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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda for Wednesday, 5th December, 1877.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th September, 1877, for confirmation.

The M.W. Grand Master will refer to the recent action of the Grand Orient of France.

The Grand Secretary to read a letter of condolence from the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick on the sudden death of the Earl of Shrewsbury, Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire.

Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the year ensuing.

Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz.:—

A Brother of the Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 259, London	£100 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of St. John's Lodge, No. 1343, Grays, Essex	50 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Temperance Lodge, No. 169, Deptford	50 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, Sunderland	100 0 0
The Daughter of a late Brother of the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, London	100 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, London	50 0 0

Report of the Board of General Purposes:—
The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of November instant, shewing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £3636 18s. 11d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £96 15s.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

APPEALS:—

(1) Appeal of Brother John Henry Henry, of the St. John's Lodge, No. 1039, Lichfield, against a judgment of the Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire,—the late Earl of Shrewsbury,—for deciding a case, and censuring Brother Henry, without hearing him.

(2) Appeal of Brother Alfred Leander Vailant and others against a judgment of the Deputy District Grand Master for British Burmah, declaring Brother the Rev. John E. Marks eligible to be elected Master of Lodge Victoria, in Burmah, No. 832, Rangoon, he not having previously served as a Warden and not having been present when appointed Senior Warden, consequently not having served as "Warden for one year" as required by the Constitutions, Article 2, page 62. Also against the exclusion of Brother A.L. Vailant and five other brethren from the said Lodge, No. 832.

The papers relating to these appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's Office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during Office hours.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

By V.W. Brother the Rev. Robert J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain:—

1. That the 300 petitions now presented to Grand Lodge on what is commonly called "The German question" be received.

2. That whereas it appears from the Book of Constitutions of the Grand National Lodge of the Prussian States (called The Three Globes, held at Berlin) that those only who profess the christian faith are eligible to become member of the Craft in any Lodge within its jurisdiction, this Grand Lodge, in the interests of Masonry, would respectfully suggest to the Grand Lodge aforesaid a reconsideration of the following section of the Book of Constitutions:—

Page 50, Section 165, Clause 1.

In the jurisdiction of the Great National Mother Lodge (of The Three Globes) only those may be proposed for acceptance into Freemasonry who acknowledge Christian belief (Christlichen Glauben) without distinction of sect.

Page 51, Section 167.

It is necessary for the candidate to state, &c.

Clause 3.—His religion (Creed).

Clause 9.—Whether he has tried hitherto to fulfil his duties as a Christian citizen, and whether he will continue to do so.

Page 57, Clause 197.

Every brother who wishes to join a lodge of our Constitution must be of Christian faith, and able to give his honourable discharge from his former Lodge by a written discharge therefrom, &c., &c., &c., with a view to widening the basis on which German Masonry now stands, and bringing it into more complete and fraternal harmony with Freemasonry throughout the world.

3. That in order to give effect to the foregoing resolutions the M.W. Grand Master be respectfully requested to communicate them to the Grand Lodge of Germany in any manner His Royal Highness may deem most expedient.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 22nd ult., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Bro. W. E. Newton, W.M., opened the lodge, assisted by his officers, Bros. S. D. Ewins, S.W.; Dr. Cutmore, J.W.; Geo. J. Kain, P.M., Treasurer; W. Worrell, P.M., Secretary; E. Kidman, S.D.; W. Drake, J.D.; W. J. Roberts, I.G.; A. Braun, P.M.; G. Newman, P.M.; W. J. Miller, P.M.; A. C. Rees, P.M. There were also present among others, Bros. John White, W.M. 1076; John Dorton, I.P.M. 1076; H. B. Holliday, F. Brien, A. Renshaw, W. H. Rudderforth, I.G.; &c.; W. Morgan, and H. Massey, (Freemason). Bro. James Turle Lee was passed to the Second Degree; and Messrs. Eugene Wood, William John Heath, and Pay were initiated. Bro. W. J. Miller, P.M. then installed Bro. S. D. Ewins, S.W., and W.M. elect, as Worshipful Master, who afterwards invested as his officers Bros. W. E. Newton, Dr. I.P.M.; Cutmore, S.W.; E. Kidman, J.W.; Capt. G. J. Kain, P.M., Treasurer; W. Worrell, P.M., Sec.; W. Drake, S.D.; W. J. Roberts, J.D.; Smart, I.G.; Geo. Newman, P.M., W.S.; Collins, D.C.; Grant, Tyler. Bro. Miller then delivered the addresses, and the W.M. presented Bro. Newton in the name of the lodge with a handsome P.M. jewel. On the motion of Bro. Capt. Kain, P.M., Treasurer, seconded by Bro. George Newman, an alteration of the bye-laws was agreed to by the following resolution:—"That the Resolution passed on the 27th January, 1876, suspending Bye-law No. 25 (which limited the number of the Members of this Lodge to fifty), be rescinded, and that the Bye-law resume its operation, as if no such resolution had been passed." lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet; after which the toasts were proposed and responded to in very few words. Bro. Wood, replying as an initiate, said he should like to convey his thanks as fully as he felt them for the honour conferred on him by his admission to the Order. When he meant to enter Freemasonry he was anxious to belong to an Order that numbered such good and worthy men, and now that he had found out what its principles were, he trusted he should endeavour to maintain the principles that had been laid down to him that evening. That he might become an honour to the Craft he sincerely wished, and he was confident he should never regret that he had become a brother among Masons. Bro. Pay also trusted that he should become a good Mason; and Bro. Heath expressed the same idea. Bro. Norton, I.P.M., gave "The Health of the W.M." They were not yet in a position to say a great deal of Bro. Ewins' working, but they must all admit that he had shown that evening that he possessed a knowledge of what he was about. From the manner in which he had invested his officers there was good ground for forming the opinion that he would make a most efficient Master. Upon what he had done he merited the warmest congratulation; and if he had done so then when the chair was so new to him, fair expectations might be entertained that in his year of office he would display still greater experience. The W.M., in replying, said that he hoped his year of office would be satisfactory to the brethren. He had to thank the brethren very much for their kindness to him that evening, and he would endeavour to repay it by the exercise of his best abilities in the working of the lodge. "The Visitors" having been honoured and responded to, Bro. Miller replied to the toast of "The P.M.'s." All the P.M.'s were anxious to do their duties, and to do the best they could for the lodge's welfare. It was their pleasure as well as their duty, and in the performance of the installation ceremony he had striven to render it worthy of such a distinguished lodge. Bros. Kain, Worrell, and Dr. Cutmore very briefly responded to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," and after the Tyler's toast the brethren separated. Bro. J. Turle Lee and others entertained the brethren with some charming music.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, November 22nd, at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford. At five o'clock sharp the Worshipful Master, Brother J. J. Pakes, opened the lodge. The letter announcing that the late Senior Warden had ceased to be a member of the Craft and the removal of his name from the list of members having been unanimously agreed to, Bro. J. J. Pakes, W.M., appointed and invested with the collar and jewel of their office as his officers, Bros. G. T. Limm, S.W.; R. Harman, J.W.; J. G. Vohmann, S.C.; G. Harvey, J.D.; W. A. R. Harris, I.G.; the appointment of the Inner Guard gave great satisfaction, for he is a worthy brother, and has distinguished himself as a good worker of the ceremonies in the Craft. The arduous duties

of the W.M., (after the minutes had been read, confirmed and signed by the W.M.) then commenced. He in his usual careful manner initiated Mr. Thomas Weston into the mysteries and the privileges of ancient Freemasonry, Bro. G. Andrews, P.M. impressively giving the all-important charge to the Entered Apprentice who retired. The craftsmen, Bros. William Henry Luckcraft, John Eberhardt Schnabel, and John Lorenz Brodbeck, gave every proof of superior proficiency by the admirable manner in which they exhibited the knowledge they all possessed when answering the usual interrogatories. To add to the solemnity of the raisings each brother was introduced separately. Bro. W. H. Luckcraft—then J. E. Schnabel—and last came J. L. Brodbeck, the W.M. distinguishing himself by the correct manner he gave every portion of the ceremony, including the traditional history, and the ever-important lecture on the tracing board, not of course omitting all the tools. The father of the Lodge Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M., and Secretary, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, made a forcible appeal for some member of the Lodge to represent it as its Steward for the Benevolent Institution in 1878, pointing out to the newly appointed S.W., how desirable it would be for him to accept that office. His efforts were warmly supported by the late Steward, Bro. H. J. Tuson, I.P.M., and there being no volunteers, Bro. G. T. Limm, S.W., in a gracious manner accepted, and was elected to that honourable position. Some names were given in for initiation which may render it imperative to have an emergency meeting before Christmas. The usual formalities were observed in closing, and the lodge adjourned to Thursday, January 24th, 1878, to meet at 5 p.m. There were present besides those named Bros. W. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; J. Truelove, P.M.; all the officers and nearly fifty members. The only visitors were Bros. J. T. Adams, 1326; John Evans, 767. There being no banquet, or any refreshment, the brethren separated about nine o'clock, well satisfied with having spent nearly four hours in labour.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel on Wednesday evening. The following officers were present:—Bros. H. R. Jones, W.M.; W. A. Morgan, S.W.; A. M. Newens, J.W.; J. B. Walker, S.D.; W. J. Huntley, J.D.; J. J. Holland, I.G.; H. Wilson, Treasurer; J. Frost, Secretary; and S. Steed, Tyler. The Past Masters were Bros. P. Cooke, J. G. Carter, E. H. Boddy, J. G. Kewney, F. H. Newens, and G. Howick. The brethren were Bros. R. Watkin, G. Clarke, J. W. Haines, G. W. Smith, R. Neal, G. Neal, G. Fortescue, W. Springett, J. Stonehewer, S. C. Iandon, H. F. Goodchild, and A. A. Denham. Bros. O. H. Keeley, 1184; H. Bickerstaff, and E. Carter, 1044, were visitors. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. F. Reed (Earl Spencer Lodge, No. 1420), was elected a joining member, being proposed by Bro. P. Cooke, P.M., and seconded by Bro. J. G. Kewney, P.M. The ballot was then taken for two new members, Mr. William Price and Mr. Henry John Newens. The former was proposed by Bro. W. J. Huntley, and seconded by Bro. H. N. Newens, while the latter was proposed by Bro. A. N. Newens, and seconded by Bro. Past Master F. H. Newens. The election proved unanimous, and the candidates were then duly initiated by the W.M., Bro. H. R. Jones. Bro. A. A. Denham, seconded by Bro. W. J. Huntley, gave notice of motion, that he intended bringing forward. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, which was presided over by the W.M., whose health was proposed by Bro. Past Master P. Cooke, and drank with Masonic honours. Other customary toasts were given.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., under the presidency of Bro. R. T. Kingham, the W.M., with Bros. T. Williams, I.P.M.; J. J. Michel, P.M.; W. M. Stiles, J.D. and Secretary; C. T. Seales, J.W.; W. Side, S.D.; H. Stiles, D.C.; G. Clark, W.S.; H. Lovegrove, Steward and Assistant Secretary; J. Daly, Tyler. The new lodge was opened in due form, and Bros. Poole and Shuttleworth were raised, Bros. Barton, H. Clark, and Holden were passed, and Messrs. J. J. Steele, Channing, and two other gentlemen were duly initiated. At the conclusion of the Masonic business the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was followed by the usual toasts.

HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1679).—The third regular meeting of this young but prosperous lodge was held on Saturday, the 24th ult., at the Prince George, Park-road, Dalston. Present: Bros. Henry Muggeridge, W.M.; Francis Fellows, S.W.; E. F. Storr, J.W.; J. B. Scriven, Treasurer; Alfred Sack, Sec.; J. Lorkin, S.D.; H. John, J.D.; J. H. Wilkin, I.G.; Charles Arnold, S. Stamper, 6; F. Brown, G. Clark, E. C. Dyer, W. J. Darrell, F. Haines, Henry Leach, and A. R. Foster. Visitors: Bros. J. Perry Godfrey, W.M. 1201; James Pinder, P.M.; George Phythian, S.W. 22; R. W. Muggeridge, 538; H. Edmunds, 805; George Clark, 1662; T. W. Clarke, 1567. The lodge was opened in due form, and the ballot taken for Mr. A. R. Foster, a candidate for Masonry, who was unanimously elected, and being present was initiated. Bros. George Clark, S. Stamper, and Charles Arnold were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The ceremony was worked by the W.M., Bro. Henry Muggeridge, and all present were delighted. This veteran in Masonry was never in better form; the working was really splendid. After propositions in open lodge for candidates and joining members, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a pretty little dinner provided to order by Bro. Glennie, of Kingsland. Short speeches were made by Bro. Henry Muggeridge, W.M., much to the purpose, and the evening was spent to the great enjoyment of all present. Really this is a compact and quite a jolly little lodge, quite a family party. All work well together, and for so young a lodge does great credit to all connected. It affords us great pleasure to speak so favourably of new lodges. After an evening well

spent the members separated, some living a long distance, to get well drenched by rain or almost blown away by the wind during the heavy gale.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The first meeting of this lodge since the installation of the present W.M., Bro. S. Waters, took place on Wednesday the 21st, at the Freemasons' Hall, William-street, when, notwithstanding the steady downpour of rain and altogether uncongenial state of the weather, there was a good muster of both brethren and visitors. The officers present beside the W.M., were Past Masters, T. Butt, I.P.M.; S. Godderd, E. Bowles, C. Norman, W. C. W. Hobson, and J. Henderson, (the former of whom is Treas. and the latter Sec. of the lodge); A. C. Woodley, S.W.; J. Warren, J.W.; J. Wilkins, S.D.; E. B. Hobson, J.D.; C. Cooke, Organist, W. McCoy, I.G.; G. Beaver, D.C.; and B. Norman, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. W. B. Lloyd, S.D. 913; H. Ritchings, 1151; H. Pryce, 913 and 1536; A. Cleale, 13; A. Deans, 13; F. Brock, 13; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The business before the lodge consisted in the passing of Bro. Stoddart, and raising of Bros. Wright and Harris, both ceremonies being on the part of the W.M., fairly above an average first attempt. At the refreshment board, which was most hospitably served, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and on Bro. Butt being temporarily entrusted with the gavel, he, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M." who, he said, had shown them that he was quite up to the standard of efficiency required in all Masters of the Nelson Lodge, and if he only went on in the same path he would leave the office with the same honour that had attended his predecessors. (Cheers.) The W.M. in reply said he felt proud to occupy such a position, and pleased to hear the terms in which Bro. Butt had spoken of his efforts that night; they were, however, not yet to his satisfaction. Unfortunately, he laboured under several disadvantages which most of his predecessors had not to contend with. In the Woolwich district they had the advantage of having lodges of instruction where the ceremonial of Masonry was generally studied, but in most of the lodges of instruction in London that he had opportunities of attending they in most cases went in for the Sections, so that the brethren would see that he was really at a disadvantage in that respect; but they might rely upon his not allowing the high prestige of the lodge to lose any of its lustre through his want of care or effort. (Loud cheers.) The next toast was that of "The Visitors," to which Bros. Cleale and Pryce replied. The latter in a few well chosen words spoke of the good feeling that had so long existed between the Nelson and the Pattison Lodges, and spoke of the regret expressed by the W.M. and officers of the latter at the non-appearance of a single member of the Nelson at the late Pattison meeting. He trusted the bond of good feeling and brotherhood which now existed between them would never be loosened, and in the name of the lodge gave a free and hearty welcome to the brethren of the Nelson Lodge to the next meeting of No. 913. (Cheers.) Bro. Henderson, who is as well a member of 913 followed in the same strain, and then the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," saying that he had read in the last issue of the *Freemason* that the Master of a London lodge had declared that the Past Masters of his lodge had little or nothing to do, and did it with a great deal of dignity. Now the Past Masters of the Nelson Lodge had a great deal of work to do, and he was proud to say that they did it with a great deal of dignity, and the lodge was thankful to them for it. (Cheers.) Bro. Butt suitably replied, and after the officers had been toasted, and Bro. Woodley had returned thanks, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. We may add that we were pleased to see a file of the *Freemason* in the ante-room, in which the brethren seemed much interested from time to time.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—The Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).—On the 21st inst., the regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Sussex Hotel, when there were present Bros. B. S. Willmott, W.M.; Reed, I.P.M.; W. B. Bacon, S.W.; A. D. Williams, J.W.; Hodgkin, S.D.; Pelton, J. D.; Dunkley, I.G.; Burton, D.C.; Deadman, Organist, T. Waterman, Poston, Graham, Oakley, and others. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, the minutes were read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. E. Elliott, T. Elliott, and A. Arnold, which proving unanimous, they were duly initiated into the Order. Bro. Whitehead was passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Waterman and Poston were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremonies being performed most impressively. The business ended, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which having been done justice to, the W.M. gave the usual preliminary loyal and other toasts briefly but pertinently. A most enjoyable evening terminated at 11 o'clock, and the brethren separated. Visitor R. N. Field, No. 902.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Middleton Hotel, Southend. The W.M., Bro. Rev. S. R. Wigram, Past Grand Chaplain, presided, supported by the following brethren, viz., Bros. A. Lucking, P.M. 160, P.M. and M.E.Z. 1000, Prov. G.D.C., as I.P.M.; W. Chaplin, S.W.; J. C. Johnstone, P.M. 20 (I.C.), J.W.; J. A. Wardell, P.M. 160 and 1000, P.P.G.D., Sec.; Rev. H. Hayes, Chaplain; F. D. Grayson, S.D.; G. F. Jones, I.G.; H. Rowley, P.M., P.P.G.D.; H. Briggs, W. H. Lockey, W. H. Norman, G. Berry, W. D. Merritt, B. Johnstone, W. Waterhouse, and others. After the usual business the W.M. in a very able manner passed Bros. O. Bentall and W. Griffin to the Second Degree. The lodge was then closed and adjourned.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, (No. 1008).—This flourishing lodge, which was consecrated in 1864, and has made such rapid

strides in Freemasonry, as to encourage and assist in forming a second one (the Abbey, 1592) in the town, held a special meeting on the 21st inst., for the purpose of receiving a visit from the Prov. Grand Master of the Province, the Right Hon. Lord Waveney. Upon this occasion there was a goodly muster of the brethren of the two lodges (about fifty) no invitation being sent to the neighbouring lodges. At seven o'clock the Prov. G. Master was conducted to the lodge room by the W. Master, Bro. W. G. Patrick, accompanied by the following past and present Provincial Grand Officers:—Wor. Bros. J. Hedley Bevan, P. Prov. S.G.W. and I.P.M. 1008; Rev. J. T. Hassall, Prov. G. Chap.; W. H. Lucia, Prov. G. Sec. (also Sec. of the Lodge); P.M. of Lodges 100, 1008, and 1592; C. P. Oakes, P. Prov. G. Reg; W. Armstrong, P. Prov. G.J.D.; J. R. Thompson, P. Prov. G.S.B.; W. D. Paine, Prov. A. D. of C. and J. B. Chemell, P. Prov. G. J. D. Cambs. The lodge being duly formed, the Right Wor. the Prov. G. Master was saluted with the honours due to his high position in the Craft. The lodge was then worked in the three degrees, opening and closing in the most efficient manner by the following officers of the lodge: Bro. Patrick, W.M.; T. F. Lucia, S.W.; W. Armstrong (acting) J.W.; J. R. Thompson; S.D.; J. G. Oliver, J.D.; W. D. Paine, (acting) I.G. Before closing the lodge the W.M. made the usual proclamation, and a proposition was made, but not accepted until enquiries had been made if there was room for admittance, the rule being in this lodge, that but four initiations or joining members can be admitted during the twelve months. At the second sound of the gavel, the R.W. the Prov. G. Master rose and said he came to meet the united lodges Bury St. Edmunds, and they could not have done the Provincial Grand Master a greater honour than having two lodges to meet instead of one, showing that in Freemasonry separation does not mean division. There were some points on which he desired particularly to dwell, as being of great importance to the Craft, and on which he should be sorry to postpone giving his opinion until he had the opportunity of expressing it in P.G. lodge. He next remarked upon the manner in which one of their special duties had been carried out with the assistance of their fellow-subjects in the Indian peninsula. He was fully confident that such a return as appeared appropriate to every member would be made to any appeal that might occur, and he was far from saying that they might presume to measure the charity which to any brother might appear prudent and practicable, because there were many at home who had a larger claim upon them than their fellow-subjects abroad, on behalf of whom their charity had been invoked. Be that as it might, he was sure the province would do itself credit in these turns which would be completed in the course of the ensuing week. The brethren would learn, with pleasure, from authoritative sources that the great crisis had been materially alleviated, and had been so far diminished that a reasonable expectation might be held of a termination of the suffering. But the central committee in London had deemed it proper for a certain time to keep open the books for the reception of such funds as might not previously have been forwarded. That he thought was most wise, for the agony of suffering and the want of necessary support was indeed but trifling compared with that which followed after. After famine comes pestilence—after pestilence exhaustion; therefore he held that their charity and offerings were by no means superfluous, for, do what they would, after the field had been cleared of a great mass of suffering, supplementary charity would convey comfort and relief. With regard to the general prospects of Masonry in the province, they were to be congratulated on the addition of another lodge, and also upon the circumstances under which it was incorporated into their roll of lodges. He was unfortunately unable to be present, and the D.P.G.M., who never allowed any trifling matter to interfere with the performance of his duties, was at the time suffering under a most severe bereavement. But in proof of the position which this province occupies in the Grand Lodge of England, the duties their natural leaders were unable to perform were undertaken by the hands of most eminent Masters of the Craft. The Grand Secretary of England, to whom the Craft was so much indebted, and Lord Skelmersdale, a distinguished brother, were there to perform the duties, and he was pleased to have seen the duties placed in such hands. There was a point with regard to the Craft on which he always took the opportunity of inquiring, viz., what was the condition or officer who had so long and well administered the financial arrangements. His health remained good, and such comforts were secured to him as might wait upon a constitution exhausted by labour, not only with them in the Craft-room, but at all times and all hours in the dwellings of the poor throughout the division of the county to which he belonged. There was another point on which he desired to be very explicit. It was with regard to a representation that was made to him in the beginning of last year, with respect to the Royal Arch. He had not the time to devote himself to this branch of Masonry, which was of the highest value and importance, but he was not willing that any members of the province should feel that they had not the opportunity of practicing that branch of the Craft. By good fortune he found in a brother to whom he had often been indebted for good counsel and enlightened opinion, one who was perfectly competent to assume the direction of the Royal Arch. He was sure the D.P.G.M. would conduct the G. Chapter, and whatever might be necessary for the prosecution of that branch with a discipline, a sincerity and a straight-forwardness which animated their brethren of the temple of Zion, from which they drew their name. (Applause.) Another point to which he wished to make reference was one which had not yet been brought before the assembled lodges, that if what he heard was true it was one of the most important questions that had ever been submitted to the Freemasons of the world. They

knew that their rule was of the largest and widest scope consistent with the recognition of that great power which they denominated, the Architect of the Universe. They were told that a communication had been made to the Grand Lodge of Ireland from the Grand Orient of France, to the effect that for the purpose of testing the sincerity with which their obligations were undertaken it was unnecessary, as they conceived, to refer to the sanction of the Divine Being. They did not wish to circumscribe the mode of obligation, or bring themselves within the limits of any special power. Indeed he might say that he had been the means of introducing to the Scientific Lodge at Cambridge a member of Mahomedan creed; there being in that religion a recognition of a Divine principle which conveyed sanctity to the brother taking the obligation. His own opinion was that the obligation should be rectified and made solemn as in the presence of the Most High. (Applause.) It would be a matter for consideration first by the Grand Lodge of England, supposing it were determined to proceed in the matter, but as the Grand Lodge only represents and reflects the opinions of various provinces, he held it to be his duty to communicate to them, in the position of honour and trust in which he was placed, the opinion he held upon it. It must be an exaggeration or a misconception of a statement made in a foreign language, or it must be that some indiscretion had been committed by the Grand Lodge of France; but they could not permit such an idea to float through the society as a lodge entering upon its duties except under the most awful and solemn sanction. There was but one point further with regard to the management of the business of the province, to which he thought it right to allude. He had taken a great and overpowering interest in the greatest social problem that had been worked out for ages—the governmental efficiency and national prosperity of the great kingdom of Italy. He did not go there to see oranges blooming at Christmas, nor for the purpose of antique research; but he went to Italy year by year to see whether men who had been compelled to walk with faces gravelling on the ground could now walk with the bold clear elevated front of free men. That being the case, he should during a portion of the time he was away delegate the duties of the P.G.M. to his Deputy. He had but one direction to give him, which was that in cases in which the conveniences of lodges might be consulted, and (not to use the word in a dogmatic sense) in which any grace or favour of any sort could be required for the convenience of the Craft, he should not hesitate. If, unhappily any difficulties should arise, it was due to the Craft that those difficulties should be settled only by the supreme authority. He had requested the D.P.G.M. to reserve such cases for his direction, and upon that ground he would not consider himself called upon to decide; but the matters should be referred to himself, and he would see that they received speedy solution. (Applause.) The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to the banquetting-room, where a recherche spread was awaiting them, and which upon this auspicious occasion was served in Bro. W. Guy's best style. After the loyal and official Masonic toasts had been given and received, harmony and complimentary toasts were proceeded with, the health of the Dept. Prov. Grand Master, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain of England, (who was unavoidably absent, being received with as much enthusiasm as the M.W. the Grand Master of England. The toast of the charities was well received, and a liberal subscription was made by the brethren towards them. The Tyler's toast was given at 11 o'clock, and one of the pleasantest meetings of the Royal St. Edmund's was closed.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Israel. (No. 1502).—The members of this highly successful confraternity of the "Free and Accepted," celebrated their annual festival of installation at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Monday, the 19th November, when there was both a numerous and influential gathering. Bro. Maurice Hart, W.M., occupied the K.S. chair at the opening, and he was supported by Bros. Ralph Robinson, P.M., D.C.; A. J. Henochsberg, I.P.M.; the Rev. J. Prag, Chaplain; A. Jones, S.W.; S. Schonstadt, J.W.; I. de Frece, Treasurer; B. Levy, Secretary; the Rev. H. D. Marks, S.D.; S. J. Henochsberg, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Organist; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present during the afternoon included Bros. M. H. Edwards, I. Woolf, S. Simmons, A. Cohen, B. Smaj, M. P. Tueski, H. Isaacs, J. Saber, A. Rabow, J. B. Levy, J. M. Myers, J. E. Davidson, H. Henochsberg, W. Levy, L. Levy, D. Gabrielson, H. F. Wright, J. Milton, Sol. Jacobs, J. Franks, W.M. 203; H. Liebschutz, A. Hart, J.W. 724; H. M. Silver, M. Aronsberg, P. Barnett, E. Scott, A. Zolki, E. I. Fraser, the Rev. Dr. W. Stern, M. Parker, H. Sagar, L. Hart, and others. The visitors present were Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; H. Jackson, P.G.A.D.C.; H. Ellis, 1021; A. W. Croft, 594; J. Cobham, P.M. 241; J. B. McKenzie, J.W. 1609; V. Kahn, 673; H. Sykes, 1219; W. W. Cottam, W.M. 1013; L. R. Barnes, P.M. 1113; T. H. Rahn, P.P.G.D. Durham; J. C. Robinson, W.M. 249; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D.; R. J. Taylor, I.P.M. 1025; J. Thompson, J.D. 270; C. W. Briar, J.W. 971; J. Walmsley, W.M. 1102; G. Phillips, 203; L. S. Cohen, 216; J. S. Lopson, 724; J. W. Ballard, P.M. 274; and T. Sammons, W.M. 1393. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed, and the ballot was afterwards taken for candidates. The W.M., Bro. M. Hart, then passed four brethren to the Degree of F.C., and concluded his year's excellent working by installing Bro. Alexander Jones as his successor in the chair of K.S., the presentation being made by Bros. A. J. Henochsberg, P.M., and Bro. Ralph Robinson, P.M., D.C. The ceremony was most ably and impressively performed. The following brethren were appointed and invested officers for the ensuing year:—

Bros. R. Robinson, P.M., D.C.; Rev. J. Praag, Chaplain (re-appointed); S. Schonstadt, S.W.; Rev. H. D. Marks, J.W.; I. de Frece, Treas. (re-elected for the fourth time); M. Hart, I.P.M., Sec.; W. G. Veale, Org.; S. D. Warcing, S.D. (by proxy); S. J. Henochsberg, J.D.; M. P. Tueski, I.G.; J. Saber, S.S.; H. F. Wright, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The W.M., as a commencement to his service in the chair, initiated Mr. Myers into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. The brethren were then called off from labour to refreshment, and nearly 100 sat down to a choice dinner in the large banquetting hall, under the presidency of Bro. A. Jones, W.M., who subsequently gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. In responding to the toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., P.G.M. W.L., and P.G. Officers, Bro. H. C. Alpess, P.G. Sec., said the recent Masonic gathering at Southport was probably the largest ever seen in this country, with the exception of that at the installation of the Prince of Wales. It pleased Lord Skelmersdale, and would make him devote himself even more assiduously to the service of the Masons in the province over which he presided. Bro. Alpess concluded by praising in high terms the excellent working of the lodge by all the officers connected with it. Bro. H. Jackson, P.G.A.D.C., also briefly responded to the toast. "The W.M.," given by Bro. I.P.M. Hart, was suitably responded to, and the W.M. then presented Bro. Maurice Hart, I.P.M., with a very valuable and beautifully designed P.M.'s jewel, which was acknowledged in happy terms. Bro. R. Robinson, P.M. and D.C., gave "The Fund of Benevolence," and in doing so said that fund was now in a most flourishing condition. In two years it had secured an accumulated sum of £120. Bro. Lyons, the Treasurer to the fund, acknowledged the toast. The W.M., in giving "The Officers," took the opportunity of presenting Bro. Isaac de Frece, Treasurer, with a very handsome dining room clock and a Treasurer's jewel, both of which had been subscribed for by private members of the lodge in recognition of the admirable and invariably faithful services rendered by Bro. I. de Frece since the formation of the lodge. The toast was then acknowledged by the S.W. and J.W., and the presentee being Bro. de Frece. Other toasts followed, and a pleasant evening was spent with songs and recitations.

INSTRUCTION.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting was held on Friday, 23rd Nov., at the Mitre Hotel, Gouldborne-road, Notting-hill, present: Bros. Spiegel, W.M.; Smout, junr. S.W.; Adkins, J.W.; Gabb, S.D.; Wood, J.D.; Hopton, I.G.; Savage, P.M. Preceptor. There were also present, Bros. Tettenbaun, Kelly, Newland, Poulter, and Reynolds. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Poulter being candidate, after which the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bros. Gabb and Reynolds were elected members of this lodge of instruction.

LONDON MASONIC CLUB LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—A meeting was held on Monday, 26th Nov., at the Club, 101, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present:—Bros. Nelson Reed, W.M.; C. E. Smith, S.W.; J. White, S.W.; J. E. Shand, Sec.; C. J. Hogg, Treas.; W. Sharrett, S.D.; A. Triggs, J.D.; J. D. Langton, I.G.; W. Smallpeice, Preceptor, Barnett, Bauman; and as visitors, Bros. A. J. Turner, and A. Triggs, 157. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting confirmed. The third ceremony and lectures were worked. Audit report was submitted, approved, and ordered to be entered upon minutes. Two brethren were elected joining members. Bro. C. E. Smith was elected W.M., for next meeting.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The annual meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at the Metropolitan Club, Pentonville-road, King's Cross, for the election of officers for the ensuing year. Bro. T. Adams, P.M., P.G.P., was unanimously elected Preceptor, a post which he has held from the commencement of this lodge of instruction, to the great advantage of the brethren attending. Bro. J. Willing, P.M., of the mother lodge, was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W.M. Stiles was unanimously re-elected to the post of Secretary, the brethren thanking him for his prompt and regular attendance. The first degree was worked with the following as officers: Bros. G. Clark, W.M.; Smith, S.W.; H. Lovegrove, J.W.; Willing, S.D.; H. Clark, J.D.; Edmunds, I.G.

Royal Arch.

ANDREW CHAPTER (No. 134).—The regular Convocation of this well-established chapter was held on Thursday, the 15th instant, at the Bell and Anchor, Hotel, West Kensington Gardens. The chapter was opened in the usual manner, and the companions admitted, when the minutes of the previous convocation were duly read and confirmed. Amongst those present were Comps. Worthington, M.E.Z.; Lewis Bryett, H.; Adamson, J.; Lines, P.Z.; Treasurer; George Read, P.Z., S.E.; Cole, S.N.; Game, P.S.; Avery, 1st Assist. Soj.; Barfield, 2nd Assist. Soj.; Harcy, P.Z.; Thompson, P.Z.; Slack, P.Z.; Millis, P.Z., and a large number of Royal Arch Masons. The visitors were, Comps. Carter and Dixon, both of the Windsor Castle Chapter, 771. Comps. Bryett, Adamson, and Game were then duly installed as First, Second and third Principals, the ceremony being performed by Comp. Read in such a manner as to draw forth the special approbation of those present. After the M.E.Z. had been saluted in due form by the re-admitted companions, two brethren were balloted for who had been proposed at the former meeting, and the names of three others proposed for exaltation. The presentation

of a P.Z. jewel to Comp. Worthington, for his past labours in the interests of the chapter, gave great satisfaction. Chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a magnificent banquet, provided by and served under the personal supervision of Comp. Millis. The menu's were of a peculiarly novel character, great taste being apparent, both in their design and execution. Grace being said, the M.E.Z. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were fully responded to. Comp. Worthington then rose and proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," stating that it afforded him, as they were doubtless aware, the utmost pleasure in seeing Comp. Bryett fill the chair of First Principal, and were he to speak for a long time he was afraid he could only faintly convey his feelings on the subject. He had known the M.E.Z. since his connection with the Ranelagh Lodge, and had noticed with extreme pleasure the attention he always paid to his Masonic duties, especially when he was W.M. of the Ranelagh Lodge. It was also highly gratifying to them all to have watched the steady progress Comp. Bryett had made in the Andrew Chapter, as they were aware it was a chapter distinguished by the exactness of its working, thereby reflecting great credit on one of its founders, long since passed away, and after whom it was named. The M.E.Z., in reply, thanked the companions sincerely for the way in which they had drunk his health, and was afraid that he scarcely merited a twentieth part of the compliments paid him by the I.P.Z., but took the opportunity of stating that he should always be pleased to do everything and anything in his power to further the interest of the Andrew Chapter. He then proposed the health of the P.Z.'s of the Chapter, that of Companion Worthington for the first class manner he had carried out the duties of the Chair during the past year, Companion Lines, for the able manner in which he looked after the finances, Companions Thompson and Slack, for their past services, Companion Millis for his great kindness in always looking after the creature comforts, and last, but not least, Companion Read, for the great assistance he always afforded them in directing and carrying out the ceremonies. The toast of "The Officers" was well received and capitally responded to, and after "The Janitor's" toast had been given, the companions separated, this concluding one of the most successful Royal Arch gatherings held in the neighbourhood for some time past.

CAVEAC CHAPTER (No. 176).—This well established and prosperous chapter held an election and installation meeting at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City, on Saturday, November 24th. Punctually at three o'clock the audit committee was held. The result of the labours of the audit committee showed the finances to be in a sound position. Precisely at four o'clock the chapter was opened by Comps. G. K. Lemann, Z.; J. B. Sorrell, H.; W. M. Goss, J.; P. A. Nairne, P.Z.; Dr. W. S. Wyman, P.Z.; R. S. Foreman, P.Z.; and F. Walters, P.Z., Treasurer, P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex. The companions were then admitted. Minutes of the last regular convocation were read, confirmed, and signed by the M.E.Z. Ballot was unanimous in favour of Bro. William Ancell, P.M. 30, who being present was exalted in an impressive manner, every officer being perfect in his work. The bye-laws having been read, the elections were for Comp. J. B. Sorrell, Z.; W. M. Goss, H.; C. Browne, J.; F. Walters, P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex, P.Z. Treasurer (re-elected); A. Williams, C.E., S.E.; J. B. Sorrell, jun., S.N.; A. Middlemas, P.S.; E. T. Speight, Janitor, re-elected. Comp. G. K. Lemann, M.E.Z., installed Comp. J. B. Sorrell, M.E.Z. Comp. P. A. Nairne, P.Z., installed Comp. W. M. Goss, H. In consequence of illness Comp. C. Browne, was absent: his installation as J. was deferred until the next meeting. The officers appointed and invested were Comps. F. Walters, P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex, P.Z., Treasurer (re-invested for the tenth time); A. Williams, C.E., S.E.; J. B. Sorrell, jun., S.N.; A. Middlemas, P.S., who appointed as his assistants R. P. Tebb, First A.S.; S. Pownceby, Second A.S.; A. W. Thorpe, Steward; C. T. Speight, Janitor (re-invested for the eleventh time). The usual six-pound Past Principal's jewel was voted to Comp. G. K. Lemann, I.P.Z., who acknowledged the gift in a nice speech. In consequence of Comp. G. K. Lemann, P.Z., being about to live abroad, he resigned his membership, the chapter, to show what high estimation they held him in, unanimously elected him for life an honorary member. Some propositions were given in for candidates. The chapter was closed, and adjourned to Saturday, February 23rd, 1878, to meet at five p.m. The banquet provided by Comp. W. G. Jennings was as usual first class. The usual loyal toasts were given and responded to. The companions separated wishing each other the compliments of the approaching season. The visitors were Comps. F. Grave, 3; Lou's Beck, 1326, W.M. Rothesay Lodge, 1687, and others.

DOMATIC CHAPTER (No. 177).—The last convocation of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 22nd instant. There were present amongst others Comps. Adams, P.Z., acting M.E.Z.; Cubit, P.Z., acting H.; Hill, J.; H. G. Buss, P.Z., Treasurer, acting S.E.; Lawrence, P.S.; Harrison, 2nd Assistant, and Foulger, P.Z.; Payne, P.Z.; Bentley, Janitor. The visitors were Comps. Green, S.N. 975; Walls, P.S. 185. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the sum of five pounds was unanimously voted to Comp. Briggs, as Steward, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at the forthcoming festival of that charity in February next. There being no other business before the chapter, it was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent repast. Upon the removal of the cloth, Comp. Adams vacated the chair in favour of Comp. Foulger, who ably officiated during the rest of the proceedings. The toast of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," "The P.Z. of the Order," "The G.H. and G.J. and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present," having been given, very briefly

Comp. Buss proposed in happy and eulogistic terms "The Health of the acting M.E.Z." He stated that he had had the honour many years ago of exalting Comp. Adams in that chapter, and it had afforded him that evening very great pleasure in seeing their very worthy and esteemed companion officiating as First Principal. When they considered that Comp. Adams was nearly eighty-five years of age it was very wonderful to see him still in possession of good health, and with both sight and memory unimpaired, and long might he continue to possess those blessings. He also wished to couple the name of another of his Royal Arch children with the toast, namely, Comp. Foulger who had kindly presided at the banquet table that evening. This toast having been well and heartily received, Comp. Foulger responded, and immediately gave "The Visitors" which toast was acknowledged by Comps. Green and Walls. The remaining toasts, viz., "The Past Principals," "The Second and Third Principals," "The Treasurer and acting S.E.," and "The Officers," were given but briefly, and were respectively acknowledged upon behalf of themselves and absent colleagues by Comps. Cubit, P.Z.; Hill, J.; H. G. Buss, Treasurer; and Lawrence, P.S., and Harrison, 2nd Assistant. Comps. Green, Walls, Lawrence, and others entertained the companions, who separated at a very early hour. The next convocation will take place on the fourth Thursday in February next.

WELLS.—The Avalon Chapter (No. 446).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, 20th November, when the following companions were installed as Principals for the ensuing year. Comps. Bath, as M.E.Z.; C. L. F. Edwards, as H.; and Long, as J. The ceremony was performed by Comp. Capt. S. G. Homfray, P.G.S.B. of Grand Chapter, and P.G.H. of Monmouthshire, who was one of the founders of this chapter, and a constant attendant. The great success of this chapter is entirely due to the great exertions of Comp. Cap. A. Thrale Perkins, the I.P.Z., a most zealous and indefatigable worker in the Craft. After closing the chapter the companions adjourned to refreshment at Bro. Wickenden's, where a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Cap. Perkins for his valuable services during the past year, and a fervent hope that he might be long spared to the brethren of Wells.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Chapter (No. 1000).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, on Wednesday the 21st inst. There were present amongst others Comps. A. Lucking, M.E.Z.; E. F. Phillips, as H.; I. C. Johnstone, P.Z. 20, (I.C.) as J.; (H. and J. being unavoidably absent through illness); Rev. R. S. Wigram, P.Z. 214 and 1000, Past Grand 1st Assist. Soj.; S. J. Weston, Treas.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, Scribe N.; W. Piss-y, Prin. Soj.; E. Judd, 1st Asst. Soj.; Mountain, Janitor; F. V. Tillings, G. F. Jones, and Dr. S. W. Fisher, Visitor, Comp. Carr. After the usual preliminaries, Bros. H. Briggs, of the Priory Lodge, 1000, and Douglas, S.D. of the Metropolitan Lodge, 1507, were balloted for, which, proving unanimous in their favour, and Bro. Briggs being in attendance, he was duly exalted, the M.E.Z. also giving the three lectures. The chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and heartily responded to, the Janitors' toast bringing the evening's proceedings to a close.

Mark Masonry.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge.—(T.I.) The regular quarterly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 27th, when the lodge was opened at 8 p.m. by Bro. R. B. Cater, Prov. G.J.W., in the chair of W.M., supported by Bros. Carey, I.P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, P.G.J.W. of England, P.M. 26 and 74, Chaplain; Jas. Dutton, P.M.; John Dutton, S.W.; Murlis, Reg. as J.W.; C. Wilkinson, Sec.; Braham, M.O.; Brown, S.O.; Falkner, J.O.; Radway, S.D.; Dingle, as J.D.; Mercer, as I.G.; Bigwood, Tyler; there were several other members, and Bro. Moutrie, as a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bros. C. M. Penley and W. Peach, and both being unanimously favourable, they were admitted and advanced to the Degree of M.M.M., the first part of the ceremony being performed by the W.M., and the latter by Bro. James Dutton, P.M. The Chaplain announced the meeting of Grand Mark Lodge, on December 4th, for which as a Past Grand Officer he had received a summons. He also exhibited patterns of jewels for the officers of the lodge, which he had been requested to procure. After some discussion he was deputed to order a complete set, most of the officers offering to pay the cost of their own and to present them to the lodge. He was also requested to make inquiry from the Grand Secretary as to a Tracing Board. Bro. James Dutton, P.M., brought to the meeting a large handsomely framed Masonic chart for the inspection of the members, stating that it had been executed and presented to him by the Chaplain, at the close of his own year of office as W.M. as a compliment to himself as well as to the lodge over which he had presided. Other matters were transacted, and the lodge was closed at 10 p.m.

JERSEY.—Cæsarean Lodge (No. 74).—A quarterly meeting of the lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, on Wednesday, November 21st. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Oatley, supported by Bros. Dr. T. J. Aubin, S.W.; J. O. LeSueur, J.W.; P. W. Benham, I.P.M.; A. Schmitt, Chaplain and Hon. Sec.; C. Kingsnorth, M.O.; J. O'Flaherty, S.O.; Thos. Leah, J.O.; W. Z. Pugsley, Reg.; Ed. Martel, as S.D.; P. Blampied, D.C.; Jno. Huclin, I.G.; and a strong muster of members. Visitor, Bro. G. V. Henley. After the confirmation of the minutes, a ballot was taken for the following candidates: Col. M. Stringer, R.A., 877; V. Cordier, 245; F. P. LeMarquand, P.M. 491; Z. J. Ainsley, 244; J. W. N. Smyth Pigott, E. M. Esnouf, 877; which

proved unanimous in each case, and being in attendance they were advanced in due form to the hon. degree of M.M.M. The Secretary congratulated the W.M., officiating for the first time, on the efficient and effective manner in which the whole ceremony was performed, evidencing not only the labour bestowed by him and his officers upon the work, but rendering evident the fact that the labour is a labour of love and pleasure. The brethren adjourned to partake of a collation, and an hour was harmoniously whiled away in toast, song, and sentiment. The Honorary Trio was not forgotten.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

The annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, working under the Lodge of Unions, No. 256, was held yesterday week at Freemasons' Hall. About 300 brethren were present at the working of the lodge, over which Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D., presided. Bro. J. Muzio was S.W.; E. Legg, J.W.; John Hervey, G.S. Treasurer; W. H. Smallpeice, Secretary; W. A. Dawson, S.D.; F. R. Spaul, J.D.; and Tattershall, I.G. Among the other brethren present were Bros. R. J. S. Beeton, S.D. 788; G. Brooke, W.M. 63; C. P. Cobham, P.M. 957; Evans Cronk, J.W. 1414; W. A. Dawson, 421; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; J. Edell, 108; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; J. P. Godfrey, W.M. 1261; Montague Gosset, P.M. 66; R. Grey, P.G.D.; E. M. Haigh, P.G.S.; E. J. Hart, W.M. 1201; A. Hill, 21; W. G. Kentish, I.G. 1293; J. W. Lambert, W.M. 142; W. S. Lee, S.D. 1201; Edwin March, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; A. D. Renshaw, J. D. 194; A. A. Richards, P.M. 8 and 865, P. Prov. G.J.W. Midx.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; J. E. Shand, I.G. 1563; G. B. Smallpeice, P.M. 370; F. R. Spaul, I.G. 1124; E. G. Tattershall, 165; S. B. Wilson, P.M. 59.

The questions were put by Bro. Murton, the work chosen for the evening being the Second Lecture. The answers in the First Section were given by Bro. W. A. Dawson; Second Section, by Bro. Spaul; Third Section, by Bro. Tattershall; Fourth by Bro. Lee, S.D. 1201; and Fifth by Bro. Kentish. Of the style of work it is only necessary to say that it was fully up to the high standard of Emulation working, and at the close of the labours of the evening, the Earl of Donoughmore, P.G.S.W., in proposing a vote of thanks to the working brethren, said that as he should have the honour of presiding at the banquet, where he would have an opportunity of speaking more fully, he should trouble the brethren now with very few observations; but he thought he should represent the wishes of all the brethren assembled if he said that they did not wish to separate without giving their hearty thanks to those who had that night given such excellent working. Last year he had the pleasure of being present on a similar occasion, when the working was performed by those whom he might call the rulers of the Craft. Those, however, who had done the work this evening, were brethren who had not yet risen to the high position of W.M.; but the brethren could have no doubt, from the excellent manner in which they had just carried out their duties, that when it came to their turn to fill the chair they would have a very successful Masonic career before them.

The vote having been carried with acclamation, Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D., W.M., in acknowledging it, said it had always been his desire in this Lodge of Emulation to promote a good style of working, and the study of the Sections which illustrated the beautiful ceremonies. He thought it was highly necessary that those who desired to understand the nature of the ceremonies or of the Craft generally should give their attention to this study.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to supper where they were presided over by the Earl of Donoughmore, who was supported on the dais by Bros. C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Col. Somerville Burney, Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke, J. M. P. Montagu, D.P.G.M. Dorset; S. Tomkins, G. Treas; John Hervey, G.S.; Capt. Phillips, G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, G.D.; Thos. Fenn, P.G.D.; A. J. D. Filer, P.G.S.B.; H. G. Buss, Assist. G.S.; Rev. D. Robbins, A. B. Cooke, W. H. Smallpeice, and H. J. P. Dumas, P.A.G.D.C.

After supper the toasts were proposed, and that of "The Queen and the Craft" having been disposed of,

Lord Donoughmore proposed "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." His Lordship said it was his fortune to be in a position with regard to the Pro Grand Master, in which, as it happened, a great deal of Masonic work had to pass through his hands, and he was therefore in a position to bear witness to the very great interest the Grand Master took in everything that Masons attempted and did. It was hardly necessary he should give the brethren this assurance, but as he was able to give it he was sure it would only increase the zeal with which they would receive the Grand Master's health.

Lord Donoughmore in giving the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy G.M., &c.," said the majority of those present had often heard the Pro Grand Master's eloquence and observed his wonderful power of dealing with the most difficult subjects which came before Grand Lodge for decision at different times. Any panegyric on him now would be a waste of time. Of Lord Skelmersdale he might say they all knew the work he had done in the province over which he presided, and in London, in Freemasons' Hall, and in other buildings where Masonry flourished.

Bro. Samuel Tomkins, G. Treas, proposed "The Health of the Chairman." There was no Mason who did not look upon the working of the Lodge of Emulation as a very important, useful, and interesting work in Masonry. The prosperity of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was virtually the prosperity of Masonry; and the more the brethren felt an interest in it, the more Masonry was ap-

preciated, and the more good Masonry effected. Masonry, however, would not be able to do the good it did unless noblemen like the Chairman showed by the interest they took in it that it was an Order to which all honourable men might belong. For the interest such noblemen took in Masonry the brethren were greatly thankful. He asked the brethren to drink "The Health of Lord Donoughmore," as an excellent Mascn.

Lord Donoughmore said that the very flattering manner in which the brethren had received his name was naturally very gratifying to him. He could thoroughly concur with the brother who had brought it before them in everything he had said about the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. Bro. Tomkins had said it was a most useful institution, and one which deserved the greatest encouragement from all brethren, whatever rank they might hold in the Craft. Bro. Tomkins said at the same time that unless the governors of the Craft supported it, it would not flourish so much as it did. He perfectly agreed with Bro. Tomkins in that; but then he agreed with him for a practical reason on another ground as well. He felt that it was not only the rulers of the Craft who should support it for the sake of the good it would do to the Craft, but for the good it would do to themselves. He spoke from practical experience. He had had the honour of founding a lodge at a time when he knew little of what he had to do as Master, and if it had not been for the Emulation Lodge of Improvement he would not have been able to learn his duties. Therefore, he had good reason to foster and support the existence of such a valuable body. He had to thank the brethren again for receiving his name so cordially on this his visit to the lodge, and he could only say it had given him the greatest pleasure to occupy the position of Chairman. Last year the chair in lodge was occupied for a time by the Earl of Carnarvon, and a very interesting ceremony was then gone through, which most of the brethren would remember. Upon that occasion the distinguished brother who had been Treasurer of the lodge for the past thirty years was presented by Lord Carnarvon on behalf the lodge with a testimonial. Lord Carnarvon then spoke in far more eloquent terms than he (Lord Donoughmore) could of the very great services Bro. Hervey had rendered to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and to Freemasonry, but he (Lord Donoughmore) considered it a piece of great good fortune to find himself, in proposing "Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement," supported by Bro. Hervey, whose name he should couple with the toast. The toast itself was one well worthy of the brethren's acceptance; but he felt sure that if there was one thing more than another which would render it acceptable to the brethren it was that it would be responded to by the excellent Bro. Grand Secretary, the Treasurer of the lodge.

Bro. Hervey, in reply, said that if his lordship had been gratified by the reception accorded to him, almost a young Mason, it must be doubly gratifying to him (Bro. Hervey) as an old Mason to be, after a long tenure of office and service in the lodge, received in the manner in which the brethren had received his name. It was not always that after more than thirty years' exertions for a lodge, or for any body of men whatever, one was well received; but he felt sure that he was scarcely deserving of such a compliment as Lord Donoughmore had paid him, because his attendance at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was not now, and could not be what it used to be. He felt now almost superannuated (no, no); at any rate to a certain extent, and he was very glad to give up the lead which he had had the honour and pleasure of taking for so many years in this lodge to such good men as the brethren had seen that evening, as he had seen in Bro. Fenn, a constant attendant at the lodge (cheers), as the brethren also saw in other members of the lodge, such as the Secretary, Bro. Smallpeice, and in Bro. Richardson. It was to these brethren that the prosperity of the lodge was now due; it was to them that the lodge might be thankful for the meeting that they had had that night, and for the general success of the meeting. (Hear, hear.) He felt now that he was like an old horse which was turned out to pasture after a long interval, and left to vegetate for the rest of his life without labour; but so long as he could be of any use to the lodge, or at any time the lodge might feel there was a special call for his services, then again he should be happy to come forward and to say, that although he had been turned out to pasture for the rest of his days he was still ready to exert himself to the utmost to further the interests of the lodge, and at all times to do what in him lay to promote its welfare. (Applause.) He was extremely gratified to see that evening young men, in contradistinction to the older Masons they saw a twelvemonth ago, performing all the sections. Last year they were worked by Past Grand Officers, and it was a pleasure to see the young ones coming up, probably to push the old ones from their pedestals, and show that they also could do the work as well as the old ones did a year ago. Next year probably we should see others ready to show that the Emulation Lodge was not effete but was doing good suit and service to the Craft in the excellent working of the ceremonies. He had often said that it must present itself to all those who took an interest in the working of Masonry that first impressions were everything; that if a man was well initiated, he would feel that he was entering on something that was worth entering upon; but if he was initiated in a slovenly manner he would turn from it in disgust and say, "why was I initiated into an Institution where nothing is offered me but a Master who stumbles over his work, and officers who cannot do their duties?" Unless the working was good at an initiation, it would have no good effect upon the initiate; and hence he repeated the words which had fallen from Lord Donoughmore on the present occasion, that the Emulation was doing good service to the Craft, and he was glad to hear his Lordship say it had done good service to him. He (Bro. Hervey), again thanked

the brethren heartily on behalf of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and trusted that although time was running fast along he might still have an opportunity or two more of meeting the brethren in that hall and of again responding to this toast.

Lord Donoughmore then rose and said that at the risk of tiring the brethren with the sound of his voice he would propose another toast. Bro. Hervey had said that the work that evening had been done by young hands; and that although he felt he was like an old horse turned out to pasture he was always ready to come back at the call of duty. In giving the brethren the toast of "The W.M. and the officers who presided in the Lodge of Emulation," to-night he could not do better than say that he was sure that the young members would remember whenever they were in difficulties Bro. Hervey's promise. It was a thing well known that an old hunter was always the best, he was always cleverer than any other; and whenever the brethren were in a difficulty he was sure they would avail themselves of Bro. Hervey's advice. At present he was bound to say that as far as he and the brethren could see, none of those who took part in the ceremonies of the evening, were in need of much assistance, the work was so admirably given. He did not himself perceive a mistake from beginning to end, and the whole thing was a credit to the Emulation Lodge, which was a guide to the working of the Craft. Therefore he thought as they had already done in the lodge in a business manner they should now do in a social manner, give them a recognition of their appreciation of the instruction they had exemplified.

Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D., responded. Though not such an old horse as Bro. Hervey, he was somewhat an old horse, for he could count up 21 years in Masonry, Bro. Hervey was his father in Masonry, and perhaps he should not have taken such an interest in it but for the impression made on his mind at his initiation. He had always felt what Bro. Hervey had said, that if the ceremonies were not well performed, many brethren retreated from the Order, probably in disgust. He was not surprised that Lord Donoughmore and the brethren should have been pleased with the working of those brethren who had worked the sections. It was a very happy allusion to the noble Chairman, that in comparing the working of that evening with the working of last year, the work of last year was done by old officers, old rulers of the Craft; whereas the working of this evening was, with one exception, done by brethren who did not hold office. It was wonderfully creditable to those brethren that they should work the difficult sections without an error. He did not know whether, in returning thanks for the officers of the lodge, he should include the permanent officers; but he imagined they should regard the Treasurer and Secretary. They had very arduous duties to perform, and no one more so than the Secretary. On their behalf, and on behalf of the working brethren, he begged to thank the noble Chairman and brethren very much.

Bro. Murton, then, in proposing "The Lodge of Unions," under whose warrant the Lodge of Emulation was held, said it might well be that the Lodge of Unions was proud of her offspring, who would render it very great honour by the large number of members on its rolls who had turned out such efficient workers; but still the Emulation ought to be grateful to the Lodge of Unions for allowing them to work under its warrant. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Farnfield, P.M., of the Lodge of Unions.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield regretted that (through a domestic affliction, the Master of the Lodge of Unions, the Rev. D. J. Drakeford, having lost his wife) the pleasure of responding to this toast should have fallen to him (Bro. Farnfield). The Lodge of Unions was deeply sensible of the great glory that had attached to them by the eminence the Lodge of Emulation had arrived at. Instead of the mother lodge shedding lustre on the child, the child really shed lustre on the mother. He hoped that the cordial relations which had hitherto existed between the mother and child might never be severed; that both might increase and have good men and true ranging under their banners.

Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D., proposed "The Visitors," of whom there were a host present, and who he hoped would honour the lodge with their presence again, not only on these festive occasions, but on every Friday except Good Friday and Christmas Day. The real entertaining hosts were the brethren who had afforded so much entertainment; but there were other hosts, the committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, who had issued invitations to several distinguished brethren. To do honour to these distinguished brethren he supposed he had been asked to propose this toast, and among these brethren was Bro. Tomkins, G.T., who added lustre to every Masonic meeting at which he was present, there were also other distinguished brethren present; Capt. Phillips, G.D.; Bro. Long, G.U.; Bro. Buss, Assistant G. Secretary and Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke. It would be agreeable to the brethren, and he hoped it would not be disagreeable to Col. Clerke, that they were able to honour him as Colonel for the first time in such a splendid lodge of Freemasons.

Bro. S. Tomkins, G.T., regretted that by an imperative appointment he had not been able to be present at the working of the lodge; but he had heard from the Grand Officers who were present how admirable the working of the lodge had been. The prosperity of this lodge was a matter of grave importance and interest to the brethren who felt an interest in the prosperity of Masonry generally, but while the lodge of Emulation worked as it did now, and while it was supported by distinguished brethren like the nobleman who was in the chair that evening, no brother could feel any doubts that the prosperity of Masonry would be maintained, and it would go on effecting the good that it had in past times.

Lieut. Col. Shadwell Clerke said as Bro. Rucker had kindly mentioned his name in connection with this toast

he would briefly say that whatever time might effect in respect to his military position he only hoped that it might never sever him from his Masonic duties, in which he took so much pride and pleasure.

Bro. John Hervey, G.S., said that by permission of the noble brother in the chair he would propose the toast of "The Masonic Charities," a toast which would commend itself to the sympathies of all the brethren. It was rarely forgotten at Masonic meetings. There was scarcely a brother round the table who was not in some way or other associated with the charities, and interested in their success. When he looked round the hall he could discover hardly a brother who had not been more or less a supporter of those charities. He might say this toast was a family toast, one in which they all sympathised. He was sorry to say that one of their excellent Secretaries, Bro. Little, was unable to be present on account of ill health, which they would all regret. Bro. Binckes also was not present, and Bro. Terry had been obliged to leave; but he fancied he would find a good respondent in the person of Bro. J.M.P. Montagu.

Bro. J. M. P. Montagu in reply, said that the charity jewel was the brightest Freemasons could wear, and he was sure all the brethren would strive to place it on their breasts. He hoped they would all carry out what he had said a few days ago when one of the Secretaries said he thought the Masonic Charities would suffer from the handsome way in which relief had been extended to the Indian famine, that the charitable instincts of Masons would not fail them, and that if an extra call were made on them they would do more for the charities than they had done before, they would give their money freely, and it was not because there had been an extra call that they would neglect their own charities.

Bro. Peter de Lande Long proposed "The Stewards."

Bro. Richards replied, and the company then separated.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE HIGH CROSS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The first Anniversary Festival of the High Cross Lodge of Instruction, was held on Wednesday, 21st Nov., at Bro. Mattock's, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham. Bro. William Dance, W.M. 754, President, and Bro. C. S. Brown, W.M. 1237, P.G.D.C., Middx., Vice President. There were present Bros. Maller, P.M., Treasurer; Driscoll, P.M., P.G.P., Middx., Secretary; Thompson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Middx.; Wells, P.M.; Jones, P.M.; Linzell, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Middx.; Winsdale, P.M.; Oddy, Stephens, Burford, Garrod, Clements, Everdell, Rolls, Killick, and numerous other brethren.

After the dinner, which was served by Bro. Mattocks, the host, in a manner that gave the utmost satisfaction, the president proposed "The Queen and the Craft," observing that the gracious lady who ruled over us had by the purity of her life and the progress and prosperity of her reign endeared herself to all classes. The president next gave "The Health of the Prince of Wales," the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and said that the Prince had not only identified himself with Freemasonry and accepted the position he now held as the head of the Craft, but had by his many good qualities proved himself to be in all respects a thorough English gentleman. The Vice President then proposed the toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon," the Pro Grand Master, and spoke in high terms of the services rendered by him to the Craft. "The Earl of Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present," was then proposed by the Vice President. These toasts were enthusiastically received by the brethren present.

The next toast, "The High Cross Lodge of Instruction," was then given by the President, who spoke of it as being a great success, it having been established about five years, and now bore on its books some seventy or eighty members. The subscriptions, which were but small, were devoted to charitable purposes, and the lodge had also acquired two life governorships in the Institution for the aged, were life subscribers to the Boys' School and would shortly be in a position to become life governor of another of the Masonic Institutions. The President took occasion to speak in high terms of the services rendered to the lodge by Bros. Driscoll and Thompson, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Garrod, who had acted as Worshipful Master at the last meeting of the lodge.

Bro. Garrod responded in appropriate language, and concluded by proposing in a few well chosen words the next toast, that of "The President," Bro. Dance, the Worshipful Master of the High Cross Lodge, No. 754, from which the lodge of Instruction derives its authority.

The President having responded gave "The Health of the Vice-President," Bro. Brown, and in thanking him for acting, congratulated him on his having attained provincial honours.

The Vice-President in response, expressed his gratification at the opportunity afforded to him of being present to act as Vice-President, and referred in happy terms to the friendly and good-neighbourly feeling that had always existed between the Enfield and High Cross Lodges.

The toast of "The Visitors" was then proposed by the President and responded to by Bro. Winsdale and the toast of "The Treasurer" proposed by the Vice-President and responded to by Bro. Maller. The President then proposed the toast of "The Masonic Institutions" and taking the Girls' School as the first in its order of formation, he said that it commenced in 1778 with a very limited number of children, but succeeded in building their first school in 1793. It had since progressed rapidly, and in 1851 the present handsome school at Battersea Rise was built. The girls were there maintained, clothed, and educated, until 16 years old, and what was more, a protecting and helping hand was extended to those who for lack of funds outside might require it. It had made marked progress

within the last few years, for though in 1870 it maintained and educated 100 Girls, there were now 161 in the school. It had £39,000 invested, from which an income of £1162 was derived and the donations and subscriptions for 1876 were £10,161. The next in order was the Boys' School. It started in 1798 with six boys. Like the girls, the boys were maintained, clothed, and educated from eight to sixteen years old, and there are now something like 186 boys on the establishment, it had made great progress and had acquired a substantial and permanent position, and had built the extensive and handsome school at Wood Green. The Institution had been liberally supported, the donations and subscriptions for the year 1876, were £13,220, this with grants and the banker's balance, brought forward from the preceding year, placed £16,960 at the disposal of the Committee for the year 1876, and they were thus enabled to purchase "Kent House" Convalescent Home (an acquisition which had been attended with great advantages), to increase their invested capital from £2000 to £5000, and to begin the year 1877 with the highly respectable balance at their bankers of £2476. The education said the President, given at both schools was of a sound practical character, such as would enable the children to fight the battle of life, and it was gratifying to know that many of them, both boys and girls, succeeded in taking honours at the local examinations of Oxford and Cambridge Universities. The last, though by no means the least, in importance of the Institutions was that for aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons. Whether it was that there was more charm in helping the young than the old he could not say, but certain it was that this Institution had not been founded until 1842, although he need not tell the brethren that the helping hand had always been held out to the decayed Freemason by his brethren in the Craft. However, in 1842 this Institution was founded, and it had gone on steadily increasing in prosperity. Since its foundation 468 brethren and 242 widows had received annuities. At the time of the last election there were 140 brethren in receipt of £5600; 130 widows receiving £4160; and fourteen widows at half their deceased husband's annuities, £280, or in round numbers, brethren and widows of brethren received for the year £10,040. The subscriptions and donations for the last year amounted to £13,368, and this handsome amount had enabled the Institution considerably to increase the number of annuitants; but, notwithstanding this, there were for the next election thirty brethren candidates, and nine vacancies and thirty-eight widows' candidates, and only seven vacancies. In concluding his notice of the three institutions, the President said that although last year the total amount thus devoted to educating the young and helping the old was over £42,000, still seeing that in both the schools and the institution for the aged the candidates were largely in excess of the vacancies, it behoved every brother to do his utmost to support them—for they were all equally good, equally noble, and equally worthy of support—and there was a benevolent association connected with the Lodge of Instruction, which had done much towards enabling brethren to become Life Governors of the institutions he had referred to; he would not say more on this subject, but conclude by calling upon Bro. Thompson, to whose exertions, as its Secretary says, so much of its success was due, to respond.

Bro. Thompson, in response, said that the benevolent association had been formed some four years ago, and had been the means of enabling its members to acquire many Life Governorships of the various institutions, amounting to £445. Several of its members, too, had served as Stewards, taking up with them over £400.

The Vice-President next proposed the toast of "The Officers and Brethren of the High Cross Lodge," to which Bro. H. Stephens, S.W., responded, and the proceedings closed with a cordial vote of thanks, proposed by the President to their host, Bro. Mattock, for the capital dinner he had placed on the table. The evening's entertainment was much enhanced by some excellent singing by Bros. Stephens, Burford, Farrin, Oddy, Oxley, Killick, and others.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET.

The annual Grand Lodge of the Province of Somerset was held at Taunton, on Monday, the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England and Provincial Grand Master of Somerset, presiding. The members of the Craft, to the number of about 150, assembled at the Shire Hall, at half-past one o'clock. The grand jury room had been fitted up to meet the requirements of Masonic ceremony, and punctually to the time fixed the lodge was opened in ancient form by the R.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon. The roll of the lodges was then called over, all the lodges in the province except two answering to their names.

The present officers of the P.G. Lodge in attendance were Bros. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M.; Dr. Samuel Bryant, P.M. 1296, P.G.S.W.; Geo. Ricks, P.M. 135, P.G.J.W.; Rev. T. L. Challen, 973, and Rev. Francis Reed, 261, P.G. Chaplains; B. Turner P.M. 53, P.G. Treas.; F. R. Prideaux, P.M. 291, P.G. Sec.; E. Bath, P.M. 772, P.G.S.D.; C. L. Fry Edwards, P.M. 1199, P.G.J.D.; W. M. Forty, P.M. 291, P.G.S. Works; W. Clark, P.M. 285, P.G.D.C.; S. Jones, P.M. 1222, P.G. Assist. D.C.; Thomas H. Leaman, P.M. 1197, P.G. Org.; A. Villar, W.M. 261; J. C. Hunt, W.M. 135; W. Hickman, J.W. 135; J. T. Dunsford, Secretary, 291, and J. Hughes, 814, P.G. Stewards; W. Woodford, 291, and A. J. Carter, Tylers.

Amongst the visiting brethren present were Bros. Col. A. W. Adair, P. Prov. G.M. of Somerset; W. S. Gillard, P.M. 1168; Robert. M. Worlock, P.M. 1388; Daniel Williams, P.M. 686; A. Pratt, P.M. 22; James Mills, P.M. 1125, P.P.G.O.; Henry Davey, P.M. 1125; Henry S. Gill, 1125; Thomas Parkhouse, 1125, W.M.; James

H. Lloyd, 1125; John B. Crabb, 1125, P.J.W.; Jno. W. Hunt, 1125; L. W. Zuegg, P.P.G.S.W., Dorset; George Evans, 1181, P.G.S.D.; Henry Stransan, 39, Exeter, P.M. P.P.J.G.W.; John Algar, 39, D.C.; James Chaffin, P.M. 326, P.G.J.D.; H. J. Sellick, 256; A. O. Hill, 76; Jas. Ricks, 23, I.G.; and W. Trevena, P.M. 159.

The lodge having been duly opened,

Bro. F. R. Prideaux, P.G., Secretary, read the minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting, held at the Town Hall, Bridgwater, on the 22nd September, 1876, under the presidency of Bro. Else, the V.W.D.P.G.M., and they were confirmed and signed.

Bro. E. T. Payne, P.G. Treasurer, next read a statement of accounts for the past year, showing a balance in hand amounting to £162 18s. 7d.

On the motion of Bro. Meyler, W.M. (No. 261), who had assisted in auditing the accounts, seconded by Bro. Ashley, the accounts were passed.

The P.G. Secretary having announced the receipt of letters from several brethren expressing regret at their inability to attend,

The M.W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, next declared all offices vacant, whereupon Bro. Col. Adair proposed and Bro. Wilton, P.G.J.W., seconded, the re-appointment, of Bro. E. T. Payne as P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year, which was agreed to with acclamation.

The M.W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, said it afforded him great pleasure to think that the P.G.L. had secured once more the valuable services of Bro. Payne, who, he believed, would now enter on the eighteenth consecutive year of his high office. His Lordship then proceeded to invest the newly-appointed officers as follows:—

Frederick J. Brown, P.M. 41.....	Prov. G.S.W.
A. Villar, P.M. 261.....	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. F. S. B. Seale, Chap. 135.....	Prov. G. Chap.
Rev. Thomas Randell, 261.....	Prov. G. Chap.
T. Payne, P.M. 53.....	Prov. G. Treas.
H. C. Smith, W.M. 1197.....	Prov. G. Reg.
F. R. Prideaux, P.M. 291.....	Prov. G. Sec.
H. J. Walker, P.M. 53.....	Prov. G.S.D.
J. C. Hunt, P.M. 135.....	Prov. G.J.D.
G. K. Foster, P.M. 329.....	Prov. G.S. of Wks.
H. W. Batten, P.M. 291.....	Prov. G.D. of C.
W. W. Westcott, W.M. 814.....	Prov. G.A.D.C.
Sidney Lewis, W.M. 1223.....	Prov. G.G.S.B.
E. R. Hayter, W.M. 976.....	Prov. G. Org.
A. W. S. Bailey, P.M. 772.....	Prov. G. Purst.
W. H. Dill, P.M. 906.....	Prov. G.A. Purst.
T. B. Wickenden, 446; L. Bohn, 261; T. Sherring, 814; T. Parker, 285; J. Arney, 1199; and Jos. Trellvin, 135.....	Prov. G. Stewards.
W. Woodward, 291.....	Prov. G. Tyler.
J. Salter, 53.....	Prov. G.A. Tyler.

The Prov. G. Sec. next read the report of the Charity Organisation Committee, which was received and adopted, on the motion of Bro. G. Ricks, seconded by Bro. Ashley, and, on the further proposition of Bro. Payne, seconded by Bro. Wilton, it was also resolved that it should be printed and distributed in. The Prov. G.M. in moving the resolution which appeared in his name on the agenda paper that the sum of £50 be paid out of the fund of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Indian Famine Relief Fund, said: All of us have been so familiar unhappily from the daily newspapers with the sad records of this famine that very little is needed on my part to explain, or I think to justify, such a motion as this. I had this morning placed on my table a bundle of papers which contain some interesting details, which I thought the Provincial Grand Lodge might care to know. Unfortunately by some inadvertence I left the papers behind me and therefore I must confine myself to the mere generalities of the question. At the same time the main facts are doubtless in the mind of everybody here, so that I need add very little that I think would be worth communicating. I am given to understand that there has been a doubt in the minds of some gentlemen, whether or no, the time of great distress having passed by, any further assistance to the Indian Famine Relief Fund is really requisite. I think I can clear that doubt up at once by assuring every brother here that it is impossible to subscribe money to a worthier or a nobler object. Through the liberality of Englishmen in general, whether in this country or in our colonies, a fine response has been made to the appeal sent forth some months ago, and hard upon half a million of money has now been raised to place at the disposal of the Indian Government. That half million no doubt is so considerable a sum that it will tend in an appreciable degree to the mitigation of the suffering, but I should greatly deceive myself and you if I held out any hope that the half million would at all meet the calamity. That calamity is of the most momentous character, it is one of the darkest which is the recollection of this generation has befallen any part of the British Empire; and if even another half-million is forthcoming, it would not be at all too much; in fact it would not suffice to do that which is desired. Some years ago great famine occurred in another part of the Empire. By a most lavish expenditure of money and great sacrifice of devotion on the part of all concerned in India, this famine was met in the most energetic manner which I think the history of an civilized nation records. Great as the area was and vast as was the population, I believe it may be said without exaggeration that not a single life was lost through that famine. Unhappily as much cannot be said of the present famine. The area being larger and the population affected greater, from various reasons it has been impossible to meet it in the same way. Many have succumbed, and I am afraid many more must succumb to the effects of famine. At the same time the Indian Government has made efforts and much has been accomplished. Yet so terrible is the state of things that in August last, only a few months ago, the Viceroy of India wrote

to express his earnest apprehension not only as to the then state of affairs, but what might be expected if a very beneficial rainfall did not follow. The policy of the Government was one which I think was wise and prudent to adopt under the circumstances. They encouraged as far as possible voluntary effort, but determined not to interfere with the general occupations of trade. They gave all the assistance they could to local committees and they established large public works and, as far as was possible they gave relief, not as a mere matter of charity, but in return for work done, with the view, as far as might be, of not pauperising the native population, and wisely they laid it down as a principle that as far as the resources of the State were available and it was practicable to employ them, human life should be saved. I take it that the policy of the Indian Government was a prudent one, and within certain limits had succeeded very well. They have encouraged voluntary effort as far as they could, and their appeal has been met as I have just now said, both in this country and in our colonies, very liberally. A famine fund has been formed which has had several objects, but mainly I should say for the mitigation of suffering as distinguished from the duty of the relief works, which duty more probably falls on the Indian Government itself, and this fund has been formed very properly for the assistance of the local committees and for giving relief, especially to women and children; and it is to that fund that any contribution this Provincial Grand Lodge may be pleased to make will be paid. As I have before said, in August last the then Viceroy took a very gloomy view of the prospect? Mercifully and providentially, somewhere in the month of September, there was a very welcome rainfall, and that was followed up in other parts of India until about the middle of October, when it became clear that the crops for the ensuing year would be saved. Thank God that has not failed, and now the prospects are more cheering. At the same time the strain has been terrible. Looking upon the resources of the Indian Government and upon the individual amount of mortality not only that has already taken place, but which will follow as the after effect of disease and weakness which must greatly impoverish these unfortunate people, who have been compelled to sell their cattle and their implements and farming stock of every kind, there are millions which have been reduced to a state of the most terrible destitution, and therefore this £50 which I propose to this Grand Lodge to subscribe will come as a welcome help to the fund which is being accumulated, and, though not a great amount, it will prove, at all events, an earnest evidence of the interest which the Freemasons of Somerset take in this national calamity.

Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M., seconded the motion, which was agreed to with acclamation.

On the motion of Bro. T. E. Payne, seconded by Bro. Inskip, it was unanimously resolved that the sum of fifty guineas be presented to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, that the same be placed on the list of the W.D.P.G.M. Bro. Else, who has signified his intention to represent the province of Somerset as a Steward at the next festival in aid of the funds of the Institution, and that the P.G. Treas., be authorised to pay the amount out of the funds in his hands on account of this province.

On the proposition of Bro. Payne, seconded by Bro. Col. Adair, and supported by the Earl of Carnarvon, the following was unanimously agreed to:—"That this P.G. Lodge desires to express its sympathy with the family of the late Bro. C. J. Vigne, P.P.G.S.W., and one of the trustees of the property of this P.G. Lodge, in their late melancholy bereavement, and to record its sense of the service to Freemasonry, rendered by their deceased brother.

Two sums of twenty guineas each having been voted out of the funds of the lodge for the relief of children of deceased brethren.

Bro. Rev. F. S. P. Seale introduced a motion with respect to the working of the Lodge of Benevolence, but after a discussion had taken place thereon, the resolution was withdrawn.

On the proposition of Bro. Payne, the sum of ten guineas was voted in aid of the fund of the Taunton and Somerset Hospital.

The lodge was then closed, and the members afterwards dined together at Withycombe's Castle Hotel. The Earl of Carnarvon presided during part of the evening, but being obliged to leave before the toast-list had been gone through, the chair was occupied during the rest of the evening by Bro. Else, D.P.G.M. The noble Earl was supported by P.P.G.M. Adair, Bro. T. Meylar, W.M. of the Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity, Taunton, and a large number of past and present Provincial Grand Officers.

Provincial Grand Chaplain Seale said grace before and after dinner.

Departing from the usual course W.M. Meyler proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master of England" first. Adding to the old proverb, he said, "Time, tide, and trains wait for no man," and as his Lordship was compelled to leave early to be in time for his train, he proposed his health, tendering him the thanks of the Masons of Somerset for presiding over them that day. (Applause.)

The Earl of Carnarvon, in reply, said that it was only a short time since he was reading them a lecture on the necessity of observing regularity and order on their procedure, and now, he found himself, through the kindness of Bro. Meyler, committing one of the greatest solecisms, and greatest irregularities he had ever witnessed at a Masonic gathering. (Laughter.) He found himself actually returning thanks for his health in the very middle of their entertainment, and before the loyal toasts had been honoured. He was sure, however, if His Royal Highness the illustrious Grand Master of England—(applause)—with whom he had as it happened within the last few days been in correspondence on Masonic subjects if he had known of the circumstances of the case would not have forbidden

his Somersetshire brethren for giving him their cordial and hearty good wishes in this way. (Applause.) He regretted exceedingly that he was obliged to leave them. He congratulated them on the flourishing state of the province at the present moment. It was impossible that so large and important a lodge could be conducted without difficulties or some little clouds occasionally gathering in the horizon. In fact he should begin to doubt whether it was in a satisfactory state if there were no clouds, but the way in which the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and himself had dealt with those difficulties they had passed away, a fact that was owing a great measure to the good temper and Masonic obedience which prevailed throughout the province. He repeated now what he had said on former occasions that Masonic affairs were only to be satisfactorily conducted when those who were invested with the executive power were seconded, and heartily and cordially seconded by every lodge in the province. It was to them he had looked, it was to them he had appealed on former occasions when there had been any difficulty, that appeal had never been made in vain. (Applause.) Not only was Masonry prospering in this country, but it was prospering in the colonies, and he assured them that when administering colonial affairs many matters arising out of ordinary and practical life came up and reminded him of Masonic questions and Masonic brotherhood. Matters frequently arose in which Masonic interests were involved, and he felt that there was that under-current—even in the administration of colonial matters—of Masonic feeling which existed he was happy to believe in every part of this country. (Applause.) He hoped and trusted that they would be very careful to maintain what he might call the landmarks of the Order. (Applause.) It was these landmarks which distinguished English Masonry from most other branches of Masonry all over the world, and things had been done and said lately which some of them considered went to the root of Masonry and which had raised questions of grave and anxious doubt. This was not the occasion or the time to go into that question. He simply said this, which any Mason or non-Mason might hear, and could not misunderstand—that he trusted those great landmarks of Masonry which they all knew, which they all revered and to which they were all pledged would be maintained throughout this province, and in all their lodges, as long as any of them had the power to maintain them. (Applause.) He concluded by wishing them a pleasant evening.

The P.G.M. then left.

Bro. Else, D.P.G.M., having taken the chair, proceeded to propose the usual toasts.

"The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M., His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales" were duly honoured.

"The Health of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England" having been drunk, "The Health of Bro. Colonel Adair as P.P.G.M." was heartily honoured.

Bro. Colonel Adair, in eulogistic terms, proposed "The Health of Bro. Else, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master," and Bro. Else made a suitable response.

Several visiting brethren acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors," and Bro. T. Meyler, W.M. of Lodge 261 (Taunton), responded for that lodge.

"The other Lodges in the Province," "The Masonic Charities," and "To all poor and distressed Masons, &c.," concluded the list.

NEW LODGES.

Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master, since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, for the following Lodges:—

- No. 1722. Excelsior Lodge, Dugshai, Punjab.
- 1723. St. George's Lodge, Bolton, Lancashire.
- 1724. Kaiser-i-Hind Lodge, Regent Street.
- 1725. Douglas Lodge, Maidstone, Kent.
- 1726. Gordon Lodge, Bognor, Sussex.
- 1727. Tenterfield Lodge, Tenterfield, N.S.W.
- 1728. Temple Bar Lodge, Fleet Street.
- 1729. Skelmersdale Lodge, Pietermaritzburg.
- 1730. Urmston Lodge, Urmston, Lancashire.
- 1731. Cholmeley Lodge, Muswell Hill.
- 1732. King's Cross Lodge, King's Cross.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday afternoon at the Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. Creaton, Vice-President. The other brethren present were Bros. Griffiths Smith, T. F. Peacock, H. Cox, John Boyd, A. H. Tattershall, Henry Venn, F. G. Baker, Herbert Dicketts, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and R. W. Little (Secretary); Bro. Hedges also attended.

Four petitions for candidates to be placed on the list for election in April were received and accepted, and the candidates were ordered to be placed on the list.

Notice of motion was given on behalf of Bro. Joshua Nunn for increasing all the salaries at the school.

The committee then adjourned.

ROYAL MASONIC BOYS' SCHOOL.

W. A. Parker, a pupil in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, gained the 9th place out of a large number of candidates for entrance into Her Majesty's Dockyard, to be educated as a naval engineer. He has been directed to enter upon his duties in H.M.'s ship "Marlborough," at Portsmouth, early in the present month.

Parker had no special preparation for the examination, which included English, French, and mathematics.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Christmas Number of the Masonic Magazine will contain a portrait of Bro. Capt. Phillips, Senior Grand Dragon, in addition to ninety six pages of interesting matter, written expressly for this number, by eminent Masonic writers, and a handsome illuminated cover. The price of this number will be one shilling.

Mr. Charles P. O'Connor, the "Irish Peasant Poet," will lecture on Monday evening, the 17th inst., at St. Matthias's School, On-the-Weir Bristol. The subject will be "Poets and Poetry of Ireland."

A report of the meeting of the Neptune Lodge, held on Thursday, will appear in our next.

The half-yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, on Tuesday next.

The installation meeting of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572, takes place this (Saturday) afternoon at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street. A full report will appear in our next.

The consecration of the Kaiser-i-Hind Lodge (No. 1724), for Indian Officers and those connected with India, took place on Thursday last. The ceremonies were performed by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; and H. G. Buss, Assist. Grand Secretary. A full report will appear in our next.

A DISABLED HOSPITAL.—Owing to the severe gales, four wards of The National Hospital for the Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho Square, have been rendered uninhabitable, necessitating the immediate removal of the suffering patients. The committee have issued an appeal asking for assistance for the reparation of the damage done and to reopen the wards.

AN OLD ENGINE.—The first sale in connection with the estate of Thomas Vaughan and Co., ironmasters, of Middlesbrough, in liquidation, took place on Wednesday, at the Whessoe Works. Amongst the lots offered was an old-fashioned locomotive, declared to be the fifth ever made for the first railway, the Stockton and Darlington line. This engine and its tender were sold to a marine store dealer for £45.

At a meeting of the Ivy Lodge, No. 1441, on Tuesday 27th ult., in an appropriate speech, Bro. Archer Farr alluded in touching terms to the lamented death of the late Bro. Superintendent Mott.

Arrangements have just been completed by Atlantic Cable with Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe (author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," &c., &c.) for the publication, from advanced sheets, of her new story, "Our Folks at Poganuc," in the columns of the *Christian Globe*. The story abounds in dramatic incident, and is written in Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe's well-known and attractive style and is full of that mysterious life-principle which is the first condition of the highest art in every form of literature.

The first annual ball of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, will be held at Willis's Rooms on Wednesday, the 23rd of January next, under the presidency of Bro. E. White, W.M. of the lodge. Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden is Vice-President, and among the Stewards are Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; B. H. Swallow, P.M.; B. Phillips, S.W.; and John E. Shand, S.D. We hope to give further particulars in a future number.

The Worshipful Company of Skinners have given a donation of £10 10s. to the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, in aid of the funds of that excellent institution, of which our Bro. Wm. Worrell is the energetic Secretary.

The annual concert in aid of the funds of the Post Office Orphan Home will be given this (Saturday) evening, at St. James's Hall, under the patronage of the Right Hon. Lord John Manners, Postmaster General.

A Grand Ballad Concert will be given on Saturday next Dec. 8th, at the Angel Town Institution, Gresham-road, Brixton, to commence at 8 o'clock. The artists for this occasion include Madame Worrell-Duval, Madame Marie Coles, and Bro. J. Terle Lee.

The Surrey County Club announce their second evening concert of the winter season, for Tuesday next, the 4th inst.

On Wednesday Mr. Walter, M.P., presided at the annual festival dinner in aid of the Home for Little Boys, at Horton Kirby, Farningham. Subscriptions amounting to about £1200 were announced during the proceedings.

The opening meeting of the Sessions of the Law Amendment Society will be held on Monday evening next, when Mr. Sergeant Cox will read a paper on "A Court of Criminal Appeal." Mr. William Forsyth, Q.C., M.P., will preside.

A Dramatic performance, by members of the Honourable Artillery Company, will take place at the Royal Aquarium Theatre, on Wednesday, the 12th inst. The proceeds will be devoted to the City Orthopaedic Hospital.

Bro. Theo Lane's letter reached us too late for insertion this week. It shall appear in our next.

An interesting communication has reached us from Bro. Robert Laing (Copenhagen), representative of the Grand Lodge of England in the Grand Lodge of Denmark, which we shall have much pleasure in giving in our next.

We regret to have to announce the death of Mrs. Eleanor Spencer, the wife of Bro. Walter Spencer which took place on the 15th ult., at the residence of her father, at Upper Norwood, after protracted sufferings. We sincerely sympathize with Bro. Walter Spencer in his great bereavement.

Reviews.

"Mottoes and Aphorisms from Shakespeare."—John Hogg Paternoster-row.

"Rules for making English Verse;" ditto.

We have received these two books from Bro. John Hogg, and perused them with much pleasure. We commend them to the notice of our readers. "Mottoes and Aphorisms from Shakespeare" will be found very useful to those who like to "garnish" our English language with the thoughts of "Glorious Will," and are pleased to find how much of truth always lies at the bottom of the Shakesperian well. Indeed, the more we study Shakespeare the more we love him, and it used to be said of King Charles I. that next to his Bible and Prayer-book he always preferred his Shakespeare. If any of our readers want a few quotations apt, on the spot, so to say, let them get this neat and tiny handbook of reference and quotation.

"Rules for making English Verse" will commend themselves to all poetasters. The application of Tom Hood's more modern, and Bysshe's older rules for versification will be a great help to many who rack their brain for a recalcitrant rhyme. Poetry is now "heavy in the market." Whether we are improving its quality (its quantity is enormous) we say nothing, but as it is always a proper thing to teach the young or the old idea "how to shoot," let us not be above welcoming all such "vade mecum" to verdant bay leaves and superabundant laurels. Seriously, though, we do not think that sermons can be written from Skelton sermons, nor poetry from our English "Gradus ad Parnassus," yet they are adventitious aids, well worthy the attention of those ladies and gentlemen who write with ease or without any ease at all. With all our barking criticism we commend Bro. Hogg's little publication alike to Alonzo and Theodore, to Imogen and Amanda Jones.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE UNITY LODGE, No. 132, F.M.H., RINGWOOD.

I have received the following transcript from my friend and brother, John J. Taylor, J.W. 121, who saw the originals when at Ringwood, and I think them sufficiently interesting to have them inserted in the *Freemason*. The lodge, it appears, was constituted in 1764, and precedes (at the present time) two lodges, respectively numbered 130 and 131 (Southampton and Truro), which were chartered in 1772. The difference in the years of origin is explained by the fact that the latter were constituted by the "Ancients," and No. 132 by the "Moderns." No. 129, at Kendal, is of 1764, as also the lodges from 133 to 135.

WARRANT.

To all whom these presents shall come, I, Henry Dagge, Esq., Deputy Grand Master for the County of Southampton, send greeting.

Whereas it has been represented to me that there are now remaining two members only belonging to the lodge at Lymington, in the said county, of which the Master, Mr. Samuel Colthorne, is one, who has signified to me his desire that the said lodge should be transferred and removed to the town of Ringwood, in the said county, to be held there at the sign of the "White Hart," kept by Brother Richard Gibbs: And whereas there are several brethren residing in and near the said town of Ringwood who are desirous of becoming members of the said lodge when removed to Ringwood as aforesaid. Now, I, the said Henry Dagge, by virtue of the power and authority in me reposed, do hereby transfer and remove the Lymington Lodge to the town of Ringwood, to be held there at the "White Hart" Inn aforesaid. And the said Master of the Lymington Lodge having resigned his office, and our worthy Bro. Stephen Martin, of Ringwood aforesaid, Esquire, having been presented to me as a proper person to succeed to the said office, and having been strongly and unanimously recommended by all the brethren now present as a person of good morals, and great skill, true and trusty, and a lover of the whole Fraternity wheresoever dispersed over the face of the earth, I do, therefore, appoint the said Stephen Martin, Master of the said lodge. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, this twenty-seventh day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty-six.

HENRY DAGGE, D.G.M.

The Unity Lodge, Ringwood, likewise possesses two valuable chairs of historical interest, having been used by His Majesty George III. and his Royal Consort when at the city of Salisbury. The following are the inscriptions on the chairs in question:—

"His Majesty King George the Third visited the City of Salisbury Sept. 30th, A.L. 5778, and was seated on this chair and throne in the choir of the Cathedral during the performance of three anthems;" and on the other "Her Majesty Queen Charlotte accompanied her Royal Consort to Salisbury Sept. 30th, A.L. 5778, and was seated on this chair and throne in the choir of the Cathedral."

How they are now located at Ringwood I know not, but this much I do, that all such interesting details as those sent by Brother Taylor are well worthy of preservation in these pages.

W. J. HUGHAN.

"RAMBLER" AND ANCIENT LODGE AT KELSO.

I have had a rare treat in reading the interesting description of the records of the ancient Lodge of Kelso, Scotland, and feel much indebted to our brother, "Rambler," for the trouble he has taken to present the readers of the *Freemason* (and through that paper, the Craft) with a brief, but comprehensive account of Freemasonry in Kelso,

which, so far as I know, is new to all of us "Masonic Students."

On behalf of Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., and myself, I should like to correspond with "Rambler" about the matter, for we should like to know if the minute book contains a copy of the "Old Masonic Charges" usual at that time, and if so, of what kind, and the date when written. It is more than likely that in a hasty glance—however much was made of the time at disposal—some points of value may have escaped attention, and so if I were favoured with the loan of the records, or some one would undertake a careful examination who is on the spot, there may be other matters of interest discovered.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Public Amusements.

GLOBE THEATRE.—It would be difficult to imagine a brighter or pleasanter entertainment than that which was provided for the patrons of the Globe Theatre on Saturday, 24th November. Notwithstanding the fact that five other performances were advertised to take place at the same hour, and that the weather was most forbidding, the house was filled by a large and appreciative audience, attracted, no doubt, by curiosity as to Messrs. Romer and Bellamy's comedy of "Flirtation," which was announced to form the *piece de resistance*. Although this sparkling little play had already made its appearance on a similar occasion, the authors have made such judicious alterations and improvements, both in construction and dialogue, that it is now to all intents and purposes a different piece from that which obtained such favourable suffrages in July last; and for that reason, as well as on account of its intrinsic merit, calls for particular notice.

It may be well to state that the piece has nothing but its title in common with one produced some years ago at Booth's Theatre, in New York, in which the famous avenue at West Point played so important a part. It is thoroughly English in its character, and original in conception. The plot turns upon the scheme by which two young ladies, Alice Leith and Cissy Morley, attempt to bring their tardy lovers, Archie Terry and Jack Rollope, to book, at the same time that those unsuspecting subalterns are engaged in a somewhat similar plot to ascertain the state of their mistresses' affections; whilst the secondary interest of the piece is furnished by the elderly courtship of the girls' widowed aunt, Mrs. Brayley, by a certain eccentric Major Shoreshot, admirably played by Mr. Edward Righton.

The acting of the piece was, on the whole, excellent. Miss Sanger, who has been trained in the best school of genteel comedy, has, perhaps, never been seen to greater advantage than in the part of the lively Cissy Morley. She was charmingly coquettish, and acted with an élan which yet never even trench upon the hoyden; the scene in which she instructs Major Shoreshot how to make a proposal was especially taking—the spirits of the actress communicated themselves to her audience, and the result was a genuine triumph, to which Mr. Righton's inimitable face greatly contributed. Of that gentleman it is enough to say that he was thoroughly himself, therefore wonderfully funny; the authors have suited him with a character exactly suited to his eccentric talent, in the blustering, amorous, and withal chicken-hearted, major, and he makes the most of it. Mr. Collette, in the somewhat novel part, for him, of the senile baronet, was so natural that one quite fell in love with the courtly old gentleman, in spite of his inability to remember the "capital story" which was always in apparent readiness to illustrate every possible occasion. Miss Kitta was pretty and graceful, as usual; the rest of the dramatic personæ may be classed as respectable. The writing of the piece is good, sparkling, without being impossibly epigrammatic, and always concise and to the point; if Messrs. Bellamy and Romer can do more such work, they will prove valuable adjuncts to the ranks of dramatic authorship. The second act is decidedly the best in every way, but all three show talent of no ordinary kind.

The piece was preceded by that wildest and funniest of farces, "Cryptoconchoidsyphonostoma," in which Mr. Collette once more proved himself to be the legitimate successor of Charles Mathews in patter parts. "Isaac of York" wound up the entertainment, and this versatile actor again took his share of the applause. It is rather a comfort once more to see a burlesque which depends for its success upon the powers of its performers, and not upon their personal charms.

Altogether it was a most delightful afternoon. But may it be permitted to enquire who is responsible for the black mail levied upon the audience? Sixpence a copy for the "programmes," i.e., in the language of mortal men, "play-bills," is rather a high price. Fortunately, they did not smell of some hairdressing abomination, as is too often the case.

WESTMINSTER PLAY.—The *Adelphi* of Terence will be performed by the Queen's scholars in the Dormitory as usual on the evenings of Thursday, December 13, Tuesday, 18th, and Thursday, 20th.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR, DIARY, AND POCKET-BOOK FOR 1878. (London: George Kenning).—An essential to all Masons; it is neatly bound in pocket-book form, and can be carried in the breast pocket with ease. The Craft will find it a comprehensive book of reference, containing list of lodges, chapters, K.T. encampments, conclaves, and grand councils. It will be found useful, too, as giving the names of officers in England and Wales, and Scotland, Ireland, Canada, British Columbia, United States, Central and South America, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Greece, Turkey, the Netherlands, and Egypt; and information in regard to every Grand Masonic body throughout the Globe.—*European Mail*.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

An Ethnographical Museum is to be formed in Paris from the collections made by various French scientific expeditions. Scientific and archaeological objects only will be exhibited, as all artistic treasures will go to the Louvre. In connection with the museum an ethnographical exhibition of collections from South America will be held at the Palais de l'Industrie from January 15 to March 1st, 1878.

BUTTER ANALYSIS.—A prize of 150 marks has just been awarded to Otto Helmer, F.C.S., Public Analyst for the Isle of Wight, and Arthur Angell, F. R.M.S., Public Analyst, county of Hants, for their essay on butter analysis. The award was made by Professor Heintz and Professor Knop, of Leipsic, examiners for the Pharmaceutical Association, Leipsic. Six essays were sent in for competition—two from Germany, one from Austria, one from Italy, and two from England.

The Herons in Richmond Park, which migrate during the summer months, says the *Live Stock Journal*, have returned to their winter quarters.

The Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon, now in course of construction, is progressing satisfactorily, but the question of funds has once more come to the fore. The accompanying library and picture-gallery cannot be built unless £8000, be forthcoming, and of this sum Mr. C. E. Flower, who has already given the site for the memorial buildings, has promised £4000, if a like amount can be collected by the end of the year. The Mayor and Corporation accordingly appeal for donations, and are specially desirous to erect the gallery, as Mr. Graves, the well-known publisher, has bequeathed to it all his pictures of a Shakespearian character. Subscribers are to receive a steel engraving of Gainsborough's portrait of David Garrick, which was in the last Winter Exhibition Burlington House, the engraving being executed only for this purpose.

The Marquis of Bute has offered to build at his own expense, and to present to the University of Glasgow the Grand Hall of the new buildings, according to designs proposed by Sir Gilbert Scott, R.A. It is estimated that the building will cost from £70,000 to £80,000.

CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.—The Rev. Bouchier Wrey Savile, rector of Shillingford, writes:—"In *The Times*' report of the very interesting lecture delivered by Dr. Birch, the prince of English Egyptologists, on the subject of Cleopatra's Needle, there is an omission, as I venture with some diffidence to consider, which should be supplied—viz., that the said obelisk was erected by Pharaoh Thothmes III., the contemporary of Moses, for which the evidence is overwhelming. And further, that this Pharaoh is famed for his endeavour to erase wherever he could the name of his distinguished sister, Queen Hatason or Hataseps, who so long ruled Egypt as Queen-regnant in her own right, and whose beautiful obelisk, which still stands amid the ruins of Thebes, bears the significant and suggestive title of "Pharaoh's Daughter."

The British Museum is to receive a collection of Armenian antiquities from the Province of Van, which are now in Mr. Layard's keeping at Constantinople.

The Relics of the "Victory," formerly preserved by the Duke of Clarence at Bushey, and which we mentioned some weeks ago, are to be exhibited in the Queen's Guard Room at Hampton Court Palace.

Prompt books prove sometimes an acceptable legacy. A well-known Liverpool manager lately paid Mrs. Charles Kean 100 guineas for the loan of the prompt-book of *The Winter's Tale*, as arranged by her late husband, and played at the Princess's Theatre.—*Theatre*.

The Centenary of the Death of Albrecht von Haller, the celebrated physiologist, is to be celebrated next month at Berne, Haller's birthplace. In Germany Haller is as much famed for his poems as for the scientific studies which gained him the title, "Father of Physiology."

The Late M. Gustave Brion, according to *Magasin*, was in very reduced circumstances in Paris during his student days. A friend, meeting him at a *Café*, told him his coat was worn out at the elbow. "What does it matter?" replied Brion cheerfully; "talent, true talent, must come out somewhere."

The Transit of Mercury on the 6th of May next is to be observed by a special scientific expedition sent to San Francisco by the French Government. French astronomers are specially desirous to be represented, as their countryman, Pierre Gassendi, was the first person who succeeded in observing the transit of the planet. On November 7, 1631, Gassendi, then at the College de France in Paris, witnessed the passage by means of a camera obscura into which he introduced the solar rays through a hole cut in the shutters.

A new four-act drama, by Mr. Manuel, founded on a romantic story of the Rebellion of Monmouth in 1685, has been produced at the Britannia Theatre. The plot turns on the impersonation by a villain of the right heir, who being himself a fugitive from Sedgemoor, dares not denounce the impostor. In the end the false claimant is unmasked, and all ends prosperously. The chief parts were well sustained by Miss Brewer, Mr. Newbound, Mr. Drayton, and Mr. Reynolds. The piece was received with marked favour by a very crowded audience.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.

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Answers to Correspondents.

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BIRTHS.

BOYCE.—On the 25th ult., at Hackney, the wife of Tho. Boyce, of a son.

DARLING.—On the 21st ult., at Bangalore, the wife of Lieut. C. H. Darling, Royal Engineers, of a daughter.

DONOUGHMORE.—On the 27th ult., at 3, Seymour-st., Portman-square, the Countess of Donoughmore, of a daughter.

GORDON.—On the 25th ult., at Grosvenor-road, Highbury New Park, N., the wife of A. Gordon, of a daughter.

PICKERING.—On the 21st ult., at 14, Rackham-street, North Kensington, the wife of Edward Pickering, of a daughter (Emily Clara).

DEATHS.

ATKINSON.—On the 19th ult., at 4, Cambridge-street, Liverpool, five months old, Edwin Burgess, son of Bro. John Atkinson, Secretary Lodge 1609.

HUBBARD.—On the 24th ult., at Lyndhurst Lodge, Whitehorse lane, South Norwood, William Hubbard, aged 60 years.

MACRAE.—On the 23rd inst., at Ruthven, Burton-on-Trent, Edith Anne, the wife of K. Macrae, daughter of A. Payne, of Ettingshall, Wolverhampton.

MOORE.—On the 17th ult., at 3, Queen-street, Lancaster, Percy St. Aubyn Daniel Moore, aged seven years, only son of Bro. Dr. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B., of England.

MOTT.—On the 24th inst., James Mott, aged 49.

RAMSEY.—On the 20th inst., of bronchitis, William Ramsey, C.E., fourth son of the late Joseph Ramsey, of Yarm-on-Tees. Friends will please accept this intimation.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, DECEMBER I, 1877.

OUR GRAND LODGE AND THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

By the agenda paper it will be seen that this subject will be alluded to at the next Quarterly Communication from the chair. We rejoice that this is so, and feel strongly that the course proposed is the best under the circumstances that can be adopted. We are quite persuaded, that when the matter is brought before our Grand Lodge, it will be discussed with that gravity and fairness, that true Masonic spirit, which always distinguish Grand Lodge, and which not only are demanded by the pressing importance of the special circumstances of the case, but by the larger claims even, and unchanging responsibilities of, Cosmopolitan Freemasonry.

THE THEISTIC POSITION OF FREEMASONRY.

Our contemporary, the *Hull Packet*, invites us to explain ourselves on this head, and we gladly respond to the invitation. The remarks of the *Hull Packet* are based upon an article in the *Freemans' Journal*, which we have not seen, and therefore we are dealing with "text and context" on faith, assuming that our contemporary, which we doubt not, has quoted the *Freemans' Journal* correctly. We leave out a great many meaningless and unrighteous invectives against the Order, which we ascribe to "invincible ignorance," and take the main point of accusation, that the God of the Freemason is "not the God of the Christian religion," and that while admitting Freemasons do recognise a "Supreme Being," the "Supreme Architect," it is a very "vague and shadowy profession, in which a Freemason is asked to assert his belief in the "Divine Existence." Now, first of all, we beg to say, that as Freemasons, we are always taught to treat the name of God with the greatest reverence, and we deplore the irreverent manner in which that Sacred Name is invoked, amid discussions which are useless, and controversies which are dangerous often to faith and morals. But in reply to so sweeping a charge we beg to say that never was a greater mistake ever made by any writer on the subject. Freemasons are taught to look up and to trust in an ever-present God, Most High, Personal, Living, Creating, Preserving, and Saving, the moral Governor of mankind, the future Judge of living and dead. They are bid to implore His aid in all their lawful undertakings, His presence in all their peaceful assemblies, His protection, His approval, and His blessing in all their passage through this sublunary scene. And not only this, but His Inspired Word is the distinguishing ornament of every lodge. Without it no Anglo-Saxon lodge is perfect or can work at all, and they are bid emphatically to seriously contemplate the "Volume of the Sacred Law," and to consider it as the "unerring standard of truth and justice," and "regulate their lives by the Divine precepts it contains." It is true that Freemasonry does not go further than this, nor can it go, inasmuch as it receives into its great brotherhood all who are not Atheists or libertines, all who accept fully the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. But as far as it does go, its views are perfectly clear, correct, and orthodox. It does not enter into the question of Christian controversy, or the conflicting beliefs of any body of religionists, because were it to do so, its very foundation would be undermined, and its cosmopolitan character destroyed. Freemasonry, whether rightly or wrongly, seeks to make a great union all over the world, for the purpose of humanitarian sympathy, relief, and good will, in which all who recognize a common Heavenly Father, a Divine Ruler of the world and of man, can harmoniously take part. And who amid the conflicting creeds of Christendom, and the di-

verging religions of mankind, can venture dogmatically to say that Freemasonry is wrong? But the *Freemans' Journal*, which is a Roman Catholic journal, speaks according to its own Ultramontane belief, and if it is to say anything, it has the right to make the best of a case, even if that case be, in our opinion, "a bad bargain." For let us go back a little! The whole Roman Catholic opposition is based on the Bull of Pope Clement XII, of 1738. That Bull is so peculiar a Bull, (not an Irish Bull at all), that we beg to call the attention of our esteemed confrere the Editor to it. The grounds of condemnation of that Bull are distinctly said to be the meeting of persons, "cujuscumque religionis et sectæ homines." And what is the punishment to follow? Handing over the Freemasons to the Inquisition and the secular arm, the demolition of the house in which the lodge was held, and the fine and punishment of the proprietor. On this Bull all the subsequent Bulls of Benedict, Leo, Pius VII., and the allocation of Pius IX. are built up, and we invite the worthy editor of the *Freemans' Journal* honestly to meet these facts of the case, and to tell us if they consort with his or our common notion of legality, justice, religious liberty, and conscientious conviction. It is this very peculiarity of Freemasonry which so appears to irritate many of our esteemed Roman Catholic fellow citizens and ardent religionists of various denominations, but there is nothing in it really to disquiet the conscience of the most sensitive, or to alarm the orthodoxy of the most orthodox. Freemasonry is simply a religious, moral, peaceful sodality, which avoiding controversies, and deprecating sectarian animosities, seeks to advance in the world the glory of God and the welfare of man. If it is wrong in being so world-wide and so universal in scope, it surely is on the right side, and takes a manly course in avoiding any of those limitations of thought, which the progress of Christianity seems to have thrown upon conflicting bodies of Christians themselves. It bases all its religious avowals on the Divinity of all prayers. Further than that it does not dogmatize, more than that, it does not profess to teach; and until that sublime form of words is proved to be erroneous, or insufficient, Freemasonry may well be pardoned if it rests its language of prayer and its utterance of goodwill, on the safest and best of all teaching. But while Freemasonry is thus liberal and tolerant, it openly raises its voice against atheistical formulae or nihilistic subtleties. And therefore, while it condemns the French Grand Orient, and upholds the recent resolution of the Irish Grand Lodge, it openly declares its loyal adherence in a spirit of the truest toleration, to its own distinct Theistic teaching. Without expressing any opinion or passing any condemnation on those who prefer a limited, and even Christian view of Freemasonry to the wider circle of Craft teaching, English Freemasonry once more repeats its adherence to the principles promulgated at the Union in 1813, which are, as we all know, Cosmopolitan, as opposed to merely national, universal, as opposed to merely sectional.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF ROME.

We greatly rejoice to be able to give to the Craft the gratifying assurance, on the authority of our excellent and distinguished Bro. J. C. Parkinson, that the Grand Orient of Rome has not adopted the most mischievous and most un-Masonic position of the Grand Orient of France. We are privileged to make use of his own words, than which none more satisfactory can be given, and to which we beg to call special attention, not only as an answer to our own question some time back, but as in reality a close to the discussion in our pages:—"I should not have the slightest hesitation in pledging myself, that the Grand Orient of Rome has not made any such lapse from true Masonic principles, as we are deploring in the case of the Grand Orient of France. I received the most positive assurance on this head from Signor Tamajo, the D.G.M., when I was in Rome last year, and besides, the symbolism and ritual are like our own, such as to render such a negation absolutely im-

possible." All Anglo-Saxon Freemasons will rejoice to receive such an assurance on such an authority, and to which we beg to call the serious attention of the Grand Orient of France, and of Bro. Desmons, who has stated just the contrary, in a recent and too famous report.

EXCLUSION OF THE HEBREWS IN GERMANY.

We are glad to note by the Agenda paper, that this subject is going to be brought before the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, and that in answer to 300 petitions our Grand Lodge will be invited to take immediate and proper action. We do not shut our eyes to some difficulties attendant, necessarily, on the course which it is suggested Grand Lodge and the Grand Master shall now pursue under the circumstances in respect of the independence of National Grand Lodges, and we should perhaps have been inclined to recommend another course, namely, the affirmation of the right of the Hebrew to admission, and the antagonism such exclusion of the Hebrew creates to the true principles of Universal Freemasonry. But we are quite sure that Grand Lodge will come to a right decision in the matter.

LITERARY GARBAGE.

We are just now inundated with a plethora of personality which threatens to undermine and degrade our English Press. If any one doubts our humble words, let them read a recent article in the *Contemporary Review*, which points out, in terms by no means too strong, how, at the very moment we write, the public taste is vitiated, and public morals are weakened, by the infusion into our weekly literature of the stale jokes of uneducated scandal, the off-scourings of the smoking room, the tittle-tattle of the clubs, and the personal antipathies and proclivities of brainless and enervated individuals. It has been said, and perhaps truly, that the real social state of any nation is best reflected by the literature which "pays," and the theatres which are attended; and if we were to judge of our national position in respect of morals, and manners, by these two tests, just now, we should have to confess, we fear, that the prospect before us would be alike most disheartening and depressing. In the literature of the press, the papers which are apparently most sought after, are those which pretend to impart fragrant scandals and to draw aside the curtains which properly close private life from our view; which seem bent on retailing the droppings from gin-palaces, and the last coarse joke of some "free-and-easy" or "coachman's club." We are to be told everything about everybody, what Royalty itself has said and done, even in most private life, what Lady Clacker has been about, what Lord Charles Piper has remarked, and what Tommy Tippetts has not achieved. For those who revel in the annals of "Low Life above Stairs," there are many weekly papers just now, which seem a sort of refuge for those dear, destitute young men of ours, who never think, never read, never do anything but smoke and nip, and spit, and bet, and which even are read with "gusto" by middle aged ladies and gentlemen, who seem always to be saying "militavi non sine gloria." To please some of our readers we give a free translation of our words. "We carried on the war with signal success." In our opinion nothing is so lamentable as this condition of a great class of society, settling down on the lees of a barbaric sensuousness, of a debasing and unrestrained effeminateness of habits, tastes, and feelings. But the evidences abound on every side, which serve to convince us, that that which best "pays," is most read, and even highly prized, is that style of literature which descends to the lowest source of scandal and ill living, repeats the vile anecdote, or the treacherous canard, and abounds in those edifying records of personal wrong-doing which seem to be "caviare" to countless gaping ganders and geese of both sexes, and all conditions. Under present circumstances neither private life nor the confidence of a club are exempt from these breaches of public and personal honour. Stories are repeated which some ingenious and ingenuous young gentleman

has heard in the "Poluphloisboio Club," and straight away sends off to those immaculate journals, (being paid for his pains), which are named "Honour" "High Life," "Confidence," &c., &c., and which duly edify those countless "gobemouches," who are weak enough to buy and still weaker to read such "garbage" and such rubbish. Let none be offended at our plain speaking. As regards our theatres, while we make some exceptions, we regret that many pieces ever see the light, much less ever are played on our English boards. The true end of the theatre, as we hold it, is to amuse, to inform, to instruct, to impress, to satirize the amiable weaknesses and vanity of each passing age, and we always grieve when we behold the English stage reduced, in order to secure attendance and applause, to pandering to a relaxed code of morals, and to pourtray in inflammatory language, not the wickedness, but the palliations of vice; to use words which bring a blush to the cheek of innocence, and undermine, while they contaminate, the higher sentiments of virtue. But we forbear for the present to dwell on this topic, which deserves to be treated by itself, since we are among those who have always seen, as Dr. Johnson saw, the actual good of the stage, amid no doubt many deteriorating influences and tendencies. If we are wrong, we are content to be in error with that stout old moralist. We have been led into these remarks by the accumulating testimony before us to the extent of this evil of personal attack and scandal, affecting the press. We would say to all, especially brother Masons who allow themselves on any grounds whatever, to descend to the vulgar use of personality and calumny, the anonymous letter, or the covert innuendo, that such proceedings are an absolute degradation to them as men and Masons, an utter burlesque on every principle of Masonic profession. The brother who, for causes of private "pique," or personal jealousy, attacks another, brother behind his back, "willing to wound but yet afraid to strike," is the most contemptible of men, nay of reptiles, and we beg to commend to his very serious attention, for his improvement and edification, some little words of our immortal brother and bard, from that noble play "Othello," with which we desire respectfully to conclude this, our earnest deliverance:—

"A slippery and subtle knave; a finder out of occasions; that has an eye can stamp and counterfeit advantages, though true advantage never present itself: a devilish knave."

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.]

KNIGHT TEMPLARS OF IRELAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As my esteemed and valued R.W. Bro. W. J. Hughan calls on me by the article in your paper of 17th inst. to furnish you with a copy of the charter granted by Mother Kilwinning on the 8th of October, 1779, to "The High Knight Templars of Ireland, Kilwinning Lodge," I have great pleasure in not only sending you at foot a copy of that charter, but also of the petition, praying Mother Kilwinning to grant that charter. Some time since I compared both of these with the originals.

It will be at once seen that the petition only prayed for authority to work Craft Masonry, and that the charter only confers power to work the Craft degrees, and that the working of Knight Templary under it was unauthorised.

The original minute-book of this High Knight Templars of Ireland Kilwinning Lodge is in my possession, and shows that not only the Craft degrees were worked under this charter, but also those of Knight Templary, Excellent, Super-Excellent, "Royal Arch," "Prince Masonry," and "Knight of Red Cross," were worked assumedly (as is stated in the circular of 30th Jan., 1806) by virtue of this charter of 8th October, 1779.

Holding as I do the high honour of honorary membership of Mother Kilwinning, and having had the great pleasure of reading her original records and minute-books from the 11th day of December, 1642, up to the 14th of August, 1876, being nearly a period of 234 years, I can vouch from these invaluable records that Mother Kilwinning has never worked or sanctioned the working of any degrees save those of Craft Masonry.

I have long since written our valued and esteemed Ill. Bro. the Great Prior of Canada, promising him every Masonic information and assistance I can give him, as it is a real pleasure to have the honour of corresponding with such a true Mason as our Ill. brother.

I may also mention I am at present procuring for our

Ill. brother all the information I can as to Irish Knight Templary.

I remain, yours fraternally, JAMES H. NEILSON.
5, Upper Mount-street, Liverpool.

PETITION FOR CHARTER.

To the Grand Master and Brethren of the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning.

Brethren,—Studios to follow Freemasonry on the justest principles of the Ancient Craft, and willing to derive an authority from the first source, a regular lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, held in Dublin, have been long desirous to obtain a charter from their esteemed brethren, the Ancient Lodge of Kilwinning, as they are fully satisfied of their just title of primogeniture. Anxiously solicitous after the attainment of this much desired object, but at a loss to whom to turn for advice, or where to apply, they count it a fortunate era their meeting with their much loved brother, George Cunningham Esq., whose friendship has pointed out a clue to lead them out of their labyrinth of doubt. Under his auspices, therefore, they apply for a charter from you to hold a lodge, to be called the High Knight Templars Lodge of Ireland, and hope ever to walk worthy of their vocation, and the high favour you will confer on them by granting it. We remain, with the greatest respect, wishing you the salutation of peace, love, and harmony, your truly affectionate brethren,

HENRY WHEELER, Master.
PETER GRANT, S.W.
ROBERT COLVILLE, J.W.
RICHARD GANDEY, Sec.

Dublin, April, 1779

COPY OF CHARTER.

"We, Archibald, Earl of Eglintowne, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning, having taken into consideration the request of certain Masons in the City of Dublin, in Ireland, praying our authority to be formed into a regular Lodge or Society, being well-assured of their moral character, and of their inclination to promote the good of Masonry: We, with the consent of our Wardens and other brethren, do constitute and erect them into a regular lodge, by the name of the High Knight Templars of Ireland Kilwinning Lodge. And we grant them all powers and privileges which now are, or for any time past may have been, legally enjoyed by any other lodge of our creating; the same to be always holden of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning and his successors in office, upon the yearly payment of one merk Scots money (13½) sterling, at the anniversary meeting of the Mother Lodge in December, and upon the attendance of one of their members, if required, at said meeting.

"Given at Kilwinning the 8th of October, 1779.

"ROBT. LAUGHLIN."

LODGES AT HOTELS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have noticed lately some letters in your good paper about holding Masonic Lodges at Hotels, and I cannot see why the hosts should be so unceremoniously snubbed as some of your correspondents have snubbed them.

What have they done?

I have a little experience in the Craft, and am obliged to express my opinion, that more hearty and sincere Masons than "Publicans" do not exist, and that as a body they have done as much for Masonry and our Charities as any other men.

Your correspondents must surely have met with some very objectionable "Pub," as he calls it. If so, why dub them as a rule?

I think it would be more courteous to our hosts if he would point out wherein they overstep their duties, and then call them to order. I mean the especial ones. We all have that privilege.

Few Masons, I think, will deny that the Hotel, Hostelry, or Inn, is a convenient place to hold a lodge. Solitary "Bethels" may be very good, in some parts of the country, some of whose members may prefer their good dinners at home, but I believe they, as a rule, would be all the better Masons after their occasional banquets together.

No place in my opinion supersedes a well managed Hotel.

Masonry is charity, in its highest sense, and good "refreshment after labour" certainly induces charity, and the best of refreshments can be had at good Hotels.

Yours fraternally,

Abercorn Lodge, Stanmore.

G. TIDCOMBE, JUN.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION v. PRECEPTORS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am surprised that your correspondent, G.M., as an old M.M., should ask such questions, although I have often heard of complaints respecting Preceptors, who are ignorant, conducting themselves without due respect to those brethren, who look to a Preceptor as dutiful scholars to a teacher, but the Preceptor should also look to his scholars as superior pupils.

In my experience I have always found a good preceptor to regulate his teaching according to the majority of the brethren.

As to the right of a Preceptor to make bye-laws, I never heard of such, and would be surprised if a Preceptor would do it.

Altering rituals is out of question altogether, and as to voting, no doubt he has a right, but what decent and proper Preceptor would do it, except advising. A preceptor ought to be neutral on every question when ritual and the Book of Constitutions is not concerned.

Yours fraternally,

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THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the Scottish "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Right glad am I to find that the Grand Lodge of Ireland has spoken out so decisively on the question of the action of the Grand Orient of France in suppressing the Article I. of their Constitutions, "Belief in God." I fully agree with the leaders that have lately appeared in your columns, and had I been able to attend the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on November 5th, I would have tabled a motion to this effect: "That the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland, and those in America recognised by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to concert joint action on this subject." I am informed, on good authority, that the question will be taken up "aux series" at the next quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge of England in December. If the matter is not brought up at our next Quarterly Communication by a more influential brother, I myself will move a resolution in accordance with the deliverance of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and America.

Fraternally yours,
GEO. R. HARRIOTT,
Prov. G.M. Wigton and Kirkcudbright.

To the Editor of the "Hells Journal."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reference to a paragraph in your *Journal* of the 15th on this subject, I beg to observe that, doubtless not only will the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, but also all other Masonic lodges, as strongly condemn and repudiate "La Grand L'Orient de France" for eliminating from its constitution all reference to the Deity, as the Grand Lodge of Ireland has resolved. In fact, the Grand Orient of France is no longer truly Masonic, but, on the contrary, a licensed infidel community—of Bradlaughism.

Whilst Masonry is the exemplar of free thought, and speech, and unsectarianism, it is essentially bounded between liberty and license by the indisputable recognition of God and of His (the Great Architect of the Universe) moral government. And to quote from the *Freemason* of the 3rd: "To obliterate this principle would be to unsettle the very foundations of morality, and religion, and society. We cannot tamper with this, nor allow any argument to be urged against it, because it is the very corner-stone of our organisation, which we accepted when we sought initiation, and which we have agreed that it is not in the power of any man or body of men to change."

To which I beg to add from the same source

A MASONIC ODE.

Almighty Sire, our Heavenly King,
Before whose sacred name we bend,
Accept the praises which we sing,
And to our humble prayer attend.
All hail, great Architect Divine,
This universal frame is Thine.

That sacred place where Three in One,
Comprised Thy comprehensive name,
And where the bright meridian sun,
Was soon Thy glory to proclaim.
All hail, great Architect Divine,
This universal frame is Thine.

On Thy Omnipotence we rest,
Secure of Thy protection here,
And hope hereafter to be blest,
When we have left this world of care.
All hail, great Architect Divine,
This universal frame is Thine.

Inspire us with Thy grace divine,
Thy sacred law our guide shall be,
To every good our hearts incline,
From every evil keep us free.
All hail, great Architect Divine,
This universal frame is Thine.

I am, Sir,
A LONDONER OF NO. 7 LODGE.

WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have received many copies of a pamphlet, called "Forewarned—Forearmed, a Great Masonic Mistake," or some nonsense to that effect, which appears to be an attack on the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," of your publisher, Bro. George Kenning.

Now whence does this rubbish emanate? Who is at the expense of circulating this petty attack? Masonically it seems a very questionable proceeding, and in the very worse taste conceivable.

Probably I have said more than enough on this subject, and am,

Yours fraternally,

A PROVINCIAL.

[We have had several copies forwarded to us and many letters on the subject. We advise our complaining correspondent to treat them as we do—laugh at them. It probably amuses some weak minds, and does the "Cosmo" no harm.—ED.]

AN APPEAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you permit me through the valuable columns of the *Freemason* to draw the attention of your readers to a case that I think especially deserving of sympathy and support. It is that of a poor widow who for several years has had many sad reverses. Her husband, Bro. Jas. Batley, formerly a chemist of the Triangle, Kennington, was initiated in the Fortitude and Old Cumber-

land Lodge, No. 12, on the 8th November, 1852; he joined the United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507, in March, 1854, and served the office of W.M. in the years 1859 and 1860. In 1862 he also served the office of Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. It has been proposed that a sum of £50 should be collected to enable the widow to continue a small business, that bids fair to succeed, but is declining solely for want of means, failing which, she would soon be without a home, and in want; it is hoped the brethren will prevent this by sending their subscriptions, however small, to the undermentioned.

Subscriptions will be thankfully received by the following brethren.

Bro. S. M. Gardner, P.M. 1381, Kennington Cross.
Bro. T. P. Innous, 17, Beaufort-street, Chelsea, S.W.
Bro. W. H. Pannell, 180, No. 1, Guildhall Chambers.
The Proprietor of the *Freemason*, 198, Fleet-street, E.C.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
T. P. INNOUS.

A FEMININE REVOLUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Are you aware that we are on the eve of a great social revolution? Though as a Freemason you will naturally be a lover of order, and an opponent so violent change, yet I write to-day to ask your sympathy on behalf of a great movement! You may be aware, or you may not, that for some time past there has been growing among my Hebrew sisters, a mighty sense of wrong.

We have for some time past been organizing a resistance to the present practice of female isolation in our synagogues, whereby we are confined to the galleries.

A factious brother, who shall be nameless, says that as we are in the galleries, he does not see what we "gals" have to complain of, but on so serious a subject chaff is not only very unbecoming but is beside the question. We object to be considered any longer as an "inferior creation;" we decline to be told that we have "no souls;" we refuse to be considered not equal to the men in all that pertains to intellect, &c., and to be located either in latticed or open galleries.

"As if we were the parrots not they."

Our co-religionist paper, the *Hebrew Leader* of America, has these words:—"The Jewesses who attend Synagogue in London have turned the tables on Dr. Adler, and are now railing him in on the gallery question. The introduction of pews in our reform places of worship, at least settles that matter."

We hope, therefore, that the reform we advocate will speedily be conceded by our "Lords of the Creation."

No doubt in the Temple the women had places set apart for them, and were separated from the men, but is it necessary now to adhere to that state of things? The Christians in their earliest places of worship separated the men from the women, following the Jewish tradition, but that arrangement has happily died out, and is only now to be seen here and there, as a matter of archaeological curiosity, or ritualistic innovation.

I trust that you will give me a corner in your columns and permit me to advocate, not the cause of "oppressed nationalities," but of galled Jewish women, and believe me, yours sisterly always,
SUSANNAH.

GRUMBLING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I saw in your contemporary, the *Times*, the following paragraph under "War Prices," which amused and astonished me not a little.

"Viator" writes, under date Hotel Brofft, Bucharest, Nov. 12:—"For the information of British travellers who may be passing this way I beg to enclose the original of a bill for a breakfast for two persons. We had some caviare, mayonnaise of Danube fish, a beefsteak, some fruit, and a bottle of wine; one of us had a taste of liqueur. The amount of the little bill is 42f. 25c. I may add that the market price of provisions is scarcely more than in time of peace." The following is the bill:—Caviare, 7f.; mayonnaise, 4f.; chateau-aux-truffes, 5f.; pain, 1f. 50c.; liqueur, 1f. 25c.; fromage, 2f.; fruit, 3f. 50c.; œuf, 2f.; Leonville, 16f.—42f. 25c.

Now I make bold to say, dear Sir and Brother, that such a complaint from any one is simply ridiculous, and that it is still more absurd, begging pardon of the *Times* to publish it, for the "addition," as the French term it, is after all, very moderate. "Viator" and his friend, (male or female, deponent knoweth not), order a most expensive breakfast, and then grumble at the bill, not at all an unusual occurrence. Caviare is a luxury, a mayonnaise is a luxury, beefsteak is a luxury, truffes is a luxury, fruit is a luxury, while 16 francs for a bottle of Leonville is clearly a luxury aizo. Even with the cheese and eggs and liqueur the breakfast is as expensive a breakfast as well can be, and 42 francs 25 centimes is by no means too much under the circumstances for two "portions." We note "Viator" says nothing about the inevitable "café-au-lait," which I presume he does not think it necessary to mention. Now every brother who has been abroad will agree with me, that you can get, at Paris for instance, even in the dearest cafés, the best of breakfasts for four francs, supposing, of course, that you are content with an Englishman's breakfast. But if people will ape foreign habits, to which they are not accustomed, and have caviare, mayonnaise, chateau-aux-truffes, cheese, fruit, liqueur, and Leonville at 16 francs, the best thing they can do is, having eaten and, let us trust, digested their breakfasts, to pay up manfully without regret, and above all, without grumbling.

War prices, indeed, my dear Sir and Brother! Let us have no more of such nonsense, and oblige,

Yours fraternally,
A TRAVELLING MAN.

THE BRITISH ORPHAN ASYLUM.

To The Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly allow me to trespass on your space in order to bring before your readers the claims of the above charity on their support. The asylum was established in 1827 for the gratuitous maintenance and education of orphans of both sexes, and of all denominations, whose parents once moved in prosperity, and lived in any part of the British empire. The number of children at present in the establishment is over 200; they are the sons and daughters of clergymen, naval and military officers, solicitors, merchants, &c. The education imparted is of a practical Christian character, and many pupils have been enabled to regain the position once occupied by their parents. The present being the jubilee year of the institution, an effort is being made to raise a jubilee fund to enable the Board of Directors to enlarge their sphere of usefulness, and I am endeavouring to obtain a hundred guineas to add to this fund at the annual meeting in January next. I have a special reason for making this effort. My brother, William Charles Cooper, died on Whit-Monday last year, after a severe and protracted illness, the result of the exposure to which he was subjected when serving and benefitting his fellow-countrymen as a reporter in many parts of the kingdom. He left a widow and five children, the eldest only nine years old, entirely unprovided for, his illness having absorbed all his means. My sister-in-law is doing her best to provide for herself and little ones by lodging letting, but, as you can easily imagine, finds the care and other accompaniments of so large a family a serious drawback to her success. With a view, therefore, of assisting in the removal of this obstacle, a brother Mason who knew my brother, and who is well-known for his Christian liberality in such cases, has nominated my brother's eldest child, Catherine Jane Cooper, as a candidate for admission in the above-named asylum. After two elections we find that we shall require at least four hundred more votes than we can hope to obtain by canvassing to secure her election at Christmas; but if I can succeed in filling my subscription list of one hundred guineas, I shall be entitled under one of the rules (the 47th) to the required number of votes on that occasion only. It is on this account that I appeal to my brother Masons, which I am sure will be readily accorded, for the care of the widow and fatherless, is one of our chief objects in bonding ourselves together. It is especially desirable that my niece should be successful at the forth-coming election, as my aged mother, by whom necessarily the greater part of the canvass has been conducted, is unable to continue it, on account of failing health and sight. Many of us have recently been attending thanksgiving services for the bounteous harvest with which we have been favoured, and for preservation from the horrors of a war into which it at one time seemed probable we might drift. Is it possible to conceive of a better way in which to show our gratitude to the Father of the Fatherless and the Husband of the Widow, than by doing our best to provide for those who are left desolate by the hand of death?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
E. SEYMOUR COOPER.

7, Garrick-street, Covent Garden, W.C.

November, 28th, 1877.

The following subscriptions have been already received or promised:—

	£	s	d
J. Tattersall, Esq., Stoke Newington	...	2	12 6
E. Seymour Cooper	...	2	12 6
A Friend, Warwick	...	2	2 0
Miss Ellen Cooper	...	1	1 0
Mrs. Catherine Cooper, Bedford	...	1	1 0
Mr. H. C. Cooper, ditto	...	1	1 0
Messrs. McIntyre, London	...	1	1 0
G. C. Young, Esq., ditto	...	1	1 0
J. Atkins, Esq., Bedford	...	1	1 0
The Royal Bruce Castle Lodge of Oddfellows,			
Tottenham	...	1	1 0
C. Umney, Esq., London	...	1	1 0
Mr. George Powlson, Warrington	...	1	1 0
Messrs. Unwin Bros., London	...	1	1 0
Mrs. Burt, Edgbaston, Birmingham	...	1	1 0
Mr. R. E. Cooper, Henley-in-Arden	...	0	10 6
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George Hurst, Esq., J.P. Bedford	...	0	10 6
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F. Trapp, Esq., Bedford	...	0	10 6
Bro. R. H. Coombes, Bedford	...	0	10 6
Bro. Magnus Ohren, and the employés of the			
Crystal Palace Gas Company (for whom my			
brother lately acted as collector)	...	3	13 0

THE MONDE MACONNIQUE.

(Communiqué.)

In a recent number of the *Monde Maçonique* we find some remarks in respect of the *Freemason*, which are distinguished by that same want of courtesy and right feeling, which we feel bound to observe has characterised all the remarks of Bros. Caubet and Grimaux, since the controversy arose about that regrettable agitation which has culminated in the last vote of the Grand Orient of France.

But neither our dignity nor our Masonic principles permit us to indulge in rowdy language, in the utterance of childish intimidation or bullying, and therefore we pass over this second "bêtise," with the same contempt as we did a former one.

But as our Brethren Grimaux and Caubet are apparently very ignorant on certain topics, we think it our duty as good and charitable Freemasons to enlighten them, and we trust they will truly profit by our forgiving explanations, and make an "amende honorable."

1. Bro. Kenning has nothing to do with the literary articles of the *Freemason*. Though its spirited publisher an

sole proprietor, he wisely leaves the editorship to the brother who is responsible to him and to thousands of readers, for the tone and temper of the articles in each weekly impression. Whether the views the Editor expresses please Bros. Grimaux and Cauber, matters in truth very little. They are written for Anglo-Saxon Masons, and seem to have found favour with them, as the opinions expressed in the *Freemason* have been practically endorsed by the Grand Lodge, and will probably be supported with all the authority of the Grand Lodge of England. Therefore, the blame of Bros. Cauber and Grimaux becomes praise to the *Freemason*.

2. Bro. Grimaux insinuates that the account of the tumultuous meeting of the last Grand Orient is not correct, though very jesuitically he does not venture to say so in express words. The expressions in the *Freemason* rest on the contemporary evidence of an eye-witness, Bro. Hubert, and the language of the *Freemason* is completely identical with that of the *Chaine d'Union*. If Bro. Grimaux will attack Bro. Hubert's testimony, on the ground of its incorrectness, we may probably, in the discussion, arrive at the exact truth. We prefer Bro. Hubert's authority to that of Bro. Grimaux.

3. Altogether the whole of the past and present discussion, the temper which has been manifested, and the susceptibilities which have been aroused, only serve to convince us, and all true-thinking English Freemasons, that the whole question is a political, not a Masonic movement, and one that seems to bring out the fatal reminiscences of a "reign of terror" the amenities of the "revolution" and the violence of the "Commune."

4. It is just because we object to the further degradation of French Freemasonry by the interested or the interfering, that we protest against proceedings which disgrace Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, and can only end in the utter collapse of the French Grand Orient itself. When it finds itself in a real position of complete "Isolation," it will then discern, let us hope not when it is "trop tard," who are its best friends, and above all, who are its real enemies.

THE FREEMASON AND DR. BEIGEL.

We have read the *Friemaurer* of Vienna, which is professedly an answer to our remarks on Dr. Beigel's unfortunate blunder, and disrespectful language to Bro. John Hervey, our esteemed Grand Secretary, but we find the article so utterly unworthy of Masonic consideration, that we cannot consent to take any further notice of it.

We have reason to believe that there is some personal feeling on the part of Bro. Dr. Beigel.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DORSET.

A special Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Weymouth, on Friday, 23rd inst., for the purpose of installing the M.E. Comp. J. M. P. Montagu, of Downe Hall, Bridport, as P.G. Supt. The ceremony of the installation was under the presidency of the V. W. Comp. Captain N. G. Philips, G.S.N., acting for and on behalf of H.R.H. the First Grand Principal, assisted by M. E. Comps. H. C. Vernon, Past Grand Assistant-Soj. of England, P.G. Supt., Warwickshire; Lieut-Colonel Shadwell Clerke, and the Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Africa, acting as Grand Director of Ceremonies; also by representatives of Grand Chapter, and many other distinguished Companions from various provinces, as well as from Dorset.

M.E. Comps. R. N. Howard, P.P.G.J.; and J. S. Webb, P.P.G.S.N.; were then respectively installed as P.G.H. and P.G.J. The Prov. G. Supt. next proceeded to appoint the other P.G. officers:—

W. Chick, P.Z. 417.....	Prov. G.S.E.
F. H. Tanner, P.Z. 622.....	Prov. G.P.N.
J. Jetsy, P.Z. 770.....	Prov. G.P.S.
F. W. Good, P.Z. 707.....	Prov. G. First A.S.
J. H. Boyd, Z. 137.....	Prov. G. Second A.S.
J. Jacob, P.Z. 170.....	Prov. G. Treas.
P. Hooper, Z. 170.....	Prov. G. Reg.
J. Hine, Z. 707.....	Prov. G.S.B.
R. Hansford, H. 707.....	Prov. G. St. B.
W. Smith, P.Z. 170.....	Prov. G.D.C.
J. Whitehead Smith, Z. 622.....	Prov. G. Org.
F. Long.....	Prov. G. Jan.

At six o'clock the companions partook of an excellent banquet, provided by Comp. Dunn, of the Victoria Hotel, in the adjoining banqueting-room. The P.G. Supt. presided, and was supported by the officers of the Grand Chapter.

PROVINCIAL GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF DORSET.

On Thursday, the 15th ult., there was a large gathering of the Masonic Knights Templar, in the ball room of the Bull Hotel, Bridport, for the purpose of installing Sir Knt. J. M. P. Montagu, J.P. and D.L., as the head of Knights Templar in this county, the post having been rendered vacant by the death of Sir Knt. C. J. Vigne, J.P., of Westfield House, Bath, who for many years had ruled. Among the Sir Knights present were Sir Molyneux Hyde Nepean, Bart.; General Doherty, C.B.; H. C. Vernon, Lieut.-Col. S. Clerke, the Installing Officer; Capt. N. G. Philips, the Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, R. Costa, C. B. Royds, Dr. Woodforde, and many others.

After the ceremony the company adjourned to Downe Hall (Sir Knt. Montagu's residence), and were very hospitably entertained at a *recherché* dinner.

On the following day at the Masonic Hall, Weymouth, Sir Knt. Montagu was duly installed Provincial Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch-Masons of this county

—under patent issue by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales—by Sir Knt. Capt. N. G. Philips, Groom of the Stole to Her Majesty the Queen. Sir Knt. R. N. Howard, was appointed H., and J. S. Webb, of Beaminster, appointed J. by the P.G. Superintendent.

In addition to most of those named above, a very numerous company of Masons attended from different parts of the country. An excellent repast was afterwards served in the new banqueting hall (which was inaugurated on this occasion), by Mr. Dunn, of the Victoria Hotel, Sir Knight N. Howard, kindly placed his residence (Greenhill House) at the disposal of Sir Knight Montagu and his friends from a distance. Sir Knight Montagu's task as the head of two such important and valuable bodies will not be rendered lighter by his succeeding two such men as Sir Knight C. J. Vigne, and the still deeply lamented Sir Knight J. Gundry, of the Hyde, Bidport. Sir Knight Montagu has ever taken great interest in these Masonic Orders; and we have no doubt will work assiduously and successfully on their behalf.

FREEMASONRY IN AUSTRALIA.

The annual installation meeting of the Yarra Yarra Lodge, No. 714, E.C., took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Ferrars-street, Emerald Hill, on Sept. 20th, when Bro. Wm. Marshall was installed (the first in the new hall) as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. There were present a very large concourse of brethren of the lodge and many distinguished visitors. Bro. H. W. Lowry, P.P.G.S.W., as on every occasion, with but one exception, officiated as Installing Master. The W.M. having been placed in the chair, the following brethren were invested as the officers of the lodge:—C. Dungey, P.M.; T. Ford, S.W.; H. Harding, J.W.; J. Tribe, Treasurer; R. Malinsson, Secretary; A. Ford, Organist; J. Plummer, S.D.; — Macdonald, J.D.; W. Hitchcock, I.G.; G. Thomas, and R. Banks, Stewards; and L. Levy, Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, which was conducted by Bro. H. W. Lowry in his well-known impressive and perfect manner, the brethren adjourned to the lower hall, where a banquet was provided by Bro. Bradley. After the usual loyal toasts had been acknowledged, "The Three G.M.'s, The D.P.G.M.'s, and their Officers" was proposed by the W.M., and acknowledged by Bro. W. F. Dixon, (W.M. of the Mariners' Lodge) on behalf of the English Constitution; Bro. A. Hart, P.M., for the Irish Constitution, and Bro. T. Ford for the Scotch Constitution. "The W.M. of the Yarra Yarra Lodge, Bro. W. Marshall," was then proposed in an eulogistic manner by Bro. P.M. Dungey. The W.M., in responding, acknowledged the high honour conferred upon him in electing him to the chair, and urged, as an incentive to the younger members of the lodge, to attend to their duties properly, as by which means they would in due course occupy the position he then held. He remarked that it was upon an installation night he was initiated, since which time he had filled every office in the lodge. The W.M. next proposed "The Installing Master," responded to by Bro. H. W. Lowry. This toast was followed by "The W.M.'s of Sister Lodges," responded to by Bro. Braim (Combermere) on behalf of himself and others present. "The Past Masters of the Yarra Yarra Lodge" was responded to by the Immediate P.M., Bro. Dungey, and Bro. E. Exon, the senior P.M. The last-named brother availed himself of the occasion to state that it would probably be the last installation of the Yarra Yarra Lodge he would be able to be present at, as the distance to where he was about to remove would preclude him attending. "The Visitors" was acknowledged by several brethren. "The Officers" was responded to by Bro. T. Ford, and Bro. W. Small, P.M., gave the "Last Toast." The evening's proceedings were enlivened by singing from Bros. Exon, P.M., D. Madden, A. Ford, Skinner, Bell (Combermere), and Banks.

THE HENRY MUGGERIDGE TESTIMONIAL.

At a Committee meeting held on Thursday, November 15th, at Bro. George Kenning's, The Masonic Rooms, Little Britain, it was proposed and carried that the subscription list for the Henry Muggeridge testimonial should be closed on the 31st of January, 1878.

Bro. Henry Muggeridge is Vice-Patron, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; Vice-Patron, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and Vice-President, Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

The Committee respectfully ask for subscriptions from the brethren in order to make the testimonial suitable for a life service to Masonic Instruction.

FRANCIS FELLOWS,
Hon. Secretary.

Cleveland Villa, Montague-road East, Dalston,
LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO NOVEMBER, 1877.
Panmure Lodge, £10 10s.; Lion and Lamb Lodge, £10 10s.; Lion and Lamb Chapter, £10 10s.; Bro. J. B. Scriven, £10 10s.; Bro. E. M. Hubbuck, £10 10s.; Bro. Lord de Tabley, £5 5s.; Bro. George Kenning, £5 5s.; Bro. Winkfield, £5 5s.; Bro. R. Grey, £5 5s.; Felicity Lodge, £5 5s.; Lodge of Emulation, £5 5s.; Bro. B. Head, £4 4s.; Bro. E. Snell, £3 3s.; Bro. J. H. Townend, £2 2s.; Bro. F. M. Newton, £2 2s.; Bro. S. Reynolds, £2 2s.; Bro. S. Tomkins, £2 2s.; Bro. J. C. Harris, £2 2s.; Bro. F. Barnford, £2 2s.; Bro. W. F. Larkins, £2 2s.; Bro. F. Fellows, £2 2s.; Bro. F. D. R. Copestick, £2 2s.; Bro. S. G. Myers, £2 2s.; Bro. Henry Birdseye, £2 2s.; Bro. W. J. Crossfield, £2 2s.; Bro. M. Bennett, £2 2s.; Bro. E. Phillips, £2 2s.; Bro. J. Jonas, £2 2s.; Bro. A. J. Selwall, £2 2s.; Bro. W. Birdseye, £2 2s.; A. H. Draper, £2 2s.; Bro. Grocott, £2 2s.; Gresham Lodge, £2 2s.; Bro.

McIntyre, £2 2s.; Bro. Watkin Williams, £2 2s.; Bro. C. Gray, £2 2s.; Bro. E. F. Storr, £2 2s.; Bro. E. Crichton, £2 2s.; Bro. J. Lorkin, £2 2s.; Bro. J. Burroughs, 21s.; Bro. W. Smithett, 21s.; Bro. Jardine, 21s.; Bro. F. W. Braine, 21s.; Bro. George Abbott, 21s.; Bro. C. Magnay, 21s.; Bro. E. W. Richardson, 21s.; Bro. Cohu, 21s.; Bro. Hogg, 21s.; Bro. J. Paddle, 21s.; Bro. W. Weedon, 21s.; Bro. A. C. Cope, 21s.; Bro. C. W. M. Wilson, 21s.; Bro. H. Watts, 21s.; Bro. Warden, 21s.; Bro. J. Forsyth, 21s.; Bro. E. Pottle, 21s.; Bro. R. W. Little, 21s.; Bro. Downing, 20s.; Bro. H. Kirk, 10s. 6d.; Bro. W. H. Bowden, 5s.; —Total £166 12s. 6d.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. CAPTAIN MERCIER.

A presentation was recently made to Bro. Capt. Mercier, at his studio, Chatham-house, High-road, Knightsbridge, on the occasion of his resignation of the chairmanship of the Hospital Saturday Fund. Alderman Gould, of Kingston, Treasurer to the testimonial fund, made the presentation, observing that he, with the other subscribers to the fund (who included Lord Napier of Magdala and the Earl of Aberdeen) esteemed very highly the qualities of head and heart which Captain Mercier possessed. After referring to the national memorial to the King of the Belgians, to Captain Mercier's labours to establish a good understanding between England and France, and his exertions with respect to the Hospital Saturday subscriptions, and also in connection with the foundation of the Chelsea Club, he said he looked upon Captain Mercier as a public benefactor. Captain Mercier had exerted himself to establish a friendly feeling between England and neighbouring nations, and had, by calling upon the sympathies of the working classes, drawn from those classes about £20,000, which had been distributed among the hospitals of London. The Hospital Saturday Fund had now been placed upon a firm foundation, and the friends of Captain Mercier had taken the opportunity of his withdrawal from the chairmanship of the fund to present him with a testimonial. Mr. Gould then begged Captain Mercier's acceptance of a timepiece and a purse of sovereigns. The timepiece bore the inscription "Presented, together with a purse of sovereigns, as a mark of esteem and regard to Captain Charles Mercier, on his resigning the chair of the Hospital Saturday Fund." Dr. Mackenzie, Captain Bird, Mr. Bullen, (of the British Museum, Mr. George Robinson (of Manchester), Mr. Bridgwater, Mr. J. F. Wilson (of Cassell, Petter, and Galpin), and Captain H. Evans, also spoke in appreciation of Captain Mercier's character and public labours. Capt. Mercier thanked the subscribers and the committee, and said he should ever treasure this memento of their approval and should bequeath it to his son, to whom it would be a stimulus to do his utmost for the public weal.

STIRRING TIMES.

As hinted in our last, there has been music in the air during the past week, and the feathered innocents along the Sound have suffered accordingly. Those of our readers who might have been at Hunter's Point at an early hour last Wednesday might have seen the departure of an expedition designed to create a rumpus in Moriches. The party consisted of Sir Wm. A. Blanck, commander of the guns, Capt. George Arey, of rifle shooting fame, the Dispatch, with a pocket full of steel pens and a small barrel of ink, his Serene and Imperial Highness the L. H. A., and two members of his staff.

Boarding the train, of which a special car was reserved for their use, they fell into the hands of Conductor Bro. M. Ryan, whose courteous attention is hereby acknowledged. The ride offered but one suggestion, which is that the part of Long Island through which we passed must have been finished right after the Deluge, for a more forlorn, stand-still, lol'-backward country it would be difficult to find within a similar distance of New York. Dilapidated dwellings, barns, and outhouses, fences tumbling down, stunted pines, scrub oak, and a sort of general "Oh, don't mention it," are the features of the landscape. However, arrived at Yaphank, where, taking stage over roads two centuries in advance of the rest of the country, we arrived in due time at the hospitable mansion of our host, Capt. Hugh Smith, where a generous refecation awaited on appetites sharpened by the journey. After a preliminary skirmish along the bay, to get things in order for the grand battle, we sought our respective tents.

At daybreak next morning all hands were summoned for the day's work, and proceeding to the yacht, we found his Imperial Highness already on deck, fully armed and in fatigue uniform, which indicated work ahead. The stores having been got on board, sail was made, and we started for the rendezvous, where, however, his Highness refused to land, on the ground that he intended to explore the bay and test the sailing qualities of the vessel. Having given him a good send off, the rest set to work preparing the decoys and other appliances recognised as indispensable to correct duck shooting, and soon there was lively work going on, many a promising bird suddenly stopping on his southern journey at the command of Commandant Blanck and his aids. In the course of an hour or two the vessel was desecrated in the offing with all sails set and colours flying, and as it was desirable to prevent the too close approach of this bird-frightening apparition, the Dispatch and two aids were directed to intercept the venerable dignitary and beg him to remain at the post he then occupied, laying off and on until lunch time. Before these orders could be conveyed, however, the vessel had approached near enough for his Highness to descry the decoy ducks, when he immediately gave orders to heave her to, which having been done, he commanded the brass swivel gun to be loaded with grape and canister, when,

carefully training it on the decoys, which, it should be remarked, he mistook for living birds, he fired into them with his own venerable hands. Not a bird stirred, and supposing he had killed the entire flock, he exclaimed: "There, you young fellers, when you want to shoot ducks, send for me."

He was about to order all hands to splice the main-brace in honour of the event, when the Dispatch ventured to inform him that the ducks he had assaulted were made of wood, and none the worse for the splendid gunnery he had just exhibited.

Of course no one dared to smile in his presence, but when he had with great dignity retired to his cabin and commenced an analysis of the lunch basket, there were suppressed "skreemes of laughter" on deck, and a general disposition to examine the top hamper through a glass. Shortly afterward the wind, which had been light, veered to the south-east, and rapidly increased to a gale, accompanied with a heavy mist, and the short chopping waves that distinguish land-locked waters under such circumstances. And now the old hero rose to his normal grandeur. Orders issued from his speaking trumpet faster than they could be executed. "Brail up the spanker!" "In with your flying jib!" "Double reef the cat-heads!" "Furl the sheet anchor!" followed in rapid succession; but, despite the best efforts of the crew, we were fast being driven on a lee shore and a watery grave, when, fortunately, Lieut. Sol. Smith, our sailing master, with a wisdom and daring beyond his years, leaped on shore with a line and made it fast to a tree. Even then his Highness, like the boy on the burning deck, refused to desert the ship until he was made to understand by signals that the Widow Cliquot was at the mansion and desired an audience. Thus touched in a tender point, he left the vessel to its fate and waited upon the charming widow. We are happy in being able to add that the yacht was subsequently brought in safe and sound, and that the party reached New York with as many ducks as they could conveniently carry. All's well that ends well, and Commander Blanck, Capt. Arey, and the L. H. A. have our thanks for many courtesies.—*New York Dispatch*.

Obituary.

BRO. JAMES GOODALL.

The death of Bro. James Goodall, P.P.G. Reg., Eastern Division South Wales, P.M. 237, P.M. and Treas. 1573, Swansea, which took place in Swansea, on Friday, November 23rd, after a long and painful illness, has called forth most sincere expressions of regret from the brethren in Swansea and the province generally.

The brethren have sustained an irreparable loss in Bro. Goodall's death, as he was not only skillful in the performance of the various ceremonials of the lodge, but was always willing to give a helping hand to those less gifted than himself, and his zeal for Freemasonry, coupled with a courteous and amiable disposition attracted a large circle of friends, a fact amply demonstrated by the presence of nearly eighty brethren from the various lodges in the province, at his funeral, which took place on Wednesday, the 28th November.

Amongst the brethren present were Bros. M. Tennant, D.P.G.M., Eastern Division, South Wales; J. G. Hall, P.P.S.G.W., W.M. 1323; W. Whittington, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Rogers, P.J.G.W., P.M. 1573; J. Jones, P.G. Treas.; Evan Jones, P.G. Secretary; W. E. Brown, P.M. 237; S. Powell, P.M. 237; W. H. Tucker, P.M. 237 and 1573; J. S. Wooley, W.M. 237; J. Livingston, W.M. 1573; Evan Thomas, P.M. 679, and many brethren belonging to the lodges in Swansea.

Bro. Goodall has now gone to "his long home," "the undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns," and his name will long be revered by those who were in the habit of meeting him, both in lodge and at business. "Requiescat in pace."

BRO. SUPERINTENDENT MOTT.

We have to record the death of Bro. Supt. Mott, of the A. Division of Police. Well known to all Londoners by the efficient performance of his duties, at all times, and in great emergencies, he was equally distinguished by his courtesy and kindness, and by many good qualities of head and heart. His place will be one difficult to fill, owing to his sterling worth and his personal knowledge of his important avocation, and his loss will be sincerely deplored by all members of the force, as well by his superiors as by his equals, and his subordinates.

Bro. Mott was a member of the St. Clement Danes Lodge (No. 1351), and leaves a large family to lament his irreparable loss.

On Wednesday the funeral of Bro. Mott took place at Brompton Cemetery. The obsequies, in accordance with the wish of the family of the deceased, were carried out privately, though the high esteem in which he was held drew together many, especially from the police ranks, to witness the last solemn rites. Few police officials came more prominently before the public than the late Bro. Mott, of whom it may be said that to have known him was to hold him in good favour. Placed at the head of the chief division of the police, which is brought into use in both town and country on important occasions, when great numbers of people assemble, his duty was oftentimes an onerous one. Now it would be at Epsom races that he would be met with, directing his staff of men over the Downs; next, perhaps, at a Royal review at Windsor-park; or, again, at a "Tichborne" demonstration in Hyde-park. On such occasions as these rare tact is required to carry out official duties, with an excited crowd in a measure concerned, and when a harsh, peremptory adherence to a hard-and-fast line, admitting not of the "give and take" principle, might result in a collision between the police and the public, or at

least leave a rankling feeling of displeasure with the latter. But to Superintendent Mott was laid the credit of promoting most harmoniously kindly relations between the members of the force and the public, while not abating in any degree his reputation as an able disciplinarian; and his familiar figure at great public gatherings will be greatly missed in the future. The funeral procession started from the late residence of the deceased, at Kennington, shortly after twelve o'clock. It consisted simply of the hearse, three mourning carriages containing members of the deceased's family and friends' and several private carriages. The cemetery was reached at about a quarter to two o'clock. About 100 members of the A Division, in uniform, had assembled, while there was a large number of other members of the Force, representing all grades, in plain clothes. These latter fell in immediately behind the carriages at the cemetery gates, the officers in uniform bringing up the rear. Several members of St. Clement's Danes Lodge (1351), followed, including the Treasurer, some of the Past Masters, and others of the brethren.

The procession proceeded to the chapel, into which the coffin was borne, and the first portion of the funeral service was proceeded with, Dean Stanley being the officiating clergyman. Among those present were—Colonel Henderson, Colonel Pearson, Mr. Walker, district superintendent, Superintendents Williamson, Wiseman, Eccles, Digby, Galforth, Brennan, and many others. The short service in the sacred edifice ended, the coffin was conveyed to the family grave, where the interment took place. The deceased, who was a widower, was only 49 years of age, and he leaves a large family, including two daughters, one a well-known singer, and the other a pianist. It should be stated that one of the last wishes of the deceased was that his daughter's concert, appointed for the 7th inst., should take place, and it will be held on the day named.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, December 7, 1877.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1.

Gen. Com. Boys' School at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., (Installation).
" 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew-bdg.
Lodges of Instruction.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Lodge 12, Fortitude & Old Cumberland, Ship & Turtle.
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 83, United of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
" 144, St. Luke's, M.H., Mason's Avenue.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
" 1656, Wolsey, White Hart Hot., Hampton Wick.
" 1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey M.H.
" 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi-terrace, Strand.
Chap. 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 1056, Victoria, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
Red Cross Con., Premier, 68, Regent-st., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C., 2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4.

Colonial Board.
Grand Mark Lodge, F.M. Tav. Great Queen-st.
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 765, St. James's, Surrey M.H.
" 1257, Grosvenor, F.M.H.
" 1298, R. Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st., N.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.
" 1668, Samson, F.M.H.
" 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd. N.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
Lodges of Instruction.
Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.

Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5.

Quar. Com. Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7.
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Star & Garter, Putney.
Lodges of Instruction.
Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
" 1351, St. Clement Danes, 265, Strand.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Sandringham-rd., Kingsland.
Chap. 2, St. James's, F.M.H.
" 9, Moriah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1339, Stockwell, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.
Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-square, W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
Libury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7.

Lodge 92, Moira, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1275, Star, Ship Hot. Greenwich.
" 1489, Marquess of Ripon, Balls Pond-rd., N.
" 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
Chap. 8, British, F.M.H.
" 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
Mark 8, Thistle, 2, Westminster Chambers, S.W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Ho., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Ho., London-st., Greenwich.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 8, 1877.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 1045, Stamford, T.H., Altrincham.

Lodge 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
 " 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
 Red Cross Conclave, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool.
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4.
 Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.
 " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
 Mark Lodge 16, Walton, A.R., St. Ann's-street, Liverpool.
 Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.
 Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5.
 Lodge 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-st., Wigan.
 " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
 " 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 De Grey and Ripon, do., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6.
 Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1473, Bootle, A.R., Bootle.
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
 Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 Duke of Edinburgh, do., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7.
 Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
 " 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
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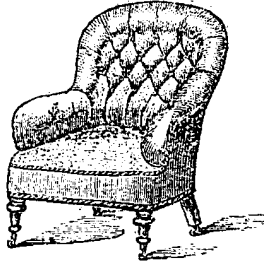
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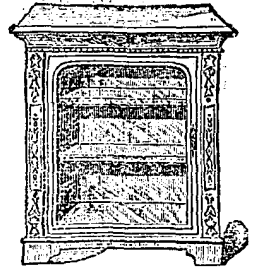


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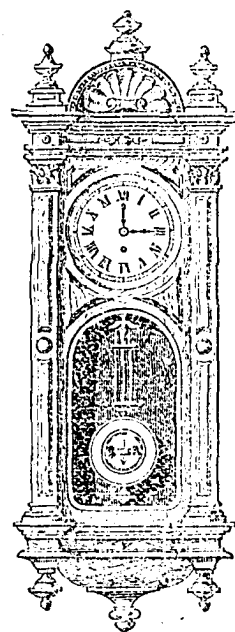
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