McWean, Assistant Secretary; Fisher, S.D.; R. R. Forshaw, J.D.; G. Stephens, S.S.; J. Whaites, J.S.; T. Fozzard, P.M. M. C.; and J. P. Bryan, Organist. A special choir gave a very choice selection of appropriate pieces in splendid style at the opening of the lodge in the third degree, the salutation of the W.M., the placing of the S.W. and J.W. in their chairs, and at the close of the lodge. After several applications for charity had been heard, the lodge was closed in solemn form, and the brethren adjourned to the installation banquet at "The Liverpool" Limited, Rumford-street, where a very sumptuous repast was provided by Bro Ballard. The usual toyal, Masonic, and charitable toasts were given during the evening, Bro. J. F. Newell, the W.M., presiding in a very able manner. A capital selection of music was given by Bros. Barlow, Bryan (who was also the accompanist), Rees, Gilfillan, Forshaw, and Forrester. The after-dinner proceedings were singularly pleasant and enjoyable.

LIVERPOOL.—WALTON LODGE (No. 1086).—The tenth anniversary meeting of this prosperous and well-worked lodge, for the installation of its W.M., was held at the St. Lawrence's Schools, Croyland-street, Walton-road, on Wednesday, the 6th inst. The brethren assembled at 4 p.m. There were present Bros. Wm. Sephton, W.M.; J. P. McArthur, I.P.M.; J. Grimes, S.W.; C. McEwen, Secretary; Jos. Ellis, S.D.; Geo. Hammer, J.D.; Wm. Walker, I.G.; Wm. Archer, P.M., W.M. elect; Jno. Lunt, P.M., P.G.S.; Jas. Goodacre, P.M.; J. C. Lunt, P.M.; R. Abraham, P.M. Bros. Councillor Capt. Drunsfield, Rev. C. R. Hyde, LL.D., Dr. Parry, Dr. Lewis, Capt. Moore, Capt. Reid, G. J. Townsend, W. G. Sharpe, J. J. Savage, W. H. Beardwood, R. Beckett, H. Gill, G. Cain, J. Griffiths, &c., &c. Visitors:—Jno. Jones, P.M. 216; G. Sculthorpe, P.M. 1035; Jno. Pemberton, 1274, and P.M. 1264; H. Williams, P.M. 249; Jno. S. Dixon, W.M. 1264; C. Leighton, W.M. 1325; R. R. Martin, P.M. 1094; Wm. Smith, S.W. 1235; Wm. Roberts, J.W. 1264; Dr. McGregor, 680, and others. The lodge was opened by the W.M. The minutes, so far as related to the election of the W.M. and Treasurer, were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the 2nd degree, when Bro. Jno. Lunt, P.M., P.G.S., took the chair as Installing Master, when Bro. Archer, P.M., W.M. elect, was presented by Bros. McArthur, P.M. and Wm. Sephton, I.P.M. The lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and a board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Archer was duly installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient rite. The brethren below the chair were then re-admitted, and the W.M. was duly proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Sephton, I.P.M.; C. McEwen, S.W.; J. Ellis, J.W.; Jas. Goodacre, P.M., Treasurer; Rev. Dr. Hyde, Chaplain; Jno. Lunt, P.M., P.G.S., D. of C.; G. Hammer, Secretary; Wm. Walker, S.D.; G. J. Townsend, J.D.; W. G. Sharpe, I.G.; W. H. Beardwood, S.S.; J. J. Savage, J.S.; M. Williamson was unanimously elected Tyler. The Installing Master gave the customary addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, in a very able manner. Bro. McArthur, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Sephton, I.P.M., seconded, "That the cordial and hearty thanks of the lodge are due, and are hereby tendered, to Bro. Lunt, for the very able manner in which he performed the duties of Installing Master," which was carried unanimously. Bro. Lunt thanked the brethren. The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet in the Large Hall, which was decorated for the occasion with flags of all nations and Masonic decorations in evergreens, the tables being beautifully decorated. Upwards of 75 brethren sat down. The cloth being removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to. Bro. Councillor Capt. Dransfield, responded for the Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces. Bro. Lunt, Prov.G.S., responded for the Prov. Grand Officers. Bro. Sephton proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Archer, W.M., responded. Bro. Archer, W.M., proposed the installing Master, and said he had never heard the ceremony so well worked before, and congratulated Bro. Lunt upon his efficiency. Bro. Lunt responded, and alluded to our late Bro. Capt. Mott, who had always performed that ceremony, excepting on one occasion, when Bro. J. C. Lunt, P.M., installed his successor. Bro. Abraham responded for the P.M.'s, he having come from Manchester on purpose to be present. Bro. McEwen, S.W., responded for the Officers. Bro. Goodacre, P.M., Treasurer, responded for the Masonic Charities, and Bro. Vines, P.M., for the Visitors. The brethren spent a very pleasant evening, the enjoyment of which was considerably enhanced by Bro. Jones, P.M., 216, who accompanied the songs on the piano. Bro. Gill performed on the "Fairy Bells," which was highly appreciated by the brethren. The dinner and wines fully sustained the reputation of Bro. Casey.

BRIGG.—ANCHOLME LODGE (No. 1282).—At a lodge of emergency held on January, 4th inst., Bro. Thos. Fryer, who was unanimously elected at a previous regular lodge as W.M. for the ensuing year, was formally installed in the chair by W.M. Copeland, P.M. of Pelham Pillar, No. 792, Grimsby, assisted by P.M.'s Wm. Pigatt, T. Marris, and Geo. Nelson, of the Ancholme. The following brethren were afterwards suitably addressed and invested as officers by the newly appointed W.M., viz.: the Rev. T. E. Hodgson, S.W.; and C. W. A. Field, J.W.; J. Wilson, S.D.; T. B. Dalton, J.D.; C. L. Hett, I.G.; J. Cawkwell, Tyler; W. H. Paterson, D.C.; J. Spring, Organist; E. Abraham, Steward; and T. Cleugh, Secretary. The Treasurer elect was unavoidably absent. The W.M. next having most feelingly thanked the brethren for the great honour they had conferred upon him by placing him in the proud position he then occupied as Master of the lodge, said that a most pleasing duty devolved upon him before he sat down; indeed, nothing could have given him greater pleasure than that of attaching to the breast of Bro. Wm. Pigott, a Past Master's jewel, and he begged his

acceptance of the same as a token from his brethren of their high esteem and appreciation of the very able manner in which he had discharged his duties as W.M. during his year of office. Bro. Pigott, who was evidently taken by surprise, rose under considerable emotion, and thanked the W.M. and brethren for their handsome present, assuring them that whenever he wore that jewel, it would always remind him of their kindness and his obligation to promote to his utmost the prosperity of the lodge. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Copeland, who had performed his work as Installing Master in a very efficient and admirable manner. Thanks were also given to P.M.'s Wm. Pigott, T. Marris, and G. Nelson, for their valuable assistance, which were suitably and pleasingly acknowledged by each. After hearty good wishes had been given by the visitors, &c., the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Angel Hotel, where a sumptuous complimentary banquet was given to Bro. Pigott, the retiring Master. During the evening the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to by appropriate speeches. Special enthusiasm, however, was evoked when the health of the guest of the evening (Bro. W. Pigott) was proposed, also when he, in the course of his reply, declared his unqualified and unalterable attachment to the principles of Freemasonry, and to his mother lodge, the Ancholme. In conclusion, he thanked his brethren, who had, he said, most liberally responded to an appeal he had recently made to them on behalf of the Masonic charities, of which he had the honour to be P.G.S., so that he should appear at the festival which would be held in London, that month, in what he regarded a most enviable position as their representative. The remainder of the evening was spent in a harmonious manner.

HAMPTON HILL.—FRANCIS BERDETT LODGE (No. 1503).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. Bros. Colonel Wigginton, P.M., P. Prov. G.D.C. of Worcester, W.M.; Saunders, S.W.; Tomlinson, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D. of Norfolk, J.W.; Walls, Acting S.D.; Deekes, J.D.; Roehrick (34), acting I.G.; Knaggs, Treasurer; Mitchell, Secretary. The minutes of the meeting of December 9th last, and the minutes of an emergency meeting, held on the 15th ult., when Mr. Vaughan was initiated, and Mr. Court proposed to be a member, having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. Knaggs to the sublime degree of a W.M. This impressive ceremony was carried out in all its beautiful and solemn entirety in a most excellent manner. Bros. Rogers, Lovett, Saunders, Mitchell, and Clarke, were then passed to the degree of F.C. The ballot having been taken for Mr. Court, and declared unanimous, he was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, together with Mr. Bennett, previously balloted for. The two last ceremonies were carried out by the W.M. in the same impressive manner as had characterized the first working. It was proposed by the Treasurer, and seconded by the W.M., that Bro. Richards, of the Beaufort Lodge, become a joining member. Some minor business of the lodge having been transacted, it was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to a cold collation after the termination of their labours, which had occupied nearly four hours. In consequence of the lateness of the hour the W.M., after giving "The Queen and Craft," and "Bro. H.R.H. the Grand Master designate," which were heartily received, announced that the other usual toasts would be curtailed; but gave at length the toasts of the "Initiates" and also that of the "Visitors." Bro. Court responded for the first-named, and Bros. Richards and Carless for the latter. The healths of the Treasurer and Secretary were proposed, received, and responded to by Bros. Knaggs and Mitchell. The toast of the remaining officers was given, and replied to by Bro. Walls, I.G., in the absence of his colleagues. He stated that, as an officer of the lodge, he was proud to think that in so short a time as three months they had 29 members on their register, which happy result was due to the sole exertions of the W.M. and his Wardens, and he felt sorry that Bros. Saunders and Tomlinson were not present to reply to the toast which had been expressed in such kindly terms by their W.M., who, he hoped, would be many years spared to promote the interests of the Francis Berdett Lodge, and assist by his presence in its ceremonies as first P.M. Between the toasts Bros. Mitchell and Walls contributed several popular ballads. The Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings. The Visitors to the lodge were Bros. Roehrick, 34; Richards, 103; Carless, 140; and Cohen, 1298.

INSTRUCTION.

RICHMOND.—LILY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 820).—There was a very good attendance of the members of this lodge, held in connection with the mother lodge, No. 820, at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on Saturday, the 9th inst., to witness the ceremony of installation, which was rehearsed, up to a certain point, by Bro. Preceptor Myers, P.M. and W.M. of the mother lodge. Bros. Walls, 1381, was W.M. elect; Wells, S.W.; Bateman, J.W.; Hubbard, S.D.; Weaver, J.D.; Lamb, I.G.; Koch, P.M.; and Phillips, Secretary. The whole working of the impressive ceremony was excellently well rendered by Bro. Myers—the delivery of the address being particularly good; and, at the conclusion, the Preceptor was complimented by the brethren upon the highly satisfactory result of his efforts for their instruction. The brethren being "called off" for a short time, the lodge was re-opened, and the W.M., Bro. Walls, worked the ceremony of raising in its entirety, including the whole of the traditional history. Bro. Koch, W.M. 1381, kindly acted as candidate. At the conclusion of the working, the Preceptor proposed—which was seconded by the J.W., Bro. Bateman, and carried unanimously—"That a vote of thanks of the brethren of the Lily of Richmond Lodge of Instruction be recorded on the minutes for the very able manner in which the duties of W.M. had been carried out by Bro. T. C. Walls, of Nos. 1381—1503, that evening." The

W.M. having returned thanks for the honour awarded to him, the proceedings, which were throughout eminently successful, terminated.

Royal Arch.

TOTNES.—PLEIADES CHAPTER (No. 710).—On Thursday, the 14th day of January, the quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, when, after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the officers for the ensuing year were appointed, viz.: Comps. H. G. Beachey, M.E.Z.; P. D. Michelmore, H.; W. B. Maye, J.; J. Heath, P.Z., S.E.; E. Seale, S.N.; J. Westhead, P.S.; W. H. Taylor, Organist; G. Heath, I.P.Z. Treasurer. Comps. B. Prowse and J. S. Saunders were nominated as Assistant Sojourners. Bro. W. Harris, of Lodge Devon, No. 1138, was proposed as a candidate for exaltation. The chapter was then closed with prayer, according to ancient custom.

Royal Ark Mariners.

BOLTON.—MOUNT ARARAT LODGE.—A meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Saturday, Jan. 9th, to confer the degree of Ark Mariner on four candidates: Bros. J. C. Lunt, P.G.J.D. (Mark); A. Turner; W. Quayle; and J. Hetherington, all duly qualified Mark Master Masons. The Ark was floated by W.Com. J. Newton, N., having on board his Officers and Crew. Bro. Brockbank was Chief Officer, and the rest of the officers were at their appointed stations, Bro. Hayner being at the look out. Signals of distress having been observed by the look out, the Ark bore down, and received on board the four distressed Mark Master Masons, who were then regularly elevated as Ark Mariners according to ancient custom. The Ark was afterwards steered for shore, and safely moored until the next cruise. The Mariners then landed, bound for Liverpool, there to disseminate the knowledge of this degree, where it is intended shortly to build and launch an Ark for the reception of other Mark Masons who seek refuge on board.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LIVERPOOL.—WALTON CONCLAVE (No. 97).—On Monday, the 10th inst., the regular muster of the Knights of this Conclave was held at Kirkdale, when four candidates presented themselves for installation, viz.: Bros. Captain Andrew Moore, Wm. Davidson, John Gilchrist, Alex. Donaldson. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Em. Sir Knt. T. Ashmore, acting M.P.S., assisted by Em. Sir Knt. Joseph P. Lunt, P.S., and Sir Knt. G. E. Hammer, as Viceroy. Amongst the companions present were Sir Knts. William Quayle, as H.P.; N. Turner, P.; Beardwood, S.B.; Hetherington, Howell, &c. Sir Knt. H. Gribbin was elected a joining member for a sister conclave, and was subsequently appointed and invested as Herald. The vitality of this young conclave is increasing, and will soon reach its statutory number of members, to justify the installation fee being doubled. A preliminary meeting of the Sanctuary K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John, attached to this conclave, was then held, and some business transacted for the working of this degree. The P.G.R.G. read over a list of "Mounts" from which to select a name, and it was resolved that the Sanctuary should be called "Mount Zion." Some important communications were read and discussed, and the names of two candidates duly qualified as Royal Arch Masons and Red Cross Knights were proposed for the first working assembly of the sanctuary. Sir Knt. J. C. Lunt, P.G.S.B. and Past Commander Sir Knt. W. Quayle, P.G.H., took part in the discussion. Labour having ended, refreshment followed.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.

LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360).—A specially agreeable "harmony" meeting of this lodge was held in their new hall, at No. 30 Hope-street, on the 8th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. John Munro, presided, the other office-bearers present being Bros. D. Lamb, D.M.; J. E. Spiers, S.M.; J. M. Olliver, S.W.; Finlay, Treasurer; and W. H. Bickerton, Secretary. Two Past Masters of the lodge were also present—Bros. John Davidson and Julius Brode—the latter of whom officiated as J.W. Amongst the visiting brethren who paid the lodge the compliment of their attendance, were Bros. D. Murray Lyon, Proxy Prov. Grand Master of the West Indian Islands; John Baird, P.G. S.W.; John Wallace, R.W.M. 413; Robert McDougall, R.W.M. 553; J. D. Young, S.W. 34; Jas. Love, J.D. 87; D. McDougall, Secretary 87; and J. B. Fitzroy, 333. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of previous meetings read and passed, the R.W.M. said he had first of all to perform a duty which he felt quite incapable of performing—namely, briefly to refer to the loss they had recently sustained in the death of their esteemed Bro. John Ure, who came and went among them for so many years, and was so long associated with them in the management of the lodge. Bro. Ure was probably the least ostentatious, and, at the same time, one of their most useful members. In his heart, as in his life, he was a good and faithful Mason. Mild and moderate in all his sayings and doings, one of the most inoffensive and quiet of our brethren, he was yet a brave and firm-hearted fellow. In all that concerned the welfare of the Craft, and especially of that lodge, he took a warm and deep interest, and pursued the work with a devotion, gracefulness and success, that might well be the envy of the best

amongst them. They would not soon get one like him. Whilst he lived among them he carried with him their esteem and goodwill; and now he was gone, they followed him with their regrets and their tears. In concluding, the R.W.M. stated that there would be recorded in the minutes of the lodge their sense of the loss they had sustained in the removal of their brother. Bro. John Davidson said he could hardly trust himself to say anything in the matter, except that he felt very deeply the remarks that had been made by the R.W.M. Twenty years ago he had been associated with Bro. Ure, and his absence now he felt as a kind of blank in their midst. He (the speaker) did not think their brother had left behind him an enemy either in the Craft or out of it. He might state that, at the funeral, it had been proposed among a few friends that a monument should be erected to his memory; and it was thought that perhaps the lodge would take the initiative in the matter. For his (Bro. Davidson's) own part, he thought it would be a very graceful thing for them to subscribe to such an object. Bro. Brode, in a few words, endorsed what had been said by the previous speakers. Had he been a relative of his (Bro. Brode's) own, he could not have felt the loss more. A better man, he believed, than Bro. Ure never lived. That was saying a great deal; but he said it advisedly. With regard to the proposition of the monument, he would gladly pay his mite, or use his influence in any way for the promotion of that object. The R.W.M. said that, before proceeding to refreshment, there was just another little matter he would call their attention to—namely, the services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Baird in their recent dispute with the railway company in reference to their late premises in Croy-place, and their sense of the value of which had been entered in their minutes. These services were substantial benefits, as he had no doubt they were considerable gainers by Bro. Baird's professional experience in such matters. The lodge was deeply indebted to Bro. Baird. In reply, Bro. Baird said he could not tell them how gratified he was on receiving, through the Secretary, a copy of the minute of their last meeting, acknowledging his services. He thought they had made a good change as regards premises, and he wished lodge 360 all prosperity. The lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, when the brethren sat down to an excellent supper, purveyed in first-class style by Bro. Thornton, of the Clarendon Restaurant, Argyle St. Thereafter, toasts of "The Queen," the "Three Grand Lodges," and "The Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," having been given and pledged with all honours, the chairman gave the "Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," which, he said, was a P.G.L. that looked very sharply after its daughters; and there was no doubt that the more that was the case, the better. The visitations were carried on in a very painstaking style; and he could not give an account of the many schemes of usefulness which the P.G.L. of Glasgow had organized. Not only was it second to none in Scotland, he would go farther, and say—in no invidious sense—that it was at the head of them. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Baird, P.G. S.W., who replied. The encomiums, he said, which they had bestowed on the P.G.L. had been deserved. Their late P.G.M., Bro. Spiers, did a good deal to set things in order in the lodge; and after his death, their present Master, Bro. Neilson, with his "aid," Bro. Barrow, had made it now second to none. All the lodges under them in the province were in a good state, in good working order; and none of them were in arrears to Grand Lodge—a feature in the province which he should like to see in all others over the country. He hoped at next visitation to find them (Lodge 360) in a state of very great prosperity. Bro. Brode then gave "The Last Laid Stones of 360," coupled with the names of Bros. Hunter and McWilliam; which, having been replied to, Bro. McDougall, 553, proposed the toast of "Lodge Commercial." It was the first time he had had the honour of being in Lodge 360; but he hoped it should not be the last. Although this was his first appearance among them, however, neither the lodge, nor its doings, nor some of its members were new to him; and he might state that in the management of their own lodge (533) the Commercial was one of the few lodges in the province to which they looked as a pattern and example. Perhaps he ought to apologise for his being there on that occasion; the fact being that he had been under the impression that he was coming to an ordinary business meeting. However, he should always bear in mind the kindness with which he had been received. He had the honour of coupling with the toast the name of the R.W.M., Bro. Munro. The Chairman, in reply, said he feared that Bro. McDougall had done them more than justice in his remarks. He could assure them that for his own (the chairman's) part and that of the brethren of 360, they accepted those remarks as a great compliment; and he hoped that, in part at least, they deserved it. That 553 should take or adopt any of their (360's) rules for their guidance was a compliment which the latter must appreciate highly. He was sorry at not having been able to be present at the festive board of 553 on a recent occasion to which he had been invited, and which he had heard passed off most creditably. Lodge 360 would be very happy on any occasion to have the company of brethren of Lodge 553; and he hoped that the kind feeling which Bro. McDougall had expressed would be promulgated between the two lodges, and that they should often have the opportunity of reciprocating these courtesies. Bro. Brode briefly supplemented the chairman's remarks. He also had been asked to the harmony meeting, and he had been able to go; and he could assure them he spent a happy and pleasant evening indeed. He trusted they should spend more such nights together, both there and here. Bro. D. Lamb, D.M., proposed the toast of "Masonic Literature," which, he thought, ought to be better supported than it had hitherto been in this country. If brethren studied it more than they did, they would benefit thereby—they would become better

Masons. The toast was responded to by Bro. D. Murray Lyon, who said that to have one's name associated with it under such circumstances was a high honour. It was matter of regret, it was discouraging, that the literature of the Craft should be, as such, at a discount. The history of the Craft was a most interesting one at all times; and now it was assuming a degree of importance which, in the early days, was never dreamt of. There was one feature in connection with the brotherhood which he should like to refer to. If they thought over the list of the men who composed the early lodges, they would find that they were composed of the first names in the country; and the selection of the Craft in those days ought to be an example to us in these modern days. The doors now were opened far too wide. They ought never to meet in a lodge with any whom they could not meet with in ordinary life, while he had known of returned convicts being admitted into lodges. For the evil in question he did not see any better way than that which he understood was proposed at present in their own lodge, viz., raising the fees, and he hoped they would be successful in carrying it out, and that other lodges would follow their example. Reverting to the subject of the toast, the speaker said he took great delight in the paper called the *Freemason*, of London, which, he thought, formed a redeeming point in contrast with the rubbish that had been palmed off as Masonic literature in the past. The next toast was that of the "Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. Brode, who, in so doing, said he did not believe there was a lodge in the world more proud to see visiting brethren than 360. They endeavoured to make them as welcome as they possibly could, and the oftener they came the better pleased the lodge were to see them. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. McDougall, R.W.M. 360, who said he felt very much indeed the honour thus placed upon him, and responded to it with all heart and sincerity. He thought the toast which they had just proposed was one of the most comely things among their Masonic duties, and he hoped it would never be left out at any harmony meeting. Masonry was nothing if it was not hospitable, and his lodge, 553, made it a point to be very attentive to visiting brethren, both on business and harmony nights. That was a point in which they should always endeavour to follow the lead of Lodge Commercial, and to outstrip them, if such might be. That, however, would be a happy fight—there would be no recrimination nor broken bones there. The toast of "Past Masters of the Lodge" was then given by Bro. Spiers, S.M., coupled with the name of Bro. John Davidson, who, on behalf of Bro. Brode and himself, expressed the pleasure they had in being present that night, while Bro. Brode, by whom also the compliment was briefly acknowledged, remarked that he enjoyed that social meeting as much as he had done others of the same when he was J.W. of the lodge, some twenty years ago. The lodge was never in a more prosperous condition than at present. It had a Master, a Depute Master, a Senior Warden, &c., second to none—not to speak of a strong body of Past Masters who could help at a pinch. Amongst the remaining toasts were the health of Bro. Fitzroy, 333; proposed by Bro. John Davidson, P.M.; "The Musical Brethren present;" "The Ladies;" and the health of Bro. Thornton, purveyor on the occasion. We should add that at frequent intervals the proceedings of the evening were relieved and enlivened by songs, recitations, &c., contributed by Bros. J. D. Young, John Shaw, J. E. Spiers, Fitzroy, D. McDougall, 87; J. Stewart, and others. At a timely hour the lodge was summoned back from refreshment to labour again, and thereafter closed in due and ancient form.

LODGE CALEDONIAN RAILWAY (No. 354).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on 6th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. James Shaw, presided, with Bros. Stafford, S.W., Wm. Ferguson (No. 543) acting J.W. The lodge having been opened on the E.A. degree, and the minutes read and passed, Bro. J. G. Sharp, of Lodge St. Mungo (27), received honorary affiliation into Lodge 354, the ceremony being performed by Bro. A. A. Smith. The R.W.M. then called the attention of the lodge to their forthcoming annual festival, to be held on Friday, 5th March ensuing; and Bro. Sharp having thanked the lodge for their kindness in granting him honorary affiliation, and there being no other business, the lodge was duly closed.

FORT WILLIAM.

St. John's Kilwinning Lodge (No. 43).—The brethren of this lodge met on Monday, the 28th ult., for the purpose of celebrating the festival of St. John, and for the installation of the office-bearers for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was impressive, and efficiently performed by P.M. Bro. Donald Fraser. The following are the office-bearers:—Bros. J. M. Galbraith, R.W.M.; A. Miller, D.M.; J. McArthur, S.W.; R. Miller, J.W.; J. Young, Treasurer; A. McDougall, Secretary; J. McPherson, Clerk; Rev. P. Gordon, Chaplain; Ewen Cumming, S.D.; J. Black, J.D.; J. Wilkinson, Steward; J. Clark, I.G.; R. Tait and E. McMillan, Tylers. After the installation the brethren marched to the parish church of Duncannuburg, where they were addressed by the Chaplain, the Rev. Patrick Gordon. In the evening about 40 of the brethren sat down in the Chevalier Hotel to a sumptuous dinner, provided by Bro. Cameron, the R.W.M., presiding. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

MAUCHLINE.

St. Mungo Lodge (No. 179).—On the 13th inst., the members of St. Mungo's Lodge held their usual anniversary in the Loudon Hotel. Bro. Robert Armour, R.W.M., ably presided, and was assisted by Bros. P. M. Faulds and Major Adair. Deputations were received from St. John's, 22, Kilmarnock; St. David's, 26, Edinburgh; Loudon, 51, New Newmilns; St. James's, 135, Tarbolton; St. John's, 401, Catrine; and Burns' St. Mary, 505, Hurlford. After the reception, the brethren had a torchlight procession through the town, headed by the instrumental band. During the evening, Bro. Major Adair presented the lodge

with two handsome swords, and also a donation to the funds, which were suitably acknowledged. Addresses were given by Bros. James Muir and Scobbie, and Bro. Alexander presided at the harmonium.

CAMBUSLANG.

ROYAL ARCH LODGE (No. 114).—The annual election of this lodge took place on 31st ult., when the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—Bros. George Anderson, R.W.M.; John Glen, D.M.; John Aitchison, S.W.; William Burns, J.W.; James Paterson, B.B.; Wilson Rennie, Treasurer; James Kirkwood, Secretary; John Burns, J.D.; Malcolm Paterson, S.D.; James Burns, J.D.; Archibald Paterson, I.G.; James Mitchell, Tyler.

Ireland.

DUBLIN.

NASSAU LODGE (No. 75).—This flourishing lodge held its installation banquet last week at the Masonic Hall, Molesworth-street. Bro. Alex. Robertson, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. W. Spence, S.W.; E. Wofor, J.W.; and A. Fitzpatrick, Treasurer. The following brethren were also present:—Bros. T. Callinan, P.M. 75; J. Callinan, P.M. 75; S. Harty, C.E., P.M. 75; P. Marshall, P.M. 75; J. Hurst, 75; R. Thomline, S.D. 75; R. Callow, P.M. 75; W. Mathews, 75; E. Morrison, 75; H. Cochran, P.M. 75; J. Odbert, 75; W. Wilson, 245; W. Wilkinson, M.D., 100; F. Mellon, 120; G. Mellon, 93; W. Cross, P.M. 100; W. Christian, 100; J. Carr, 120; J. Burke, 75; J. Bolton, P.M. 120; H. Gerty, P.M. 120; E. Crofton, 245; W. Doolin, 100; J. O. Byrne, 245; W. Parker, P.M. 75; T. Brunker, G.L. 171; H. Hinkson, 232; J. MacIvor, 8; J. White, 120; W. Gerrard, 75; J. Mack, 100; W. Reese, London, P.M.; J. Clark, P.M. 222; W. Crutchet, 232; L. Degroot, 120; J. Girardine, 75; J. Macarthy, P.G.L., Antrim; W. Bolton, 120; J. Benson, 120; F. Benson, 75; and a number of other visiting brethren. The brethren partook of a choice banquet, supplied in Bro. Murphy's best style. This having been done ample justice to, the Worshipful Master proposed, in glowing terms, "The Health of the Queen," which was received with tremendous cheering. The next toast was "Our Brother, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Heir Apparent to the Throne of the British Nation," which was also received with immense cheering. The W.M. then proposed "The Grand Master his Grace the Duke of Abercorn," who he declared to be a nobleman of the true type, and one who was well fitted to rule over such a large, influential, and loyal body as the Irish Freemasons were—men of every shade of political and religious opinion, and all men above littleness and narrowness of sectarian or national hatred. The toast was received with great cheering and the usual salute. Bro. Andrew Fitzpatrick, as treasurer of the lodge, and representative at the Board of General Purposes, in supporting the toast of the Deputy Grand Master and the other Grand Officers, said he trusted that they would never see the chairs of the Grand Lodge of Ireland filled by others than men of rank and blood, and he felt persuaded that so long as they had the Duke of Abercorn, a Hertford, a Dunboyne, and a Plunket at their head, the Masonic body in Ireland must continue to flourish. He said he felt satisfied that the brethren of Lodge 75 would always support and maintain the dignity of Grand Lodge, and that no act of theirs would ever tarnish the glory of their time-honoured and ancient Freemasonry. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," to which Bros. W. Packer and Wofor responded in suitable terms. The evening's proceedings were very much enlivened by a number of musical brethren. A collection having been taken up for the poor and distressed, the proceedings closed with the National Anthem.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, the 20th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn took the President's chair. Bro. James Brett, the Senior Vice-President's, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune the Junior Vice-President's. Among the other brethren present there were Bro. Herbert Dicketts, Samuel May, Joseph Smith, Thos. Cubitt, James Willing, junr., Thos. Bull, William Smith, John Diprose, junr., Simmonds, C. Atkins, D. Betts, H. Bartlett, H. M. Levy, H. W. Harmsworth, W. Clifton, Crick, P. H. Swallow, H. Dubosc, Hyde Pullen, John Hervey (Grand Secretary), H. G. Burr, A. A. Pendlebury, and H. Massey (*Freemason*). There were very few cases on this occasion before the lodge, and of these several were deferred for consideration at next meeting. The lodge voted, in all, the sum of £170, to the cases of distress which were presented. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned after an hour and a half's sitting.

OUR ROYAL BROTHER, PRINCE LEOPOLD.

Our Royal Brother, who has been seriously ill, is, we hope, by the last bulletins, now likely soon to rally from his somewhat protracted attack of fever and subsequent weakness.

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DEATHS.

STEVENS.—On the 15th inst., at Clapham Common Annie Maria, fourth daughter of Bro. James Stevens, P.M., &c., aged ten years, after long suffering.

HALTON.—January 15th, at his residence, Elizabeth-street, Liverpool, Bro. John Halton, P.M. 241 (Merchant's Lodge).

Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening.

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In case of installation, should the retiring Master elect not to perform the ceremony, has he the privilege of investing any P.M. of the lodge, without reference to seniority to do so, or has the Senior P.M. of the lodge the right to claim the privilege in virtue of such seniority?

[It is rather a difficult question to answer, but we are inclined to think that the W.M. can call on any P.M. to perform the ceremony.—Ed.]

J.B.H.: We think, on the whole, it is better not to publish your letter. We could not do so, at any rate, in the present form.

Bro. Binckes's letter on "the degree of Mark Master," &c., will appear next week.

Whittington Lodge, Deal, 784. Another report received. Thanks.

W.D. (Rochdale) Next week.

The following reports stand over:—Lodge Commercial, 360, Glasgow; St. Peter's, 443; St. George's, 1098; Tredegar; Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow; Bath, Royal Cumberland, 61; Items of News Province of Hampshire; Lodge of Harmony, 309; Death of Bro. Cowley; Royal Sussex, 342; Gibraltar District Grand Lodge; Medina Lodge, 35; Glasgow, Lodge Marie Stuart, 541; Lodge of Harmony, 272, Boston; Lord Warden Lodge, 1096, Walmer; Etonian Lodge, 209, Windsor.

REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

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J.C.B., Mooltan	3	9	4
W.D., Constantinople	0	17	4
H.G.G., New York	1	6	0
W.G., Shanghai	2	0	0
J.E.C.H., Indiana	0	11	7
M. Gambier Lodge, Australia	1	18	0
T.W.R., Allahabad	2	0	4
C.T., Hobart Town	1	14	8
J.T., Lunkur	2	0	0

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1875.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FUND.

We published in our last impression a goodly list of Stewards for the next Anniversary, Jan. 27th, of this excellent institution. We congratulate our energetic brother, James Terry, on thus enlisting in the best of all causes so many distinguished brethren of our common Order. Amongst our metropolitan institutions there is none which more demands the sympathy and support of Freemasons. For it appeals to all our best feelings, both of Masonic fellowship, friendship, and happy association. By the instrumentality of this most practical and truly fraternal medium, we are enabled to offer friendly and often most needful support, to those whom, maybe, we knew in younger days, full of health, geniality, and zeal for Freemasonry, to those whom affliction has visited, or old age has weakened. Some of us, as year by year we scan the lists of applicants, can call to mind the names of those who have been contemporaries with us in our

own Masonic career, who have belonged to our own lodges, who were once happy and prosperous, and flourishing and friendly, but whom the hour of adversity has frowned upon, or on whom advancing years have told their customary tale. There are in our Order many most excellent men and Masons, who, not in affluent circumstances, and in comparatively a humble station in life, have never failed in their devotion and services to Freemasonry. We meet them in the lodge, we know them as the faithful Tylers of many a solemn gathering, and many a pleasant hour, and, weak and ailing, burdened by illness or years, they often, after many "lustra" of faithful service, ask for the benefits of the annuity funds to soothe the rugged pathway of the declining years of life. And not only this, prosperity and worldly wealth do not always continue here—"they make to themselves wings and fly away." We hear of cases and know of cases day by day, where, from unforeseen circumstances, many a well-to-do and wealthy brother is reduced to a low ebb of privation and decay. Hence the wisdom of our Benevolent Institution, which thus enables Freemasons year by year to offer a helping hand to many a worthy, but unfortunate, or struggling brother, to whom such aid is invaluable, and by whom that relief is most needed. Since the establishment of the Benevolent Institution, years ago, it has run an unchanging career of usefulness and fraternal sympathy. It has gradually grown from small beginnings to its present remarkable position of efficiency, activity, and undoubted good; and we trust that the next anniversary will demonstrate, under the kindly presidency of Bro. the Earl of Shrewsbury, that the labours of Bro. Terry, and the praiseworthy zeal of the Stewards, have not been in vain. There is no institution, we venture to repeat, which more fairly and fitly claims the cheerful and liberal support of our benevolent Order. The Benevolent Institution has two branches of work, as well as the Asylum, to maintain and perpetuate in fulness and vigour. Not only do we seek by this institution, to aid our aged and suffering and decayed brethren, but we also endeavour to succour and support their widows! We should ill discharge our work of free-will Masonic charity, if we forgot those whom our brethren have left, as it were, to our sympathy and our care. And in this day of attack and obloquy for our innocent though inculcated Order—inculcated by the intolerant and the ignorant—we often think that our best reply is, "you doubt Freemasonry, you deride Freemasons, you condemn our principles; look at our acts, and above all remember our charities. We may be wrong in our view of things, we may be a very foolish, mistaken, perverse, or dangerous set of men, but you cannot deny that our practice answers to our profession, and that what we do as an Order is alike commendable and charitable." Certainly, if the education of the orphan sons and daughters of Freemasons, if the granting of annuities to aged and decayed Freemasons and their widows, is a proof of our "wicked conspiracy against governments and religion," we in England must so far fall under the ban of our hasty and selfmade censors. But if there still be "any virtue," if there still be "any praise" in all that is right and laudable, and loveable and true, in beneficent efforts and in fraternal good will, then let us gladly remember to-day that we, as an united Craft, as a genial and God-fearing brotherhood, year by year with unflagging zeal, and in unstinted measure, give, and give freely, to the best of all causes, and for the truest of all ends. May all of prosperity attend the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Anniversary, January 27th, and may Bro. Terry have to report in our columns another abounding proof of Masonic liberality, and unwearied goodwill.

A POINT OF MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

We have published several letters lately on a point which seems to have exercised the pens of our Masonic jurists. The case, as originally placed before us, was this. In a given lodge, A is the Senior Past Master of the lodge, but A leaves the lodge for two years, "demits," to use an American Masonic expression, alto-

gether for that time from the lodge, but after two years is re-admitted as a joining member. What is his position in consequence? Does he or does he not remain senior P.M.? Our answer to that was that, by the "Lex inscripta" of Freemasonry in this country, he had, to the best of our belief, lost his precedence and became the junior Past Master at the time of his re-affiliation to the lodge. And for this reason "inter alia," that the whole of our Masonic system in this country is wisely based in the simple and practical test of lodge membership and lodge subscription. Failing that, the unattached Mason becomes, so to say, a "filius nullius," he has no position, no rights, no "locus standi," in English Freemasonry. As far as we know and understand the customs of our lodges, the cessation of two years membership takes away from the P.M. his seniority of position. Suppose, in the meantime, the lodge has built itself a hall at some expense. A leaves his brethren to bear the "burden and heat of the day," and comes back after two or three years, as the case may be, claiming the privilege of seniority as P.M., availing himself of the benefits obtained at the cost of others, simply because he was senior P.M. in time, and so remained all through those eventful years of lodge life and existence in which he has taken no part. But the whole theory of the lodge itself is dependent on the membership of subscribing brethren, and on subscribing brethren alone. A, from first to last, including two years of omission, and of non-payment of subscription in consequence, has been connected with the lodge ten years, of which he has paid for eight. B has paid ten years regularly. When A leaves, B, who is next to him, becomes Senior P.M., and remains so as long as he—B—continues a subscribing member. It is quite clear that A, who has demitted for two years, cannot, on his mere volition, and on his rejoining his lodge to suit his own convenience, put on one side B, who has paid on regularly and has never demitted, simply because A is senior in time. The whole question, as regards the lodge, is a question of subscribing membership, and very properly so; otherwise, in our opinion, many anomalies would arise, and many lamentable irregularities in our English Freemasonry, from which our admirable system is now happily free. The Book of Constitutions makes the Grand Lodge membership depend alone on membership in a private lodge. A P.M. who is not returned to Grand Lodge on the lodge list as a subscribing member, forfeits his status in Grand Lodge, and requires to be re-installed as Master and returned as a subscribing member of that or another lodge before he can regain his privileges. A brother has said that, as a Warden, a demitting P.M. could again recover his status in Grand Lodge; so he could for the year of his office, but no further. It is the privilege of a P.M., so long as he is a subscribing member of a lodge, to retain a perpetual membership, "virtute officii," in Grand Lodge. We have so far seen no argument which invalidates our original opinion on the matter. It is quite clear to us, that, if a P.M. leaves his lodge for two years, he loses his precedence as Senior P.M., and on his rejoining the lodge, becomes the Junior P.M., at the time of his readmittance. Is he, despite absence, to reclaim his seniority over the heads of those who have never demitted? If the argument is good for two years, it may be pushed to three or four, or any number of demitting years. We therefore beg to maintain our view, and express our candid opinion, that, by the custom of our lodges, any P.M. who leaves his mother lodge for two years or for any time, so as to forfeit his private membership, and membership of Grand Lodge, on his re-admission can only claim the position he has made for himself, namely that of Junior Past Master on the lodge roll at the time of his rejoining.

BRO. BINCKES'S REPLY.

We publish, with much pleasure, Bro. Binckes's reply in our impression to-day, closing, thereby, our friendly discussion; and the result of our fraternal controversy is, like the result of many other controversies in this world, that we must agree to differ on the special point to which reference has been made. We

have a duty to perform to the Craft superior to any suggestions whatever of private views or personal consideration, and we treated this matter, as we shall continue to treat all others, when they arise, simply as affecting the general interest of the fraternity. We have evinced on many occasions how deeply and truly we have the welfare of our excellent Educational Institutions at heart, but we should not be discharging, as we deem it, our bounden duty, or maintaining our true position, in respect of our Order, if we did not fairly and fully, but temperately, state our candid opinion, without fear and without favour, on any matter which appears to require notice or demand animadversion. We spoke in the most friendly tone, but we expressed our opinion honestly and openly, simply because it was our opinion, and we have reason to believe that such opinion agrees not only with that of the great majority of Grand Lodge present on December 2nd, 1874, but also with that of most of our readers. We are the last persons in the world to refuse to any brother an impartial hearing, or to undervalue the opinion of the competent and the well-informed, and Bro. Binckes may feel assured that we shall always be ready to insert his communications, and always willing to consider carefully any suggestions emanating from his known experience, or dictated by his long connection with the Boy's School.

MASONIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

We have latterly received so many questions on points of Masonic jurisprudence and other matters, which are apt to be overlooked in our columns of correspondence, that we shall in future devote a small space to all such questions and their answers. Any brother who will favour us with his question, under a signature or initials, clearly written, and which reaches us on Tuesday, will be answered in the impression of Saturday. As our brethren are aware, we go to press on Thursdays; so that, in order to avoid delay and omission, it will be necessary to have the questions forwarded to the Editor, 198, Fleet-street, E.C., not later than Tuesday in each week.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the early part of November last, you kindly inserted in the *Freemason* a letter of mine, advocating Albert Hall as the most suitable building for the ceremony of the installation of the M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

Since then I have had frequent opportunities of ascertaining the feeling of the brethren upon the subject; and in every lodge, chapter, or other Masonic meeting that I have attended, the opinion has been unanimous in favour of ceremony taking place there.

It is true some objections have been stated, and to those objections I will endeavour to reply. It is said:—

- 1 Albert Hall is not consecrated.
- 2 We cannot have the banquet at Albert Hall.
- 3 The building cannot be properly tiled.
- 4 Albert Hall is too large.

So far as No. 1 is concerned, it is out of the field at once. Albert Hall is not consecrated for Masonic purposes, and it is not necessary that it should be. None of the great City halls in which the installation of Grand Masters took place were consecrated; therefore, if precedent is required, here is ample.

No. 2:—There is no necessity for a banquet at Albert Hall, unless it could be shown that it might be easily arranged by some of the great contractors (such as Spiers & Pond for instance). The Past and Present Officers of Grand Lodge and a certain number of brethren could dine as usual at Freemasons' Tavern; Provincial and other lodges could make their own arrangements prior to the day, and dine at either of the large hotels, or other houses where Masonic meetings usually take place.

As to No. 3 objection:—If I am rightly informed, Albert Hall can be properly tiled; the keeper has a master key, can shut out every one from the building the night before, and only admit those privileged. And it is but for the Executive of Grand Lodge to say that a hundred Past Masters are required to tile different doors, and another hundred to act as sentinels, both would be forthcoming immediately, and double the number if necessary.

If No. 4 objection should eventually turn out to be correct, it will be found a very good fault, if fault it can be called, and must certainly be far preferable than having

the meeting in a place far, very far too small, which would be the case if the hall in Great Queen Street is appropriated for the purpose.

The only objection that I can see, is one that I have not yet heard mooted: viz., that there are Freeholders and Renters who have certain privileges.

Will they kindly abstain from enforcing their privileges upon such an occasion?—one certainly not contemplated when the Hall was built. No doubt they would, knowing they could not be present unless members of the Craft, and unless waiving their rights, the ceremony could not take place there.

Now as regards the ceremony taking place in our own hall, galleries must be erected, which would mar the effect of the whole proceedings, and, under any circumstances, the room could not be arranged to accommodate more than—perhaps a tenth of the brethren seeking admission. If the number is limited by tickets, great dissatisfaction would be caused, and if unlimited, the crush would be so great that it is not at all improbable some serious accident may ensue. We are approaching the greatest event in Masonry in modern times—let it be worthy the occasion. It is to be hoped that those with whom the arrangements rest will be fully alive to the important responsibility in their hands. So long as Masonry exists, this installation will be remembered; then let it be worthy of being remembered, but let it be remembered with gratification and satisfaction by the members of an institution who care not to interfere with others, but who hope and believe they can hold their own.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN BOYD, P.M., P.Z.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As no determination seems as yet to have been come to on the points (as well subsidiary as principal) raised by your correspondents, will you kindly grant me space to state what I believe to be the law of the case. For the sake of clearness, I shall begin with the last-raised issue.

If any P.M., being a member of Grand Lodge, does not continue to be a subscribing member of some lodge, he loses the permanent seat in G.L., which his installation in the chair of K.S. gave him.

Should he be appointed W. of a lodge, he re-enters G.L., but only temporarily: i.e., during the continuance of his Wardenship.

Should he be again installed W.M., he again becomes possessed of a permanent seat in G.L.; but he is entitled to it on account of his recent, not his former, installation.

Thus, in Grand Lodge, his former P.M. counts for nothing more than a degree which, being once attained to, cannot be taken away, although, its duties having been abandoned, its privileges do depart.

Exactly so in the lodge in which the degree was gained. By non-continuance of subscription the member of a lodge severs his connection with it, and if he joins it again, does so on exactly the same terms as any other Mason of a like degree.

Now it is quite clear that a strange P.M. joining a lodge can have no seniority with respect to the P.M.'s of the lodge itself, for at whatever point in the line of succession such a P.M. should break in, a manifest injustice would be done to all below that point. Strange P.M.'s, then, ought to be taken no heed of on any point of precedence (except amongst themselves), nor asked to rule the lodge in the absence of the W.M., so long as any actual officer of the lodge, capable of discharging the duty, be present; and this should undoubtedly also be the case with the P.M. who lapses and rejoins.

In Grand Lodge such a P.M. must begin ab initio, and if such be the case there, the same rule must hold good in every private lodge.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

WM. TEBBS,

W.M. 285, and P. Prov. G. Chaplain, Somerset.
Jan. 18th, 1875.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Brother E. F. says that the Book of Constitutions distinctly states that Wardens of private lodges are members of Grand Lodge (by virtue of the office of Warden), and that a P.M. "having for twelve months ceased to subscribe to any lodge, shall no longer continue a member of the Grand Lodge, nor can he regain that privilege until again installed Master of a lodge." He then goes on to say, if the P.M. in question were to rejoin his lodge, and happened to be appointed as Warden, he could not, during his Wardenship, attend Grand Lodge; and then he asks "how is this difficulty to be surmounted?" I reply, that he has quite correctly quoted the Book of Constitutions, and that I am quite at a loss to see any difficulty in the matter. It is quite clear and distinct that a seceding P.M. loses his Grand Lodge privileges, and can only regain them on a certain condition, very clearly defined by the Book of Constitutions—viz., that he be again installed a Master of a lodge.

I presume it is the same Bro. E. F. asking the question—"Who is the W.M. elect of a lodge?"—under certain circumstances—viz., that Bro. B was elected Master by a majority of one vote, and, on arriving at the lodge, and being acquainted with the result of the ballot, "declined to be installed." I consider that Bro. B was premature, at that meeting, in declining to be installed because he could not be installed until after the confirmation of the minutes at the next following meeting; and the chances are that the minutes would not have been confirmed, as it is quite clear he had not gained the goodwill nor respect of the members of the lodge then present, and might have had even more against his election at the following meeting, when the minutes were put for confirmation.

He, however, very wisely, as I think, declined the honour conferred upon him by one vote, in a lodge of, possibly, as many as fifteen or twenty members. If he had declined at the following meeting, after the minutes had been confirmed, or the minutes had not been confirmed, then the brethren must have been summoned "to again proceed to elect a Master;" but as Brother B then and there declined to serve the office of Master, on the strength of the one vote, the brethren being summoned for the purpose of electing a Master, and the brother elected declining to stand—more especially as he "left the matter in the hands of the brethren," and retired from the lodge—the W.M. was perfectly right in requesting the brethren to vote again, in order to test the true sense of the meeting; and the ballot then being in favour of A—the then W.M.—A is clearly the W.M. elect, and if the minutes are confirmed at the next following meeting, he can be installed again, as the Masonic law allows a Master, if re-elected to serve two years in succession.

Yours fraternally,

M. O., P. Prov. G.J.W. Surrey.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with much interest the several communications under this heading in your paper, and I perfectly agree with the latter part of "Magnus Ohren's" letter in your last number, where he says, "With respect to the status of a P.M. in his own lodge, that is a right, not a privilege, to be recognised as a P.M. and he must be senior P.M. The fact has nothing to do with subscription, but refers to the date he passed the chair. On being re-elected in his lodge he will take his place in the lodge according to the date of his passing the chair."

If any brother will take the trouble to refer to the Book of Constitutions, he will find that all a P.M. loses by leaving his lodge for 12 months, is his membership with the Grand Lodge. I cannot see that there can be two opinions on the point.

Yours Fraternally,

AN OLD P.M. ONE, &c.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think that the so-called contradictory statements contained in the Book of Constitutions upon the above subject will be found easy of reconciliation: be borne in mind that Grand Lodge is composed of two distinct classes of members—permanent and temporary. The former class comprises present and past Grand Officers and Past Masters; the latter comprehends the Grand Stewards of the year, and the Master and Wardens of lodges. Looking at the matter in this light, it will be seen that a Past Master who has for twelve months ceased to subscribe to any lodge, loses his permanent membership of Grand Lodge, nor can he regain it until after he has been a second time installed in the eastern chair. By appointment to a Wardenship, he can but acquire the limited right of attending Grand Lodge during his year of office, and, I take it, this is not the sense in which the words "member of the Grand Lodge" are used in the first of our regulations. There they must refer to the permanent membership which I have mentioned, as the context surely admits no other construction.

Yours fraternally,

H. MARTIN GREEN, P.M.

MARK MAN AND MARK MASTER MASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Sir and Brother,—

Did time permit, I should like to allude at length to Bro. Walter Hill's letter, interesting for many reasons, and especially as a communication from our intelligent Brother in New Zealand.

The difficulties Bro. Hill alludes to as to the Regulations of different Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters which affect "unoccupied" Masonic Countries, are neither few nor unimportant, and, indeed, cannot well be surmounted, until such Lodges and Provinces are strong enough and able to preserve their own independence.

What affects the brethren in New Zealand as Mark Masons, in a similar manner also troubles them in the Craft and Arch Masonry. One Grand Lodge permits the three degrees to be given in a night, whilst another requires a certain time to elapse between the conferring of each degree. One Grand Chapter accepts candidates for "exaltation" without any regard to their age as Master Masons, and another requires each candidate to have been Master Masons for a certain period prior to admission. It would be strange, then, if the Mark Grand Lodge were any exception to the rule, and in fact it is not, for the fees for advancement being additional and independent of those for exaltation, frequently acts injuriously to its interests, especially in the Colonies. However, experience soon tells in its favour, because, under its rule, more time and attention are devoted to the degree in question than under a system which looks at it in the light of a preliminary ceremony only.

Under the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania there are several Mark Lodges, with hundreds of members, and we think, as a natural consequence, there is no state wherein the Mark Degree is more valued.

The earliest record in this country of the working of the Degree under consideration, was communicated by me in the columns of this paper soon after its advent, and is dated A.D. 1778.

The Mark Man was conferred on Fellow Crafts, and the Mark Masters on Master Masons, and it is because of the Mark Man being a ceremony in connection with the "Choice of ye Mark," also given to Fellow Crafts, that the Mark Grand Lodge, in its reformed Ritual, has wisely returned to the old custom; and whilst it would be awkward to confer the Mark Man on Fellow Crafts actually, brethren

are so considered virtually during the ceremony, and Master Masons, when being made Mark Masters.

I have never seen, neither do I know, of any record which proves the Mark Man was in early days conferred on any but Fellow Crafts, and we know that the Mark Master's Degree was not communicated to any below the Third Degree. We see, then, how the Mark Degree is called a portion of the Second Degree, whereas it means but the Mark Man, and never the Mark Master. Here is our hand, Bro. Hill, with our best wishes.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Truro, 16th Jan., 1875.

SCOTTISH MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION. To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read Bro. Harriott's letter on the above subject with interest, and fully sympathise with his remarks. I think it very strange that while in Scotland the work of our lodges is wrought, with a few exceptions, as efficiently as in any of our sister countries, and while we are as enthusiastic as any about the beauty and sublimity of our principles, that yet our practice is so very different. We may shut our eyes to the fact as we like, but Scottish Masons and Scotch Masonry occupy a most unenviable position at the present moment. Neither in our own actions, nor in our works of charity do we practice what we preach, and thus we give the neutral world far too much ground to point at us the finger of scorn, and to label us with a name I should not like to see even printed of us in an English magazine. There is something radically wrong in Scotland, and I fear that Bro. Harriott's scheme, however estimable, and however praiseworthy, is but lopping off the uttermost branches of the evil. We must have something to strike at the root.

Masonry in Scotland is far too cheap, and the customs of Masonry in Scotland are far too convivial (not to use a stronger term). Having stated these facts, a moment's thought will show that we have amongst us many who should never have been Masons, and we actually put beyond our pale the very men who already possess all the natural qualifications for becoming good Masons in every sense of the word. These men will not join us. They judge us by our works.

So long as Masonry in Scotland occupies its present position, any popular charitable scheme will convert our lodges into benefit societies, and anyone having the necessary fee, will join us for the benefits they may derive, as they would the Oddfellows, or any other kindred society. The status of Masonry must be raised, and this the Grand Lodge need not find so difficult a task. We have no need of new laws, we only want those we have stringently carried out. I do not wish to go into details, these are well enough known here, but there is work for earnest men, and I fear the ground requires some tilling before the seeds of charity will spring up as they ought to do.

I am, Fraternally Yours,

J.

BRO. BINCKES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

When I penned my very mild "expostulation" with the manner of your remarks on myself in your recent article on Grand Lodge, I little imagined I was risking the painful prominence to which you have elevated me in your last issue. I feel disposed to ask space for a few words in reply, though, recognizing the enormous advantage enjoyed by the occupant of the editorial chair, I almost question the policy, or the utility of doing so, especially when I have, as in the present instance, to combat views so authoritatively expounded as those in your article referred to. There are others, besides members of the Roman Church, who support the dogma of "infallibility," with whom argument is lost, and whom it is perfectly hopeless to attempt to convince; and some of these I have unfortunately met with in Freemasonry. They are of those who hold that there is a charmed circle, within which everything is proper, fitting, and orthodox, outside of which there is little or nothing worthy of attention or regard. They are fond of maintaining that for a man to fill a given position which, by the many, is regarded as useful and honourable, is, *eo ipso*, a bar to that preferment which it is the laudable ambition of everyone to attain to. They maintain that in the public discussion of questions in which certain men must, of necessity, be deeply interested, and in the details connected with which they have a large practical experience, those men ought to observe perfect silence, and to abstain from statements of facts which might be the means of guiding the judgment, and determining the votes, of those who have to give a decision. They refuse to see the difference between a fervid, sentimental appeal on behalf of one particular cause as contrasted with another, and the quiet exposition of circumstances which affect a general cause in which all are interested. In some assemblies the first is justifiable and often necessary, in others the second is always desirable.

But to leave generalities, let me address myself to one or two points in your article—for to follow you through all would be impossible—consistently with a regard to your space, your readers' patience, and my own time. 1. I never attempted to controvert the proposition "that in such a discussion the brethren and the Grand Lodge are perfectly competent to decide such an important question on an independent report like that of Bro. Clabon's." I recognize Bro. Clabon's generous desire to place at the disposal of our Educational Institutions just those means they so much feel the want of—the funds out of which provision may be made for promoting the career of Boys and Girls after they have left the Schools. I know the great differences of opinion with reference to the *modus operandi* suggested by Bro. Clabon, and in the Grand Lodge I was anxious simply to move a reference of the entire question as to how these funds might legitimately be provided, or some more

extended support given to the Schools by the Grand Lodge, and to quote a few facts and figures in submitting my motion, leaving the Grand Lodge, of course, to arrive at a conclusion. 2. You ask "Will it be in the interests of the Charities to accept a grant from the Grand Lodge?" Surely this question is propounded in ignorance that all our Institutions do receive a grant from the Grand Lodge. The principle of the grant is therefore conceded, and on what grounds can it be contended that it is out of place to discuss the amount of such grant, and the source from which it shall be made, or for those who are responsible in the main for the production of the funds requisite for the efficient maintenance of our charities to assist in such discussion by placing the members of Grand Lodge in possession of the fullest information in their power?

3. Begging pardon for presuming so far, I did, and do, perceive that your "objection was not to Bro. Binckes qua Bro. Binckes, but to Bro. Secretary Binckes," and here is the gist of the whole matter; had I not held the office I have the honour to fill, my attempt to address Grand Lodge would have probably passed unnoticed, but the unsuccessful attempt made by "The Secretary" was too good a peg on which to hang a homily to be left unused, and so we have been favoured with your lucubrations on "the proper discharge of the duties of the 'Secretariat.'" To the conclusions you arrive at, I still unhesitatingly demur, and in my demurrer I am not without confidence in being joined by a "very large number of brethren, alike Metropolitan and Provincial."

But the subject grows, and I am warned that I have already exceeded the limits I prescribed for myself. At another time, and in another place, more may be said or written on a question with regard to which we are at variance. Let me assure you that you have not in any way "disturbed my wonted equanimity," and that I hope, with yourself, however freely or unreservedly I may express my views and opinions in your columns, or elsewhere, I may not allow myself to be betrayed into personalities, which injure a good case, and irretrievably condemn a weak one.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

London, 12th January, 1875.

THE UNITED ORDERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have learned from an unofficial source that the body calling itself "The Order of the Temple and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem" has taken the trouble to expel me from it. I think that it would have shown more wisdom if it had been careful to previously ascertain whether it had jurisdiction in my case, and more fairness if it had heard both sides. I am well aware of the personal animosity against me of two or three members of the "Council of the Great Prior." Since, however, fair-play does not apparently enter into the composition of this modern chivalry, it only remains for me to appeal to the *Freemason* for a hearing.

I state then, without a doubt, that this "Order of the Temple and Order of St. John of Jerusalem," as it calls itself, is not a Masonic body. Amongst my reasons for such belief are the following:—

1st. Its Names.—The Order of the Temple was not a Masonic body. The Order of St. John of Jerusalem is not a Masonic body. The Order of the Temple was utterly destroyed some 500 years ago. The Order of St. John of Jerusalem exists still in several parts of Europe, but it has given no authority whatever to the United Orders to usurp its name or jurisdiction. It is clear, then, that if the new body is properly called, it is not Masonic—and that if it is wrongly called, the sooner it ceases to sail under false colours the more respectable it will be.

2nd. Its Composition and Organisation.—(Great Crosses, Priors, Arch-Chancellors, Preceptors, Priorities, Preceptories, Convents-General, Aides-de-camp.)—It is hardly necessary to remind Masons that none of these are Masonic titles. What then are they? simply a jumble of mediæval and modern, chivalric and conventional, monastic and military. Their being hazily connected in a dream, I could understand; but their being in one system, and solemnly played at as such by a number of men who have arrived at years of discretion, is beyond my comprehension. Such a jumble requires one to "make believe very much" indeed. Now the system of the Masonic body known as "the Masonic Order of the Temple," a respectable body, pretending to be just what it was, and no more, was, at the time of its fall, two years ago, a thoroughly Masonic system—a system under which one or two men in London could not, as is the case in "the Order of the Temple" so called, either use the other members, with or against their wills, as mere puppets, or crush a single member who dared, as I dare, to form my own opinion and stick to it.

3rd. Its Acts.—The act which called the Order of the Temple and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem (as it calls itself) into existence two years ago, was the destruction of the Masonic Order of the Temple. How this was managed I need not here repeat. All Masons who know the facts are no doubt sufficiently ashamed of the transactions of that time. What has it done since it burst upon the astonished view of sensible men of the world, of students of history, of Masons? Where is it in our Masonic charities? Nowhere. What has it done? Nothing, but display a pitiable ignorance as to matters connected with the real Orders of the Temple, and of St. John of Jerusalem. Nothing, but dress itself up in white mantles and "make believe very much." A truly useful body, and comparing well indeed with the Masonic bodies!

4th (and for the present last, though not least).—The opinion of one of its high officials, which in a letter addressed to me, describes this "Order" as being not Masonic, but "only with a Masonic qualification," and also as being "spurious, and ad imitationem."

Now, as a Mason, I deny the power, and the right to

assume such power, of any body, not being a Masonic body, to interfere with Masons in Masonic affairs, and I unhesitatingly assert that my Masonic obligation as a Masonic Templar cannot impose upon me allegiance, as such, to any body which is not Masonic; certainly not to one which did not exist at the time of my taking such obligation; and although the body to which I took allegiance is, for the moment, powerless, no person has power to absolve me from allegiance to it so long as I choose to hold to that allegiance. When therefore the self-made "Knights" summoned me to appear on the 26th Nov. last, before their council (not a Masonic body) in order to make before others official explanations regarding a matter in which Masonic obligations were concerned, I treated their summons, as they might have expected, with the contemptuous silence due to an impertinence. The "brotherhood of gentlemen" seems to have lost its temper at this natural result of its arrogance, and it commenced a correspondence, of which, however, it left me to pay the postage. As a further natural consequence of its own conduct, I declined to open its letters.

As a punishment upon me for natural results of its own conduct, this body of "Knights," (neither Masonic nor unmasonic), has held me up to execration. What was said at the meeting which expelled me, I don't know. When or where the meeting took place even, I don't know. But it is a new thing to me, as an Englishman, to be condemned, not only unheard, but also in my absence, and it unquestionably reflects more discredit upon the condemners than upon the condemned. I cannot believe that any body can last long when conducted on such unfair, one-sided principles as these.

When the Masonic Order of the Temple springs once more into life, as I hope and trust that sooner or later it will do, I am ready to come before it as a Masonic body, if asked to do so, and to go thoroughly into any matter concerning my obligation to it up to the time of my ceasing to be a member of it. In the meantime, as a student of history, a lover of truth, a loyal subject, a Mason, and faithful to my duty as a Masonic Templar, I shall continue to regard the substitute order as a "spurious and ad imitationem" body, recognized as "Knights" only by themselves, made "Knights" only by each other, possessing no authority in Masonic matters, and having no feeling in common with the grand principles of Freemasonry.

I trust that in fair play to me, condemned unheard and in my absence by the so-called "Order of the Temple and Order of St. John of Jerusalem," you will permit me, through the medium of the *Freemason*, to place these, my views, before the large body of my brother Masons, whose good opinion I feel that I do not lose by suffering oppression and persecution at the hands of these very modern "Knights" on account of my old-fashioned fidelity to Freemasonry.

I am, faithfully yours,

CHAS. J. BURGESS.

P.S.—I may add that I have appealed to the Judicial Council under the Tripartite Treaty, whose authority, I understand, "the Order of the Temple" acknowledges, but that up to this date (20th Jan.), I am not aware of the Council having been summoned. I presume, therefore, that the other parties to the treaty consider (as indeed they may justly do) that the treaty ceased to be in force on the disappearance of one of the parties to it, the Masonic Order of the Temple.

THE ANNUAL GRAND MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

The 26th annual ball of the Masonic body in and around Liverpool, which took place at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on the 12th inst., again proved the most brilliant, by far the most enjoyable, and certainly the best conducted of the season; and every one of those present heartily endorsed this opinion. As in previous years, the assembly of the brethren of the Mystic Tie for 1875, was in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, which, thanks to the cordial support given to it for many years by the West Lancashire brethren, occupies a position scarcely second to any in the kingdom. In thus giving assistance to an institution which has done a noble work since its foundation, the Masonic body in this section of the province has not only done credit to their position, but set an example which might well be followed in other provinces throughout the United Kingdom, and over all the world. The prosperity of the charity is clearly shown by the fact that there is now an invested capital of nearly £12,000, and this sum is sure to be increased as years go on. There are now 70 children on the foundation of the institution, and this number is not only likely soon to be increased, but the committee of ways and means feel that they are warranted in seeking to widen the benefits of the institution to those who are now actually receiving education from its funds. With a brilliant gathering like that of Tuesday evening, and with a charity, the nobility of which commended itself to every one, the committee were perfectly right in trying to secure a distinguished patronage. And this they did, as the following list will show that the most illustrious names in Masonic circles lent the countenance of their names to the gathering:—

LADY PATRONESSES.—Right Hon. the Countess Beattie, Right Hon. Lady Skelmersdale, Mrs. Gilbert Greenall, Walton Hall; Lady Constance Stanley, Mrs. Bousfield.

PATRONS.—His Worship the Mayor of Liverpool; Bros. Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. England, R.W. Prov. G.M. West Lancashire; Major Starkie, R.W. Prov. G.M. East Lancashire, P.G.W. England, P.G.S.W. of West Lancashire; Gilbert Greenall, Esq., M.P., P.S.G.W., England, and P.S.W. of West Lancashire; Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, R.W. Prov. G.M. Cheshire; Major G. C. Legh, Esq., M.P., W.D. Prov. G.M. Cheshire; Hon. F. A. Stanley, W.D. Prov. G.M. West Lancashire; Earl Beattie, R.W. Prov. G.M. Cumberland and Westmoreland; W. R. Callender, Esq., M.P., W.D. Prov. G.M. East Lancashire;

Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. Shropshire and North Wales; Lieut.-Col. Birchall, W.P. Prov. G.J.W. West Lancashire; Sir James Ramsden, W.P. Prov. G.S.W. West Lancashire; John Prescott, Esq., W.P. Prov. G.J.W. West Lancashire; Major N. G. P. Bousfield, M.P.; John Pearson, Esq., W. Rathbone, Esq., M.P.; Right Hon. Viscount Sandon, M.P.; J. Torr, Esq., M.P.

No pains had been spared by the energetic committee to make the Annual Masonic Ball sustain its prestige, and the result of their labours was in every way most satisfactory. The whole of the splendid suite of rooms upstairs, was, thanks to the courtesy and kindness of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, secured for the purposes of dancing, and the Council Chamber, with the suite of rooms on the ground floor, was granted for "refreshment," supper, promenade, and kindred purposes. Plenty of room was thus given to the pleasure-seekers, and at no time in the evening, even when the attendance was the greatest, was there anything like crushing. The arrivals commenced as early as half-past eight o'clock, and from that time up till close upon midnight there was an almost constant stream of arrivals. At this time the three rooms set apart for dancing, presented a most brilliant appearance, and the ensemble can at no time be equalled at any other assembly. The ladies, generally, were dressed with exquisite taste, but in addition to this there was the additional and most striking effect of the Masonic clothing, worn by the brethren, representing nearly every degree. Craft clothing, of course, predominated, but there was also a plentiful representation of the members of the Orders of Royal Arch, Mark Masons, Red Cross of Constantine, Knights Templars, Rose Croix, K.H.S., &c. Nearly all the representatives of the several degrees wore full dress Masonic clothing, with the jewels and insignia of their rank and office. As a consequence, the picture in the ball-room was one of the most striking character, and delighted every one who witnessed it. It was estimated that about 800 persons were present at the ball, and amongst these were names most familiar in the history of Liverpool Freemasonry. His Worship the Mayor (Bro. Lieut.-Col. R. F. Steble) arrived about half-past ten o'clock, and stayed for a considerable time. Amongst others whom we observed present were:—Bros. D. W. Winstanley, P.M. 1094, P.Z. 1094 (Chairman of Committee); J. Ismay, W.M. 216 (Vice-chairman of Committee); H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823 (Master of Ceremonies); William M. Chudley, W.M. 241 (Honorary Secretary); G. Broadbridge, P. Prov. G.D.C., P.M. 241; W. Doyle, P. Prov. G.J.D. (Hon. Treasurer); Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M. 249; J. R. Goepel, P.G.D.C.; G. Turner, P.M. 86; R. Brown, S.W. 241; G. Hutchin, S.D. 241; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1264; W. Sergeant, P.M. 203; T. Lowe, P.G.S.B.; A. Bucknall, 667; W. Vines, P.M. 1299; J. E. Jackson, J.W. 667; T. Clarke, P.M. 673; J. Evans, W.M. 1393; R. Bennett, J.W. 1299; J. Clegg, P.M. 1299; T. Ashmore, P.M. 823; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673; H. Nelson, P.M. 673; W. J. Lunt, P.M. 823; T. B. Myers, S.W. 1082; J. E. Edginton, W.M. 1082; J. Lloyd, 249; J. Wood, Treas. 1094; J. Capell, 220; H. Hart, Dr. Speir, H.W. Nicholas, 249; H. James, P.M. 203; R. R. Martin, P.M. 1094; Russell (Washington Hotel); W. T. May, P.M. 673; A. C. Morrison, 594; W. Savage, 241; J. Jones, P.M. 220; M. de Frece, S.W. 1502; M. Hart, Sec. 1502; Henochsberg, J.W. 1502; A. Ballard, 1380; C. Davidson, 1393; W. Parry, 1393; S. Hague, 667; T. D. Pierce, Sec. 1473; W. Oglesby, 823; G. H. Turner, 86; and others.

The committee of arrangements—with Bros. Lord Skelmersdale and the Hon. Fred Stanley as president and vice-president—did their work in a remarkably efficient manner. Bro. Wm. M. Chudley, the honorary secretary, deserves especial praise for the zeal, tact, and energy he displayed in the fulfilment of his duties, and honourable mention is due to Bro. G. Broadbridge for the active support which he gave in connection with the work. Bro. W. Doyle also did very valuable and hearty service as honorary treasurer, and the very attentive, courteous, and zealous staff of stewards could not possibly have been under a better captaincy than that of Bro. R. Brown.

The music was furnished by quadrille bands, under the direction of Bro. G. A. W. Phillips. During the evening, a pleasant feature of the entertainment was furnished by Bro. H. Gill, whose "fairy bell" performances gave the greatest delight to all who listened. The supper, refreshments, &c., were supplied by Messrs. Fisk and Fairhurst, the well-known caterers, Castle-street, Liverpool, and the manner in which they supplied the creature comforts for the occasion deservedly elicited universal admiration. The tables, elegantly laid out, fairly groaned beneath the weight of good things, and this "groaning" was considerably increased by a huge baron of beef which graced one of the principal tables in the Council Chamber.

The viands and wines were of the best quality, and the quantity supplied might have been sufficient for double the number. Dancing began about nine o'clock, and was continued for several hours with great spirit.

Obituary.

BRO. SERGEANT-MAJOR DYER.

Sergeant-Major Dyer, a fine specimen of the British veteran, died at his house in Vron Square, Upper Bangor, on Tuesday night, in his eighty-fifth year. He was born at Belfast on the 5th of November, 1790, joining the 97th regiment, then known as the Queen's German. Two years later the transport in which his regiment was being conveyed from Dublin to London was wrecked on the Anglesey coast, near Holyhead. He served through the whole of the Peninsular campaign, his first engagement, we believe, being that of Vemeira, on the 21st of August, 1808, when the 97th served with such credit that the name of the regiment was altered to that of the Queen's

Own. His subsequent engagements were the passage of the Douro, on the 12th of April 1809; Talavera, July 26, 27, and 28, 1809; Badajoz, May 10, 1811; Albuera, 16th May, 1811 (in which the Queen's Own were attached to the 23rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers), Almaraz, and Vittoria. He also served in the Waterloo campaign, taking part in the engagement of the 18th of June, and in India and Canada, earning in the course of thirty-seven years service a glittering array of medals. After retiring from the army in 1841, he went to Tasmania, where he was engaged at one of the convict establishments, subsequently removing to the Cape of Good Hope, where he held a responsible position in the constabulary service. There is a rather romantic explanation given of his settling in Wales. When he and his companions were wrecked on the Anglesey coast, he was treated with such kindness by a woman living on the spot that he made a vow that he would marry no one but a Welsh woman. He kept his vow by marrying a woman from Llanfairfechan, and on her account he settled in this neighbourhood. Sergeant-Major Dyer had been a Freemason since 1812, and was the first to introduce the Craft into Tasmania. He was Tyler of the Llangefni, Llandudno, and Bangor Lodges, and the Janitor of the Carnarvon Grand Chapter. Until within the last few years he was the recruiting sergeant, an appointment which brought him in a small competence, but the late Government took the appointment from him, leaving him only a small pension as an acknowledgment of the services he had rendered to his country. The old soldier was always a Conservative, but never was his Toryism so strong as when the Liberals deprived him of half his income, and we well remember hearing him, on the day that Mr. Pennant was elected for Carnarvonshire, declare that he had vowed never to put on his regimentals while "that Government of Gladstone's" remained in office. The vow was solemnly kept, and this fine old Tory was at length able to celebrate the return of the Conservatives to power by donning his uniform, and walking proudly through the streets in military attire. He belonged to a fighting family. His father was a riding master in the 23rd Light Dragoons, and was shot after delivering the despatches of Sir Ralph Abercrombie at Alexandria on the 21st March, 1801, when Michael Dyer was a boy of eleven. Three of his brothers were killed in battle; one at Talavera, in 1809, one in the siege of Badajoz, and a third at Busaco. He himself had many narrow escapes, but he managed to go through nearly forty years' service comparatively unharmed, and without loss of limb. During his residence in Bangor he was respected, and he will be much missed by the many to whom he was known. He was buried with full Masonic and military honours, the expense being defrayed by the members of St. David's Lodge, 384. The funeral cortege left Vron-square, the residence of the deceased, shortly before three o'clock. It was headed by a firing party of the 3rd Anglesey Artillery Volunteers, under the command of Quartermaster-sergeant William Thomas. The band of the Royal Carnarvonshire Rifles, playing "The Dead March in Saul," followed, and the procession, which was a very large one, further included the staff of the Anglesey and Carnarvonshire Militia Regiments, a detachment of the 3rd Anglesey Artillery Volunteers, under the command of Captain Whittaker and Lieutenant Savage, the Volunteer Fire Brigade, and the Coastguard, under the command of Chief-officer Nee. The Freemasons, wearing mourning regalia—who mustered very strongly, and included representatives from the Bangor, Carnarvon, Llandudno, Amlwch, and Llangefni Lodges—immediately preceded the hearse; and the private carriage of Captain Verney, R.N., Inspecting Officer of Coastguards, and a large number of local tradesmen, brought up the rear. The cemetery was crowded to inconvenience, and the streets through which the procession passed were lined with a thick fringing of spectators. The funeral service was read by the Rev. T. R. Walters, minor Canon of Bangor Cathedral, and Chaplain to the Segontium Lodge, No. 606.

Reviews.

MASONIC MUSIC. "OUR SONG."

We have received the words of this new Masonic song, written by Bro. Francis Bennoch, F.S.A., and set to music by our well-known and talented Bro. Donald W. King. Unfortunately, not musical ourselves, and not even having "a male cousin who plays on the German flute," or a fair "female cousin" who "sings," we are, perhaps, not the best of musical critics. Some one has said that it does not require much "knowledge" of anything to write a criticism upon "something," and as the poet sings,—

Can one in artless prose say why
Minds to poetic fancies fly?
And so prose-given rules defy,
Till wisdom with the wise ones die.

We have, however, been privately informed, to make up for our critical deficiencies, that not only are the words very effective, as we can all read for ourselves, but that the music is exactly suited to them, being facile and yet spirited, animated and yet graceful.

We commend it, therefore, in all well-founded confidence, to the notice of our many excellent amateur and professional brethren.

DO I NOT LOVE?

We are also glad to notice this little song, by our Bro. Donald W. King, both as to words and music. It is, we understand, highly commended by the ladies.

SPRING SONG.

We are also requested to call the attention of our readers to a pretty little song by Paul Semler, called "Spring Song," translated from the Frühlings-lied von Heine by M. Immisch.

Masonic Tidings.

The *Yorkshire Post* says:—"The Marquis of Ripon, who, prior to his perversion to Rome, was building a large church in connection with the Church of England, has caused the same to be finished, and is about to hand it over, not to the communion he has lately joined, but to that which he has left."

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor will preside at the 86th annual festival of the City Dispensary on Tuesday, February 23rd, at the London Tavern.

The Cripplegate Pension Society's Ball will take place on Thursday, the 28th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. Alderman Knight has kindly consented to be chairman of the evening.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor has been re-elected a vice-president of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, Old Kent road.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Chard's, Abchurch Lane, Cannon-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 27th Jan., by Bro. John Constable, W.M. 185.

We understand a Masonic temple is to be solemnly inaugurated in Rome, early next month. We are informed the occasion will be one of very great pomp.

A warrant has been granted by the Supreme Grand Council of England to certain members of the Rose Croix to hold a chapter in Truro. It is to be named the Cromwall Chapter, and Sir F. M. Williams, Bart, is to be the first sovereign. The second of February is fixed for the opening. Any brother wishing to take the 18th degree on that day had better communicate at once with Bros. C. Truscott, Trevarrack, St. Austell; N. J. West, Hayle; E. D. Anderton, Falmouth; H. Hawkin, jun., Redruth; and W. J. Hughan, Truro.

The Second Annual Ball of the Red Cross Order will be held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Wednesday, the 31st of March. Colonel Burdett, G.V., will act as President; R. Wentworth Little as Treasurer; and H. A. Dubois and C. F. Hogard as Hon. Secretaries of the Ball Committee, which already numbers nearly fifty members.

MASONIC GIFT TO THE MARQUIS OF RIPON.—Some of the most intimate of the Masonic friends of the Marquis of Ripon, several of whom are members of the Grand Lodge, although pained at his lordship's secession from the Order, intend presenting him with a costly artistic gift in recognition of his lordship's valuable services to the Craft, and as a mark of their continued esteem and friendship for him. The souvenir, the presentation of which was decided upon very shortly after the noble Marquis had resigned the Grand Mastership, has just been received from the hands of the artist. It consists of a jewelled casket of pure gold, six inches in length by four in depth. The corners of the lid on the outside are enriched with carvings of beautiful and appropriate designs, while raised in the centre is the monogram of the Marquis worked in jewels. Attached to the inside of the lid is a silver trowel, the surface being filled in and ornamented with the symbolism of Masonry. An illuminated address accompanies the casket.—"Rosierucian."

The Annual Festival of the United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction, No. 507, will take place on Friday evening, February 5th, 1875, at the Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Brixton. The lodge will be opened at six o'clock precisely, and the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the first lecture will be worked. Bro. Mark S. Larham will preside. Dinner on table at 7.30, prompt. Brethren are invited to attend.

FREEMASONRY IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

CALEDONIAN LODGE (No. 489, s.c.)—The installation of R.W.M. and officers of this lodge took place in the Masonic Temple, Haskieu, on the evening of Monday, 28th December, 1874. There was a numerous attendance of brethren of the lodge, and many visitors from sister lodges in the province. W.M. Bro. Wm. Dorrell, presided in the E. After the time-honoured preliminaries of opening the lodge were over, Wor. Bro. Robt. McGill, in a manner highly creditable to himself, and very pleasing to the brethren, performed the duties of installation—1st,—the re-installation of Bro. W. Dorrell to the Master's chair—an honour well merited for the efficient manner the business in the East had been conducted during the past twelve months. Second—The general office-bearers as follows:—Bros. Till, D.M.; Jamieson, S.M.; Rand, S.W.; J. Noble, J.W.; Chalmers, Treasurer; Frazer, Secretary; Lindsay, S.D.; Morrison, J.D.; Sutherland, I.G.; Tucker, M.C.; Dobson, Organist; and Scott, Tyler. This done, the brethren adjourned to the refreshment-room in the Temple, and, in unison with Lodge Leinster, No. 166, I.C., partook of a repast consisting of many Eastern delicacies. Wor. Bros. Dorrell and Ife alternately gave the loyal, Masonic, patriotic, and friendly toasts, which are usual and sacred to the Sons of Light. Song, story, and loving sentiment were happily given by brethren during the evening. Home, especially, shone forth in almost every chord—musical or prosaic. The small hours of the morning of the 29th too soon scattered the happy brethren.

FREEMASONRY IN JAMAICA.

ST. ANN'S BAY.—*Seville Lodge* (No. 530).—The election of officers for the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on November 6th. The Master elected for current year was Bro. Henry P. Thompson; Albert J. Hart, Treasurer; Richard Watson, Tyler. The Master elect at lodge, held December 22nd, nominated the officers as follows:—Bros. Edmund N. Hart, D.M.; Samuel C. De Jaya, S.M. (Athole Union, 367); Alfred N. Sutherland, S.W.; Chas. W. Steer, J.W.; Dr. Geo. Cooper Saunders, S.D.; Barclay B. Chadwick, J.D.; Thos. Bartlett, I.G.; Caleb Reynolds, Secretary; J. H. Levy, Steward; George

Roe, Steward. At the termination of the duties of the lodge, Bro. Thompson addressed the retiring W. Bro. Michael Solomons (the Past Master who has served two administrations), asking permission to append on the left breast of that brother a Past Master's jewel, in the name of the brethren of Seville Lodge, for his past zeal and worth as a Mason and brother, which was done. The jewel is beautifully mounted and has an inscription, "Presented to Hon. Bro. W. M. Solomons by members and officers of Seville Lodge, No. 530, on his retiring from past administration." The W. Bro. returned thanks, in an appropriate speech, to the brethren for their kind remembrance of him, stating that it ever would be his pleasing duty to uphold the Seville Lodge and Masonry in general.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. PETER LAIRD.—On Wednesday evening, the 13th inst., a dinner to Bro. Peter Laird, late Assistant Secretary of the Agricultural Hall Company, took place at the Criterion, in connexion with the presentation of a testimonial to that gentleman upon his retirement from office, and in recognition of the kindness, courtesy, and ability with which for many years he had discharged the duties devolving upon him. Mr. T. Rudkin, C.C., presided, and Mr. W. G. Guerrier, occupied the vice-chair. They were supported by Mr. Brewster, C.C., Mr. Blackesey, C.C., and representatives or members of the following firms, viz.: Sir W. Burnett, Messrs. Spiers & Pond, Messrs. Shand & Mason, Messrs. Greenboam, the Brighton Railway Company, Mr. T. B. Ayshford, Mr. Pullen, Secretary of the Smithfield Cattle Club; Mr. Cuffin, Auditor; and others. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, the Chairman proposed "The Health of Mr. Peter Laird," whom he described as one of the most honest, independent, and straightforward men, as well as faithful servants, it had ever been his lot to meet, an opinion the directors of the Agricultural Hall Company had also expressed by their presentation to Mr. Laird of a cheque for 100 guineas on his retirement. As a further expression of the high opinion of his personal friends, he (the Chairman) had the pleasure now to hand to Mr. Laird a purse containing 115 sovereigns, with a written expression of their sentiments.—*City Press.*

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, January 29, 1875.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23.

Audit Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
" 1297, West Kent, Forest Hill Hotel, Forest Hill.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.
Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
" 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, King-st., St. James's.
" 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, Angel Hotel, Gt. Ilford.
Chap. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
Mark Lodge 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30 Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 60, Peace and Harmony, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 92, Moira.
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
" 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.
" 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tavern, Walworth

Lodge 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, Clerkenwell.
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st, Millbank.
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 46, Old Union, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Precep.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8 Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 186, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
Chap. 435, Mt. Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John, Queen's Road, St. John's Wood.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.
Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28.

General Committee Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
" 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
" 66, Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall.
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 766, William Preston, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st. Deptford.
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford.
Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
" 766, William Preston, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 834, Andrew, Royal Sussex Hotel, Hammersmith.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29.

Preceptory, Faith and Fidelity, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Prec.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke or Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7. Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Ero. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Precep.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 30, 1875.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.30.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1384, Equity, Walker's Hotel, Widnes, at 6.
" 1393, Hamer, 92, Everton-road, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 6.30.
" 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
" 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 4.30.
" 724, Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 9.
" 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.
" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.
Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264) Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28.

Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1313, Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
Chap. 292, Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School, Kirkdale, at 6.
Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

or the week ending Saturday, January 30, 1874.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.
Chap. 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 117, Govan, Portland-buildings, Govan.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27.

Lodge 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28.

Lodge 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 30, 1874.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25.

Lodge 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26.

Lodge 151, Defensive Band, Alexandra Hotel, Cockburn-st.
Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27.

Lodge 112, St. John, Fishrow, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28.

Lodge 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29.

Lodge 223, Trafalgar, 54, Bernard-street, Leith.