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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY (No. 2).—This ancient lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., in good numbers. Bro. Ames was raised to the Second Degree, and Bro. John Armitage Batley (a Lewis), was initiated by Bro. Woodford, D.M. H.R.H. Prince Leopold was unanimously elected W.M., and a vote of condolence, carried unanimously, to Her Majesty the Queen, in reference to the recent and lamented death of the Grand Duchess of Hesse-Darmstadt. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The routine business being disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, and separated at an early hour, after a most enjoyable evening.

LODGE OF SINCERITY (No. 174).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern. Bro. John Appleby, W.M., presided, and there were also present:—Bros. G. T. H. Seddon, S.W.; C. H. Webb, J.W.; George Jones, S.D.; J. Brown, J.D.; Charles Lacey, P.M.; E. J. Moore, P.M.; W. C. Barlow, P.M.; John Bulmer, P.M.; G. J. Hilliard, P.M.; A. Harry Brown, D.C.; James S. Fraser, I.G.; and a large number of lay members of the lodge, and the following visitors:—George Wothey, 1382; Robert Smith, 1694; Thos. J. Barnes, P.M. 554, 933; Allen Brown, 869; J. J. Bry, P.M. 554; George Brooks, P.M. 902; Edwin G. Leggc, W.M. 1196, Treas. 1607; George Mellison, 1636; S. Quint, 749; Frank Shaffland, 511; F. Knight, 1185; J. F. Clark, 217; Henry Wilson, 217; E. J. Anning, 1625; George Joseph Dunkley, 1777; W. W. Morgan, Sec. 211; J. Hanson Thorn, W.M. 554; H. Massey, P.M. 619, (Freemason). The W.M. raised Bro. W. Cecil, and afterwards installed Bro. G. T. H. Seddon, S.W. and W.M. elect as Master of the lodge for the current year. The following brethren were appointed to office:—Bros. C. H. Webb, S.W.; G. Jones, J.W.; S. Rawley, P.M., Treas.; J. Newton, P.M., Sec.; F. Brown, S.D.; J. S. Fraser, J.D.; A. H. Brown, I.G.; T. F. Harvey, D.C.; J. Miller, W.S.; and Verry, Tyler. Bro. Appleby then delivered the addresses, and on the resumption of his seat, and having performed the ceremonies in splendid style, was loudly applauded by the brethren. The new W.M. in investing his officers showed himself perfectly skilled in the art. After the installation had been completed Bro. Seddon initiated Mr. James Benson in capital style. Subsequently he presented to Bro. Appleby a handsome Past Master's jewel, voted at last lodge, in recognition of the ability with which Bro. Appleby had performed all the duties of Master during the past year. The brother acting as Secretary for the evening, Bro. Rawley, jun., Bro. J. Newton, P.M., being absent through serious illness, read a letter from the son of Bro. Dicker, an old and highly respected member of the lodge, informing the lodge of the death of Bro. Dicker that afternoon at five o'clock. Thereupon, it was resolved that a letter expressing the sympathy of the lodge with the family of the deceased Bro. Dicker in their bereavement should be written, and the lodge was ordered to go into mourning at its next meeting. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to a delightful banquet. After the banquet the usual toasts were proposed, and "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro Grand Master," and "The Dep. G.M.," were drunk with great cordiality. The W.M., in proposing the toast of "Lord Skelmersdale," said he was a Lancashire lad himself, and as such felt a great pride in Lord Skelmersdale, as all other Lancashire men did, and when the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution took place on the 12th of February they intended to show by their subscriptions the pride they felt in him. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. Benson," who he was proud to call his first bairn. He had had the pleasure of initiating Bro. Benson, and from the attention he had paid to the ceremony, and the interest he took in it, he felt assured he would become a very worthy member of the Order. Bro. Benson responded, and trusted he would become an honour to the Craft. Bro. Appleby, I.P.M.,

proposed "The W.M.," and was very pleased that that brother had had an opportunity that evening of displaying his ability by initiating Bro. Benson. The W.M. had shown he was no novice in Freemasonry. For many years he had been a member of this lodge, and in the various offices he had filled he had discharged his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren. The W.M., in responding, after thanking the brethren for honouring the toast, said that while he had been an officer of the lodge he had striven as far as lay in his power to perform his duties thoroughly. He had not at any time felt he was performing them in a lukewarm way, or in a careless, easy going manner. He trusted that in the new position he had assumed he should not be found wanting in the thoroughness which had characterised the performance of his previous duties. He had but one aim in view, to be happy himself and to promote the happiness of the brethren. If he succeeded in that design, which had been pointed out to him as the grand design of Freemasonry, he should feel convinced that he had satisfied the brethren and done his duty as W.M. Some years ago he gave up office, but it was done voluntarily, in consequence of his having to go northward for six or eight months, and not being present then at the installation meeting he did not have the office conferred on him to which he would have succeeded. Consequently, he was out of office for a few years; otherwise he would have been W.M. six years ago. Six years ago he would have been a good deal younger than he now was; but he was not at all sorry he had waited six years, because he had acquired more experience, instruction, and acquaintance with brethren whom he did not know before, among whom were Bros. Bornes and some others he now saw before him. For this extra experience he was very grateful, and he hoped that if the brethren discovered any errors in him they would look upon them not as errors of heart, but errors of judgment. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. Bro. Appleby," and reminded the brethren of the services that brother had rendered to the lodge during his year of office. Bro. Appleby had carried out all his duties in a way which had given such satisfaction to the brethren that they unanimously voted him a Past Master's jewel. The brethren must acknowledge that whenever they had visited they had not sat under a brother who was more urbane or more zealous in the discharge of his duties. Bro. Appleby in responding said he had endeavoured to discharge his duties faithfully, and it was very pleasant to him to find that his efforts had met with the approbation of the brethren. The W.M. then proposed "The Masonic Institutions," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. C. J. Perceval. The W.M. stated that he was himself Steward for the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Benevolent Institution, and that Bro. Charles Lacey, P.M., whom all the brethren knew as a most energetic supporter of the Charities, had gone round the room, and received support for his (the W.M.'s) list to the extent of £48 5s. Bro. C. J. Perceval replied to the toast. On two previous occasions the brethren had supported him with a good round sum, and he was sure they would not fail the W.M. now. The festival for the Girls would be in May. He was Steward for them, and if the brethren put their names down now, they would have the privilege of voting at the April election. "The Health of the Visitors" was the next toast, and to this Bro. T. J. Barnes, J. J. Berry, Thorn, Leggc, Awning, and W. W. Morgan replied. Bro. Rawley, P.M., replied to the toast of "The P.M.s." At this period of the evening Bros. James Terry, John Constable, and Thomas Mortlock visited the lodge on their way home from other lodges, and Bro. Terry was called upon for a few remarks on behalf of the Institutions. Bro. Terry, who looked as fresh and well as if he never had to work hard, said that he had not been in bed till half-past five that morning [Bro. Terry had been celebrating the coming of age of Miss Terry the night before, on which occasion a party of about 150 ladies and gentlemen assembled at Freemasons' Tavern to do honour to the event], and after his day's work had visited four lodges in the evening. He reminded the brethren that the Institutions suffered last year by the depression of trade, and the Benevolent Institution had run so close that if one more male annuitant than was put on in May last had been put on, the balance in hand on account of the male fund would have been but £11 5s. 7d. As it was; there was a balance of £51 5s. There never had been so small a balance since the Institution was established. The widows' fund was more prosperous. For the next election there were 43 candidates, but only five vacancies, and therefore unless the next festival was of a more than ordinary character the Institution would at the next election have to refuse the largest number it ever had refused. For the two funds, the male and the widows', there were 78 candidates, and 18 vacancies, which meant that 60 would have to be left out in the cold. Many of the candidates were making their fifth and third applications. Bro. Terry then repeated the remarks made by him several times lately, which had been duly reported in the columns of the *Freemason*, that if every Freemason under the English Constitution would give five shillings a year to each of the Institutions, and every lodge a guinea, all candidates for the Institutions could be taken in without election, and the Institutions would not require to have their annual festivals. He also repeated his statements regarding the position of the three Institutions on the list at the close of last year, and informed the brethren that he expected great things of East Lancashire on the occasion of his festival on the 12th February. The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" followed, and the Tyler's toast as usual closed proceedings. Some charming music was given during the evening by Bros. Hansen Thorn, W.M. 554; W. B. Stirling, C. E. Hall, and J. Miller, and Bro. W. W. Morgan gave an excellent reading of Tennyson's "In Memoriam." The W.M. in addition to his other duties, accompanied all the vocal brethren on the piano.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday evening, the 15th inst. There were present:—Bros. W. A. Morgan, W.M.; E. H. Boddy, S.W.; F. Reed, J.W.; W. F. Wardroper, S.D.; J. Carter (visitor), J.D.; S. E. Frances, P.M.; George Howick, P.M.; H. R. Jones, P.M.; W. Field, J. W. Marshall, H. F. Goodchild, G. W. Smith, P. V. Denham, A. J. Duck, J. Stirk, W. Spingell, H. J. Newens, and A. A. Denham. Bros. Field and Marshall were impressively raised to the Degree of M.M. by Bro. J. G. Carter, the W.M. (Bro. W. A. Morgan) being prevented from attending until a late hour. Three gentlemen were proposed as initiates, and the ballot will be taken for them at the next meeting. Bro. G. Hourick proposed, Bro. E. H. Boddy seconded, and it was carried unanimously, "That a letter be sent to Bro. H. Wilson, Treasurer, announcing the regret of the lodge at his illness," he being prevented from attending on account of indisposition. After the "labour" of the evening the "refreshment" was very acceptable, Bro. Hart Dougherty having provided a capital dinner. The cloth having been removed, Bro. Morgan, the W.M., gave the usual Masonic toasts, which were heartily received. He regretted the absence of the elected officers, and was sure it was only through urgent business on their part. Bro. H. R. Jones, P.M., in proposing the W.M.'s health, which was received with very hearty "firing," referred to his Masonic efficiency and his geniality to visitors. The Tyler's toast brought the close of a happy evening.

SOUTHERN STAR LODGE (No. 1158).—A full meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., Bro. W. Allen, the W.M., presiding. There were present, Past Masters C. Wise, A. Wright (Treasurer), J. Wright, J. Walker, H. Potter, R. Clarke, T. Putsford (Secretary). The officers were Bros. S. Smith, S.W.; Harris, J.W.; Stewart, S.D.; Fortune, J.D.; Holloway, I.G.; Wilkes, W.S.; Stead, Tyler. Among the visitors were Grunnant, Winkley, and others. The members were Bros. Horsley, Austin, Kinsey, Russell, Robins, Brady, Green, Vantveer, Block, Durndell, Effa, Levi, Bertolli, Bullock, Gouldstone, Morgan, and many others. At five p.m. the Master opened his lodge. The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, the Master opened in all the Three Degrees, and in a very impressive manner passed Bros. Firmin and Whybro to the Second Degree, both of these gentlemen going through the ordeal in a very excellent manner. Several names were down for raising, but as those brethren were not present, the Master was assisted by P.Ms. McDonald and Wise in working some of the beautiful lectures in the different Degrees, and the manner in which those brethren worked the various sections met with the warm approval of those present. The business of the evening being over, the lodge was closed in due form, and the members adjourned to banquet. Upwards of 60 sat down to partake of the good things provided. Bro. Oliver, being caterer, and a word of praise is due to him for the excellent manner in which everything was put on the table. The cloth being cleared the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and well received by the brethren. The raucous part of the evening being sustained by Bros. Walter, P.M.; Smith, Robins, and Bertolli, who created much amusement by giving a history of "Little Pigs." The Tyler's toast having been called for, a truly harmonious meeting was brought to a close at 11 p.m.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The members of this lodge mustered in good strength on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Club House, Kennington Oval, it being election night. Amongst those present were Bros. H. Reeves, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, S.W.; Kohler, J.W.; H. Higgins, I.P.M.; Page, P.G.S. of England, Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M. 141, &c., Secretary; Speedy, S.D.; Webb, J.D.; Marsden, I.G.; Robinson, D.C.; Stranger, A.W.S.; F. Honeywell, P.M.; Dobie, Organist; Koch, P.M.; Everett, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M. Bro. Downie was a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., with the assistance of his officers, raised Bros. Boyce, Swainsbury, and Silvester in an exceedingly creditable manner. At the conclusion of the ceremony he vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Higgins, I.P.M., who ably passed Bro. Jenkin to the Degree of a F.C. The W.M. having resumed the chair, initiated Mr. Town into the mysteries of the Craft. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler then took place, and resulted in favour of Bros. Walls, Page, and Longstaffe. The Audit Committee were appointed to meet on the 22nd inst., and the members elected to serve upon it were Bros. Cruse, Heywood, and Boyce. The motion of Bros. Robinson and Honeywell was confirmed as to the sum of ten guineas being voted to the R.M.B.I. on the occasion of Bro. Walls going up to represent the Kennington at the forthcoming festival. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated after a sitting of nearly five hours duration. There was no banquet.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The usual meeting took place at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 15th inst. The lodge was opened at five o'clock by the W.M., Bro. John Douglas, assisted by Bros. J. Willing, jun., P.M., Treas.; J. J. Michael, P.M.; C. J. Scales, S.W.; W. Stile, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, Sec.; H. Lovegrove, W.S., acting as S.D.; H. Clark, acting J.D.; H. Stiles, I.G.; Beaumont, Steward; and J. Daly, Tyler. There were also present Bros. Gilbert, jun., Edmonds, Beattie, Rancey, Killingback, Tuck, Solomons, Cruikshanks, Edwards, and many others. The visitors were Bros. Hallows, J.W. 1662; T. West, 1641; Higgins, 1381; and Hyland, S.D. 1744. After the confirmation of the minutes, and the opening of the lodge in the Three

Degrees, Bros. Hall, Panley, Parker, Sheath, and Thompson were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Bros. J. Clarkson and J. Sheppard were passed to the Second Degree. On the proposition of Bro. Willing, P.M., seconded by Bro. J. J. Michael, P.M., it was unanimously resolved that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter of condolence to Bro. T. Williams, P.M., who has been suffering from a serious illness for a long period, necessitating absence from the lodge. At the close of the proceedings, the brethren adjourned to banquet, served in excellent style by Bro. Clemow. The usual toasts were honoured, and some excellent songs were given by Bro. G. Musgrave, Thompson, and others.

NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—On Saturday, the 4th inst., at the New Cross Public Hall, Lewisham High-road, an emergency meeting of the above lodge was called and holden. Punctually to the summons time lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Walter Simmonds, who was supported by Bros. E. H. Thiellay, P.M. 73, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W.; Louis Beck, P.M. Rothesay, J.W.; Ernest E. Smith, J.D. (acting as S.D., in the absence, through ill-health, of respected Bro. P.M. Green); A. McGillivray, C.S. (acting as S.D.); T. Grummt, D.C. (acting as I.G.); H. Keeble, I.P.M., P.M. 1275, S.W. 73, Sec.; J. Moss, W.S.; S. Wise, A. Priest, H. Metham, T. Metham, S. H. Knipps, W. Clarke, W. Bull, jun.; and the following visitors:—Bros. John Thomas Moss, P.M., P.P.G.R. Middx. Ingle, P.M. Era; Woodland, P.M. 781; and H. Penney, 147. Lodge being opened, Messrs J. Ross, F. T. Dowden, Fredk. Cash, and William R. Waters were admitted and severally initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, Bro. Simmonds being at his best, and performing his duties with appropriate seriousness. Bro. W. Clarke was then raised to the degree of a M.M. by the Secretary, and the lodge was closed. An adjournment then took place to the banqueting hall below, where the brethren were soon busily engaged with the good things their esteemed caterer, Bro. Liedig, had provided for them. Having done justice to the inner man, and disposed of the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Keeble gave "The Health of the W.M.," which was drunk heartily and "fired" à la New Cross. Bro. Simmonds replied neatly and tersely, thanking the brethren for their hearty support during his year of office, and wishing to his successor, Bro. Bech, an equally enjoyable twelvemonths' occupation of the chair of K.S. Bro. Simmonds then gave the toast of "The W.M. Elect," who in the course of his reply assured the brethren that it would be no fault of his if the forthcoming twelvemonths, so far as it affected the Masonic gatherings of 1879, was not a happy one for the brethren. He promised them "good times," and intimated that since the honour had been done him—his election to the chair—he had thought of several improvements in the shape of comfort, which he trusted would meet with general approval. "The Initiates" was next proposed by the W.M., the "Entered Apprentice's Song" being given by Bro. P.M. Moss, in most spirited voice (Bro. Moss was evidently in full song), and then Bro. Cash replied on behalf of himself and brother initiates. For "The Visitors" Bro. Moss made a most interesting reply. After thanking the W.M. and brethren for his kindly reception, he proceeded to entertain them with a synopsis of his Masonic career and experiences. Touching upon the subject of "good fellowship," our worthy brother was most happy. Said he, in the course of my Masonic life I have visited a vast number of lodges, but never have I sat down to banquet with jollier companions than those surrounding me. It is evident that the brethren of 1879 do not meet to sigh and be serious. Up stairs in lodge he had seen the work done in the serious manner it should be, and the officers had performed their various functions in a manner which was highly creditable to the lodge, and the W.M. who presided over it. Down stairs at table, he must admit that the proceedings were anything but serious, save so far as in the direction of doing justice to the viands was concerned. On the other hand, joviality and hilarity, inseparable companions in the spice of good fellowship, had prevailed throughout the proceedings.

The officers replied individually, and after the Tyler's toast, music passed the time away, until the brethren separated.

TEMPLE BAR LODGE (No. 1728).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday week at The London, Fleet-street, on which occasion there were present the following brethren:—Bros. J. Dixon, W.M.; Butcher, S.W.; Bush, J.W.; Adamson, Treas.; Reed, Sec.; Staley, S.D.; Harris, J.D.; B. Buckworth, I.G.; J. Kimpton, W.S.; R. Kimpton, Carter, Recknell, Lehany, Chapman, Rexworthy, Mackrell, Charles, Rev. R. J. Simpson, J. Buckworth, Woodward, Rayner, Searle, and Frost. Visitors:—Bros. T. S. Hellier, W.M. 1572; W. T. Howe, G. Purst.; J. Terry, P.G.J.W. Herts; E. C. Bishop, P.P.G.J.W. Northumberland; E. Bowyer, P.P.G.D. Herts; E. Simm, I.P.M. 1602; W. Foulsham, P.M. 24; E. Barlow, P.M. 15; E. Bruin, P.M. 1571; W. S. Whitaker, P.M. and Sec. 1572; Higgins, P.M. 421; W. W. Medcalf, S.W. 1671; J. Bergmann, J.W. 1671; W. S. Bayley, 185; R. A. Morgan, J.D. 1671; S. Clark, J.D. 1632; W. H. Graham, Chap. 1397; A. Sturt, 1328; P. Chatterton, 1692; J. Rexworthy, 205; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason.) Bro. John Dixon, W.M., presided, and passed Bro. Frost to the Second Degree. Bro. George Adamson, P. Prov. G.D.C. Kent, then installed Bro. T. W. C. Bush, W.M. elect, as the W.M. of the lodge, and the following brethren were invested as his officers for the year:—Bros. J. Dixon, I.P.M.; Charles Butcher, S.W.; A. F. Staley, J.W.; George Adamson, P.M. 199 and 1298 Treas.; Nelson Reed, I.P.M. 1671, S.W. 1572, S.W. 1601 Sec.; K. Harris, S.D.; B. Buckworth, J.D.; J. Kimpton, I.G.; James Rexworthy, D.C.; W. Woodward, Steward, W. A. Frost, Organist; and Church, Tyler. After the delivery of the addresses by Bro. Adamson, the worthy

brother presented to the lodge in the name of Bro. Rayner, a handsome portrait, framed and glazed of Bro. John Dixon, I.P.M., and Bro. Nelson Reed, Secretary, having read the balance sheet of the lodge, which showed a balance in hand after all expenses had been paid, this balance sheet was passed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. When the toasts were proposed, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., in responding to the toast which included the names of "The Grand Officers," said that with regard to the Earl of Carnarvon, the brethren trusted that his lordship's new wife might never be the cause of his not attending a Masonic meeting, for there was "naught but what's good to be understood by a Free and an Accepted Mason." With respect to the present meeting the two Grand Officers present, himself and Bro. Howe, felt very much honoured by having the privilege of attending, and though they had domestic ties at home, readily accepted the invitation to meet the brethren of the Temple Bar Lodge. They had seen the work of the lodge admirably performed, especially by the Installing Master, and W. Master in the chair, and would be able to give a good account to their wives and families of the way in which they had spent their time. One thing he was quite satisfied of as to Masonry, that as the memory of the just smelt sweet and blossomed in the dust and lasted longer than the memory of other glories, which soon died away; so the beautiful words, high thoughts, and blessed doctrines of the Craft, repeated as they were, not by any means *usque ad nauseam*, but rather to an improvement in life, when delivered intelligently and eloquently as they had been that day, remain with those who heard them; while coarse sentiments, low jests, and unhappy allusions passed away and were forgotten. The one rested upon the mind, and oft as it was repeated became not so familiar as to breed contempt, but rather improvement. He and Bro. Howe felt that however highly well might have worked as Masons, and however often they might have heard the ceremonies, they still were a lesson to them, and they felt the better for attending these meetings and hearing the ceremonies beautifully delivered. When one found them butchered it was a terrible and awful farce, and more or less tolerated in the language of the Great Master of old, "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." He hoped the lodge would go on from strength to strength, and that in time there would be in it a long line of Masters, who, both in appearance and work, would rival the Master who retired that day, and whose portrait this lodge had had presented to it by Bro. Rayner. Before sitting down he would express the hope that Grand Lodge and all the other lodges associated with it would do their best to make Masonry a praise, not only in this country but on the whole earth. He believed that Masonry, extensive as it was becoming, and holding a prominent place among the nations as it did, had a great career before it if it acted up to its responsibilities. He did not know what limit could be placed on it in the present day when we were surrounded by infidelity on the one side, and superstition on the other, or what great position it might take in the minds of plain, sensible, sincere men; but this he did feel, that if we did for a moment allow hypocrisy, or jobbery, or any low feeling to become rife among us, so as to eat as doth a canker into Masonry, it would sink to the level of the lowest unions that there were in the country, and instead of being in the fore front and van of civilization, become only a mere convivial association. He trusted that the convivial element would be kept up, and kept up as only Masons knew how to keep it up; but at the same time he hoped they would put forth the true principles which would ever illustrate Masonry, and make it, as he had said before, "a praise upon earth." With respect to the Temple Bar Lodge, he hoped to live to see it prosper, and adopt that noble word which they had often heard in song, "Excelsior." Bro. Dixon, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that it was a difficult matter to please everyone, and a W.M. was sorely puzzled to do it; but as the brethren had elected Bro. Bush (Bro. Dixon) thought they would find the present W.M. a better than the last. When he arrived at the end of his year he hoped the brethren would say of him, "well and nobly done." The W.M., in reply, said that no Master of a lodge ever felt the responsibilities of his position more than he did. To be the first elected Master of the lodge was to him a great honour, and he felt in duty bound so to act during his year of office that at the end of that year they should not regret the choice they had made. If, at that time, the brethren approved of his Mastership, he should consider that an ample reward for his humble services. He would as far as in him lay study the harmony and good feeling of the brethren, and T.G.A.O.T.U. granting him health and strength, would endeavour to prevent any passing feeling of discord or ill will which might perchance arise, which, he hoped, might be speedily scattered like the down from the thistle. Such being the case, he had no doubt that at the end of the year it would be found to be a prosperous lodge. The W.M. next proposed "The Installing Master," whom he highly complimented on his delivery of the installation ceremony. Bro. Adamson replied. When he joined the lodge he did it with a sincere desire to enhance its prosperity, and he was willing to contribute in any way to that prosperity. Whether in a junior or a higher office the brethren would always find him willing to take any position they might like to place him in. He hailed from Kent, in which province he had learned what he knew of Freemasonry, and where he had visited something like forty lodges. He had found invariably that there was good working there, and he would never give the palm away till he found the working better elsewhere. Bros. Foulsham, Hellier, E. Barlow, and Dr. Chatterton responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bro. John Dixon, in replying to the toast of "The I.P.M.," said he was proud to have been Master of the lodge and he was proud of his officers. The lodge started last year,

and by its establishment Temple Bar, which was pulled down, rose Phoenix like from its ashes. He acknowledged the great assistance he had received from Bro. Adamson and the other officers. He now retired and gave up the command to Bro. Bush. It should not be his fault if the lodge did not prosper. He did not retire from the good ship, and while a timber remained he should stick to it. The W.M. then proposed "The Masonic Charities," to which Bro. James Terry replied, fully explaining the position of the three Masonic Institutions, the large number of persons they benefitted, the large amount of money it needed to meet their requirements, and their reliance upon the Craft generally to enable them to meet in the future the increasing demands which would be made upon them. Bros. G. Adams and Nelson Reed, replied to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and the other officers replied to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge." The brethren who had been entertained with some excellent music and singing in the course of the evening, then separated.

BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, on Monday, the 6th inst. There was a good attendance of brethren on the occasion, amongst whom were Bros. Jas. Brown, W.M.; S. Crowther, S.W.; J. Mills, J.W.; G. P. Brockbank, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Slater, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Harwood, P.G.S. of W.; Jas. Newton, Walker, Freeman, Knowles, and J. Horrocks, Past Masters; Rev. J. H. Gibbons, Porteous, Garstang, Booth, Pennington, Robinson, and others. Visitors:—Bros. Duxburg, W.M. 146; Wild, P.M. 146; Morris, P.M. 146; Hough, P.M. 146; Greenhalgh, W.M. 1723; Collins, 678; R. Moir, Boden, and others. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, and the minutes read and confirmed, the Secretary read the correspondence, &c. The ballot was then taken for the election of Bro. John Morris, P.M. 146, as a joining member, the result being that he was unanimously elected. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when the chair was assumed by Bro. James Newton, P.M., who at once proceeded to instal Bro. Samuel Crowther, the W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The installation being completed, the W.M. appointed his officers, and they were invested by Bro. Newton, viz.:—Bros. J. Mills, S.W.; Rooke Pennington, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Gibbon, Chap.; W. Slater Treas. (elected); J. D. Porteous, Sec.; E. M. Garstang, S.D.; John Booth, J.D.; Robt. Harwood, Dir. of Cer.; F. W. Pacey, Org.; Jas. Robinson, I.G.; and J. W. Roiley, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were then delivered by Bro. Newton, the Installing Master. It was agreed that a Past Master's jewel be obtained for Bro. Brown, the Installing Master. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the visitors, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room.

BOLTON.—Lodge of Antiquity (No. 146).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. There was a numerous attendance, including Bros. John Duxbury, W.M.; Robt. Horridge, S.W.; Jas. Dooley, J.W.; Thos. Glaister, P. Prov. S.G. Warden; H. Ainsworth, Jno. Morris, Jno. Wild, Richard Hough, P.M.'s; and other members of the lodge. The visitors were Bros. S. P. Brockbank, P. Prov. S.G. Deacon; Thos. Entwistle, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Hy. Greenwood, P. Prov. G. Pursuivant; Saml. Crowther, W.M. 37; Jas. Newton, P.M. 37; Jas. Richardson, W.M. 221; Jno. Wolstenhome, W.M. 348; Jno. Alcock, P.M. 348; J. H. Greenhalgh, W.M. 1723, &c. The lodge being opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the chair was taken by Bro. Jno. Wild, P.M., who proceeded to install Bro. Robt. Horridge, the W.M. elect, after which Bro. Wild invested the officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bro. Jas. Dooley, S.W.; Wm. Cooper, J.W.; Wm. Nicholson, Treas.; M. Burgess, Sec.; Geo. Taylor, S.D.; Richd. Duxbury, J.D.; Jas. Heywood, Org.; J. Galloway, I.G.; Thos. Higson, Tyler. Business being concluded the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. In the course of the evening Bro. Thos. Glaister, P. Prov. S.G. Warden appealed to the brethren for subscriptions on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and widows, the result being that about £22 was subscribed and placed on Bro. Glaister's list as steward for the ensuing festival of the institution.

SWANSEA.—Indefatigable Lodge (No. 237).—The installation of Bro. Thos. McKimm as W.M. of this lodge took place on Monday, the 13th inst. A large number of the brethren assembled in the lodge-room, Masonic Hall, among them being the Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant. There were also present Bros. Hartland, W.M., Talbot Lodge; Jones, W.M., Afan Lodge; Goodfellow, W.M., Merthyr Lodge; J. W. Woolley, W.M., Ogmores Lodge; Mitchell, W.M., Caradec Lodge; with other representative brethren from various parts of the province and from adjoining provinces. The duties of Installing Master were performed by Bro. Canton, the Immediate Past Master of the Indefatigable Lodge, who went through the ceremony with care and skill. The W.M. having been installed, he invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. Simons, S.W.; Dr. Morgan, J.W.; Thomas Powell, Treasurer; J. Morlase Gwynne, Secretary; Leworthy, S.D.; W. H. Headdon, J.D.; J. W. Lloyd, I.G.; Harrup and Tuttle, Stewards; Bullerwell, Tyler; George Bradford, P.M. of the lodge, and P. Prov. Supt. Works, accepted office as Director of Ceremonies. The business being over, the lodge was closed, after which the brethren, to the number of 50, sat down to a banquet provided at the Cameron Arms, in Bro. Clare's very best style of catering, and a most enjoyable Masonic evening was spent. The W.M. presided, and the Deputy Provincial Grand

Master honoured the banquet with his presence. This lodge was granted a charter last year by the Grand Lodge, to entitle the subscribing members to wear the customary jewel, it having reached its 100th year, being born in 1776.

GIBRALTAR.—Lodge of Friendship (No. 278, E.C.)—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge took place on the 27th ult., at their lodge rooms, Horse Barrack-lane, when a large number of the Craft met to do honour to the new Worshipful Master. Among the brethren present were Gibbard, P.M. (D.D.G.M.); Past Masters Henry J. Haynes, J. H. Haynes, Morgan, Cavana, Gimenez, Valarino, Ashton, Cunningham, Conroy, Franceri (D.G.S.), Ross, Stanley, W. McBacon, Luque, Claveresso, and about forty other brethren (every lodge in the garrison being largely represented). After the transaction of some formal business Brother Stanley, the retiring W.M., proceeded to install Bro. C. Johnson as his successor in the chair of K.S., a ceremony which was performed with much impressiveness, Bro. Stanley being assisted by Bro. Glasford, I.P.M. The newly-installed W.M., then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. Stanley, I.P.M.; Bros. Bensahn, S.W.; Heathcote, J.W.; Cottrell, Secretary; Speed, Treasurer; Henry, P.M., D.C.; Cook, S.D.; Villalobos, J.D.; Rellé, Organist; Bromley, I.G.; Haynes, P.M., Steward; and Peterkin, Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Gibbard (D.D.G.A.), and to the Board of Installing Officers. Bro. Gibbard replied, congratulating the W.M. upon his appointment, and the lodge upon their selection of Bro. Johnson as Worshipful Master. The brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet served in capital style by Bro. Miranda. The banquet room presented a charming appearance having been decorated by Bro. Cottrell, who had evidently made it "a labour of love." The beautiful transparency that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of the Order, was painted (from a photograph) by Lieut. Wald, R.B., H.R.H.'s "Coat of Arms" and "Feathers" and the "Old Year" being contributed by Bro. Mangle. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and "The Health of the W.M." given by the I.P.M. was warmly received. "The New Officers of the lodge" was given and responded to by Bros. Brusulm, Heathcote, and Cottrell, in a happy manner. "The Visitors" was given in a few well chosen words by Bro. Cottrell, and responded to by Bros. Cavana, P.M.; Conroy, Bacon, W.M.; and Claveresso. An excellent musical programme was provided by Bros. Cottrell, Gimenez, Myatt, and Bacon, Bro. Rellé ably presiding at the harmonium and pianoforte, added very considerably to the enjoyment of the evening by his charming selections. Bro. Henry, P.M., D.C., admirably carried out the entire arrangements of the ceremonies and banquet. The Tylers toast brought to a close a capital evening, spent in a truly Masonic manner, and reflecting the greatest credit upon all concerned.

PENRYN.—The Three Grand Principals Lodge (No. 967).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at Penryn on the 7th inst. Bro. Stephen Sara was installed as W.M. by Bro. G. W. Treney, P.P.G.S.B., assisted by a large Board of Past Masters, including Bros. G. A. Jenkins, P.P.G.R.; T. Gill, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Jennings, A. Vine, J. M. Thomas, P.P.G. Org.; and J. Hollcombe, and visiting Bros. H. T. Cole, Q.C., M.P.; T. Webber, P.G.D.; and S. Jacob, P.P.G.P. The Worshipful Master appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. T. Richard, I.P.M.; T. B. Hart, S.W.; G. Chapman, J.W.; T. Gill, P.M.; Treas.; S. Cox, Sec.; J. W. Thomas, Org.; D. Thompson, S.D.; N. Gray, J.D.; H. C. Welsh, I.G.; Coade, D.C.; Ackerly, Steward; and Rusden, Tyler. Bro. R. Carter, P.P.G.O., was elected Steward of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund. The annual banquet was afterwards held.

CHESTER.—Cestrian Lodge (No. 425).—The celebration of St. John's Day and installation of W.M. of the Cestrian Lodge took place on Thursday evening, the 16th inst., at the Grosvenor Hotel, when there was one of the largest attendances, both of Past Masters and other members of the Craft, ever seen in this lodge. The business of the installation by the I.P.M., Bro. F. A. Dickson, was performed in a very superior manner. Among the visitors present were Bros. W. S. Sutton, P.J.G.W.; W. H. Spaul, P.G.S. (North Wales and Shropshire); T. Chesworth, P.G.D. of C.; W. C. Deeley, P.P.J.G.W. (West Lancashire); R. Worrall, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Potts, I.P.M. 1477; R. Hooker, P.M. 1225; Swindells, W.M. 721; W. Johnson, P.M. 425; E. C. Jones, S.W. 425; T. Eyton Jones, S.W. 1336; E. H. Webb, 25; Eaton Hall, 1289; T. H. Allbutt, 1351, and others. The W.M. elect invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. F. A. Dickson, I.P.M.; A. G. Smith, S.W.; J. Pye, J.W.; T. Minshall, Treas.; W. C. Hunt, P.M., Sec.; E. Cuzner, P.G.O., Org.; S. Spencer, S.D.; M. Lightfoot, J.D.; W. C. Duncan (by proxy), I.G.; and D. Baines, Tyler. At the banquet the W.M. occupied the chair, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed. "The R.W. Prov. G.M. (Lord de Tabley), the R.W.D.P.G.M., and the Officers of P.G. Lodge, Past and Present," was responded to by Bro. Horatio Lloyd, P.P.G.S.W. (Recorder of Chester), and Bro. Sutton. Bro. F. A. Dickson proposed "The Worshipful Master," which was acknowledged by Bro. Lockwood. Bro. Cuzner proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and Bro. H. Lloyd "The Installing Master." The Mayor of Chester responded to the toast of the "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and Bro. Chesworth for "The Visiting Brethren." During the evening a capital programme of music was executed.

CAMBRIDGE.—The Three Grand Principals Lodge (No. 441).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, on the 6th inst., when Bro. Joshua Taylor, S.W., P.G.J.D.; (who had been unanimously elected at a previous meeting of the lodge) was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The ceremony was most impressively rendered by Bro. E. Haggis, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest the following officers:—Bros. F. Bailey, I.P.M.; George Cole, S.W.; Sheldrick, J.W.; A. M. Robinson, P.M., Chap.; E. Haggis, P.M., Treas.; H. Tomlison, Sec.; Youngman, P.M., D.C.; F. Dewberry, S.D.; C. Boming, J.D.; Wilderspin, P.M., and T. Crawley, P.M., Stewards; H. Brown, P.P.G.O., Org.; C. Scott, I.G. The visiting brethren included the Mayor of Cambridge, (Bro. Henry Rance, P.M.); Bro. C. Wisbey, Bros. A. H. Moyes and Hunnybun, No. 88; Bro. Carick, P.M. (Wisbeach); Bro. Jones, P.M. (Saffron Walden); &c. About sixty brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Moyes. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and heartily responded to by the brethren.

BIRKENHEAD.—Mersey Lodge (No. 477).—The members of this lodge, who, like the noble river whose name it bears, has had its ebbs and flows, but is now on the full flood of prosperity, met on Thursday afternoon, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Chambers, Argyle-street, for the purpose of assisting at the annual installation of the W.M. elect (Bro. William Bennett). There was an attendance of nearly 90 brethren, and the proceedings were marked by an amount of eclat which showed how greatly the largest lodge in the Province of Cheshire is now prospering. The chair at the opening was taken by Bro. John Dutton, W.M., and he was supported by Bros. J. Adams, P.M.; J. Griffiths, P.M.; J. Higson Johnson, P.M.; W. Bennett, J.W.; J. Woolley, S.D.; A. K. Gardner, J.D.; Donald Fraser, P.M., Treasurer; Sam. Jones, P.M., Secretary; G. Thompson, I.G.; W. Hopkinson, S.; H. Seaman, S.; and J. H. Holtaway, Tyler. The members present were Bros. J. Marsh, T. F. Chaloner, H. Britt, J. Mann, E. Evans, J. Williams, G. Lloyd, J. Taylor, J. Thomson, H. Valrey, J. J. Simcock, D. Henderson, J. Voles, J. W. Jellicose, W. Schofield, H. J. Weber, T. C. Joughin, J. Williams, W. L. Pethrew, G. Cooke, W. Faede, J. Lowsby, J. P. Thompson, W. Wright, J. Blair, J. Esdale, T. Grills, T. Barrow, &c. Amongst the visitors were Bro. W. Williams, I.G. 1276; E. H. Benedict, 823; A. Moore, 605; T. Gregory, S.W. 605; R. Thomas, 1350; J. Jacobs, 724 and 1576; J. Clarke, 605; D. Noble, 724; G. J. Davis, 605; R. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D. North Wales and Shropshire; R. Edwards, W.M. 721; J. C. Connah, P.M. 721; J. Humphreys, 721 (who acted as organist), J. Salmon, P.P.G.S.D.; G. Alister, 1276; J. Jones, W.M. 1576; H. Fairclong, 1276; T. Chesworth, P.G.D.C.; W. F. Cox, P.M. 1021; R. Ffoulkes, J.W. 605; J. W. Arrowsmith, P.P.G.S.B.; W. S. Sutton, P.G.J.W.; J. Jones, 1276; W. Egerton, 605; T. Thorburn, 731; J. Johnson, 721; G. Dunn, 1276; J. Noble, I.G. 721; T. Shaw, P.M. 905. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Dutton closed his worshipful mastership by efficiently initiating Messrs. J. G. F. Ball and W. F. Cowdrey into the mysteries of the Order. The chair was then taken by Bro. J. Salmon, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., who proceeded to install Bro. William Bennett as W.M. of the Mersey Lodge in a most masterly and impressive manner. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Dutton, I.P.M.; J. Wedgwood, P.M.; Joseph Bratten, P.M., P.P.S.W.; Samuel Jones, P.M., and Secretary (for the fifth time); Donald Fraser, P.M., and Treasurer (for the third time); Frederick Thompson, S.W.; A. K. Gardner, J.W.; J. T. Thompson, S.D.; E. Evans, J.D.; H. Seaman, I.G.; W. Hopkinson, D.C.; George Lloyd, S.S.; T. C. Joughin, J.S.; David Henderson, J. Lowsby, and J. Marsh, Asst. Stewards; J. Holtaway, Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, a cordial vote of thanks, on the motion of Bro. P.M. Fraser was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Salmon for his services as Installing Master. The balance sheet which was taken as read, was of a highly satisfactory kind, and one of the most pleasant features about it was the fact that no less a sum than £106 5s. 7d. had been spent during the year in charity and education. Bro. J. Higson Johnson, P.M., in the name of the members, then presented Bro. Dutton with a very unique and valuable Past Master's jewel as a token of the manner in which his valuable year's services had been esteemed by the lodge. The gift was suitably acknowledged, and after hearty good wishes had been given from about twenty representatives from other lodges the proceedings closed. At the conclusion of the business, the members and visitors dined at the Ranelagh Hotel, where Bro. Berry catered with his usual success, and gave every satisfaction. The usual Masonic and general toasts were proposed and responded to, and a pleasant evening was spent.

SALISBURY.—Elias de Derham Lodge (No. 586).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Canal. After the minutes of the last lodge had been read and confirmed, and Mr. Hugh Crawford initiated into the mysteries and secrets of Freemasonry, Bro. Ambrose Tucker, S.W. and W.M. elect, was installed the W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by W. Bro. H. Ward, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Wilts, &c., assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters:—Bros. R. Stokes, P.P.S.G.W. Wilts; F. Griffin, P.M.; J. Rumbold, P.M.; F. J. Russell, P.M.; T. S. Fuicher, P.M. 1112, P.P.G.D.C. Hants; T. Norwood, P.M.; W. C. Powning, P.M. 1375; and W. Nott, P.M. 663, P.G. Reg. Wilts. The W.M. invested the following as his officers:—Bros. T. Norwood, I.P.M.; H. C. Card, S.W.; H. Cross, J.W.; T. S. Futcher, Treas.; J. Rumbold, Sec.; F. J. Harman,

M.D., S.D.; E. E. Bartlett, J.D.; T. Norwood, D.C.; A. Aylward, Org.; Butifant, I.G.; J. Folliot and C. Hale, Stewards; C. Silverthorn, Tyler; and F. Goodrich, Asst. Tyler. Before the lodge was closed, the outgoing Master, W. Bro. F. Norwood, was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which the lodge had voted him as a mark of their appreciation of his services during his year of office. The usual proclamations were then made, which elicited "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed with the usual formalities of the Craft. The brethren subsequently dined together, the newly-installed Master presiding.

BRECON.—Loyal Brecknock Lodge (No. 651).—The brethren of this lodge held their annual installation meeting on Tuesday, 7th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Castle Hotel. The lodge was opened in due form at 4 p.m., Bro. W. Howell, Rector of Lower Chapel was proposed as a joining member, and Dr. Johnstone of the Brecon Infirmary as a candidate for initiation at the next lodge. The S.W. Bro. Thos. Butcher, W.M. elect, was then questioned in the usual manner by the Secretary, and having satisfactorily responded, the Board of Installed Masters was formed and the installation ceremony very ably performed by Bro. E. Cambridge Phillips, P.M. On the re-admission of the brethren after the customary salutations the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. R. Webb, I.P.M.; T. Jones, S.W.; F. Grundy, J.W.; D. Evans, Treas.; J. A. Whittle, Sec.; W. Webb, S.D.; Capt. J. Morgan, J.D.; T. L. Lewis, Org.; A. Phipps, D.C.; D. Guilding, I.G.; Bros. A. Maybery, W. Games, T. B. C. Watkins, R. Groom, Stewards. The lodge having been closed in antient form the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel, where a sumptuous repast was provided for them. Bro. T. Butcher, W.M. presided, and after the usual loyal toasts had been proposed and cordially responded to, a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented by the W.M. on behalf of the brethren to Bro. R. Webb the retiring W.M. The inscription on the jewel was as follows.—Presented to Bro. R. Webb, P.M. and P.G.J.W. for unremitting attention to the Craft during two years of Mastership 1877, 1878. Bro. Webb heartily thanked the brethren for the splendid jewel they had presented to him and assured them that his interest in the welfare of the lodge would be as great in the future as it had been in the past. During the evening some capital songs were contributed by Bros. Lewis, H. C. Rich, Groom, T. Jones, G. Vaughan, Coulthard and Williams. The brethren separated shortly before 11, with a general expression of hearty good wishes for the success of the lodge during the ensuing year.

CHESTER.—Lodge of Independence (No. 721).—The feast of St. John and annual installation of the W.M. of this lodge, were held in the Masonic Rooms, Chester, on Tuesday, the 14th inst. The retiring W.M., Bro. R. C. Edwards, installed the W.M. elect, Bro. H. P. Swindells, in an impressive manner. The following brethren were afterwards invested as officers:—Bros. E. Cletwr Jones, S.W.; H. Ellis, J.D.; T. Knowles, I.G.; J. Dennis, P.M., Treas.; J. Lyon, P.M. (by proxy), Sec.; W. Johnson, P.M., D. of C.; A. Stephenson, Steward; and Evan Jones, Tyler. A grant of £3 was made in aid of the widow of a brother recently deceased at Bangor. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Town Hall, where a banquet was provided. Among the brethren were Bros. J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W.; E. Cuzner, P.G.O.; J. E. Williams, P.P.S.G.D.; T. M. Lockwood, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Salmon, P.P.J.G.D.; L. Gilbert (Mayor of Chester), P.M.; J. J. Cunnah, P.M.; F. A. Dickson, W.M., 425; J. Robinson, P.M.; J. Jones, W.M. 1576; G. H. Webb, 25; C. Foulkes, 605; G. T. Holland, 1472; E. Smith, W.M. 1336; J. Dennis, P.M.; &c.

NEYLAND.—Neyland Lodge (No. 990).—On Tuesday, the 14th inst., the brethren of the above lodge assembled in the lodge-room, South Wales Hotel, for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The lodge having been opened in due form, the ceremony of installation was immediately proceeded with, when Bro. Thomas Poulter was installed the Worshipful Master of the lodge, according to ancient custom, by Bro. G. Phipps, P.P.G.L.D., in an efficient manner. After which, the newly-installed Master invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. A. Evans, P.P.G.S.B., I.M.P.; George W. Ford, S.W.; J. Adkins, J.W.; W. G. Phillips, P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; George Phipps, P.P.G.S.D., Sec.; W. Hall, S.D.; J. Snoddy, J.D.; J. George, I.G.; W. Rees, S.S.; T. Wilson, J.S. The lodge was then called off, and the brethren repaired to the banquet-room, where an excellent spread was prepared for them by Mr. and Mrs. Whutton, and served in the most prompt and satisfactory manner, which elicited eulogiums from all present. The following brethren, besides those already named, were present:—Bros. Dr. H. D. Reynolds, P.P.G.S.D.; Jas. Walkley, P.P.G.P.; Thomas Cousins, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; J. Harris, P.S.W.; R. F. Symes, P.J.W.; J. Coram, P.S.W.; J. Cotam, P.S.D.; and G. Rickard, 378. The W.M. presided and was supported by his Senior and Junior Wardens. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly attended to, in the course of which some excellent remarks bearing upon Freemasonry were made. Some excellent songs were well sung by several of the brethren, and taken on the whole the occasion was one of the most pleasant and enjoyable experienced in connection with the above lodge. The brethren separated at eleven o'clock, highly satisfied with the whole of the proceedings.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The feast of St. John the Evangelist, in connection with this lodge was observed on Tuesday, the 7th inst. The brethren met in the Masonic Hall, Station-

street, Cockermouth, at noon, there being present the following members:—Bros. Jas. Black, W.M.; C. Morton, P.M. 1002, 872, 1267, and 1660, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Shilton, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas., P.P.G.S.D.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org., P.P.G. Org.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. (*Freemason*); Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., P.M.; Captain F. R. Sewell, S.W., W.M. elect; T. Bird, J.W.; Rev. Canon Hoskins, M.A., Chaplain; T. C. Robinson, Sec.; H. Peacock, I.G.; Jos. Hewson, Tyler; J. C. Nicholson, H. Ritson, L. F. B. Dykes, W. Paisley, E. L. Waugh, R. Harrison, T. Armstrong, J. Towers, J. Bolton, J. Fearon, G. Brash, and J. Borrowscale. The attendance was less than usual, no doubt on account of the holidays being over. The visitors were Bros. P. de E. Collin, P.M. 962, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Quartermaster Sgt. G. Noakes, 55th Regt., W.M. 1532, P.G.A.D.C.; A. Walter, P.M. 371, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Taylor, P.M. 310 and 1532, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Mandie, P.M. 371, P.G. St.; J. W. Robinson, W.M. 371; Jas. Quay, 371; C. A. Bradbury, 962; and W. Gaspey, D.C. 1073. Several apologies were received, amongst others from Bros. J. R. Bain, P.M. 1400, P.G. J.W.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.G. Treas.; Jos. Nicholson, P.M. 371, P.P.G.S.W.; E. Tyson, W.M. 119. After the lodge was opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and performed in the fullest and completest manner, including opening and closing the Board of Installed Masters, "calling-off," and "on." Up to the Third Degree, the work was done by Bro. R. Robinson, P.M. In the Board of Installed Masters, which mustered fourteen, Bro. Black, W.M., officiated, with the following officers:—Bros. R. Robinson, W.S.W.; W. F. Lamonby, W.J.W.; Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., Chaplain; W. H. Lewthwaite, Org.; A. Taylor, W.I.G.; and W. Shilton, W. Tyler. The newly-installed W.M., in investing his I.P.M., explained the symbolism of the jewel belonging to that office. On the re-admission of the Master Masons, the proclamations, presentations, and explanation of the working tools, investiture of officers, intrusting of the Three Pillars, and the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, were performed by Bro. Lamonby, P.M. Bro. Capt. Sewell's officers were invested as follows:—Bros. J. Black, I.P.M.; T. Bird, S.W.; T. Robinson, J.W.; Rev. Canon Hoskins, M.A., Chaplain; R. Robinson, P.M., Treas. (fifth time); J. Fearon, Sec.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M., (fifth time); H. Peacock, S.D.; R. W. Robinson, J.D.; R. Harrison, I.G.; T. Armstrong, and W. Paisley, Stewards; Jos. Hewson, Tyler. On the proclamations being put, Bro. Black moved, Bro. Lamonby seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the sum of two guineas be subscribed from the lodge funds, in aid of the distressed widow and children of a deceased brother belonging to Lodge 1400, and the list was also ordered to be passed round the members individually. Bro. Lamonby, P.M., then said he had to perform a pleasing duty, the more so, that the Worshipful brother, to whom it referred, was with them to-day. He alluded to Bro. Morton, the senior P.M. and father of Skiddaw Lodge, who sat in the chair for the first two years' of the lodge's existence, during which time he performed an extraordinary amount of work, notwithstanding that he lived at a distance. After leaving the chair of Skiddaw Lodge, Bro. Morton installed his successors for a period of ten years, till he retired. Owing so much as they, (the members of Skiddaw Lodge) did to Bro. Morton, who, from the very beginning had continued a subscribing member, he (Bro. Lamonby) thought they would readily agree with him that their senior P.M. had fairly earned exemption from payment of dues, the more so, that another lodge, at least, had a prior claim on him. He therefore had to move, and he did so with pleasure, enhanced from the fact that he first saw the Light of Masonry under Bro. Morton's first year of Mastership, and was also installed by him, that Bro. Morton be from that day enrolled an honorary member of Skiddaw Lodge; and, further, that such resolution be engrossed on vellum, suitably framed, and presented to Bro. Morton. Long might it please the G.A.O.T.U. to permit the name of Bro. Morton to remain at the head of the roll of Skiddaw Lodge. The W.M. in cordially seconding the motion, alluded to his being present fifteen years ago as a visiting brother, when Skiddaw Lodge was consecrated, and Bro. Morton was installed its first W.M. The motion was then put and carried unanimously. Bro. Morton acknowledged the compliment paid him in a feeling manner. It may be added, to Bro. Morton, in addition to being the father of Skiddaw Lodge, also occupies the same fraternal distinction in connection with Kenlis Lodge, No. 1267, Egremont, and Arlecdon Lodge, No. 1660, Frizington. "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered from lodges 371, 872, 962, 1073, 1267, 1532, and 1660, the lodge was closed in form, at a quarter to two o'clock. The brethren then adjourned to Bro. Rapley's, the Globe Hotel, where a substantial banquet awaited them. Bro. Captain Sewell, W.M., presided, faced by his Wardens. After the loyal and patriotic toasts had been duly honoured, the company found that the Arctic temperature of the large hall was dead against a full enjoyment of the feast of reason and flow of soul about to be placed before them; and, on the proposition of the W.M., they beat a retreat to the drawing room of the hotel, where, for three hours, they were comfortable and *en famille*. The W.M., in proposing "Her Majesty the Queen, and the rest of the Royal Family," made a feeling allusion to the lamentable death of the Princess Alice. Bro. Lamonby, P.M., gave the "Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces." He referred to the original success, so far, of the Afghan expedition; the recent disasters in connection with ships of war; the value of the Militia, as the backbone and feeder of the army; and the spirit displayed by the volunteers in the Cape troubles. He associated the toast with the names of Bro. Noakes, 55th Foot; Bro. Capt. Sewell, Royal Cumberland Militia; and Bro. Lieut. Waugh, of the Cockermouth Rifle Volunteers. (Applause.) Bro. Noakes,

in acknowledging the compliment, spoke of the improvements effected in the army during the years he had had the honour to belong to the first branch of Her Majesty's forces, and, he gave it as his opinion that before long, all the land defences of the country would be blended in one harmonious whole. (Applause.) The W.M., in returning thanks for the Militia, referred to the good uses of the Army Reserve, which, although last year, it deprived him of thirty of the best men of his company, was one of the means to bring about that consolidation and harmonious blending spoken of by Bro. Noakes. He had to mention an interesting circumstance connecting the Royal Cumberland Militia with Freemasonry. Some time since he heard that a Masonic lodge once existed in the Cumberland Militia, but unfortunately no traces of it could be found. Talking with Bro. Lamonby subsequently on the subject, he (Capt. Sewell) was informed, much to his gratification, that the warrant of the Militia Lodge was recently found by him, after laying forgotten many years. Bro. Lamonby had framed the warrant, and it was now to be seen on the walls of the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, at Whitehaven. This was an interesting circumstance, and as there were eight officers in his regiment, who were Masons, he (Capt. Sewell) intended to bring the fact under their notice. (Applause.) Bro. Lieut. Waugh also replied for "The Volunteers," and he proposed "The Bishop of the Diocese, with the Clergy of all Denominations," coupled with the name of Bro. Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., P.M. Skiddaw Lodge, who returned thanks. The W.M. next (after the door had been tyled) gave "The M.W. Grand Master of England." Independent of the advantages which accrued to Freemasonry in England by having at its head the heir of the crown, he (the W.M.) spoke warmly of the effect produced in France, by the active part taken in the success of the Paris Exhibition by the Prince of Wales. Wherever Englishmen went they heard nothing but the warmest of praises of their Grand Master from the French people. (Applause.) The toast was drunk with full Craft honours. The W.M. then gave "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Rest of the Grand Officers." He alluded to the fact of Lord Carnarvon being more than ever entitled to their esteem, in that his lordship had recently become a Cumbrian by his marriage with Miss Howard, of Greystock. (Applause.) The toast was received with full honours. The W.M. next gave "The Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Whitwell, Dep. Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present," which he associated with the names of Bros. Collin, Noakes, and Taylor, who severally acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Black, I.P.M., then proposed "The Newly-installed Master of Skiddaw Lodge." (Applause.) He remarked on the energy, punctuality, and ability displayed by Bro. Capt. Sewell during the twelvemonths he had acted as his (Bro. Black's) Senior Warden. Not only had their new W.M. discharged the duties appertaining to his office in a way never excelled, but he had ably assisted him (Bro. Black) on many an occasion by presenting and explaining the working tools to candidates, delivering the charges, and explaining the tracing boards. Bro. Sewell had only been absent from his post once during the twelve months, and that was when he was with his regiment on Blacken Var Moor. Bro. Sewell, therefore, thoroughly deserved the honour conferred on him that day—the highest that any lodge had in its power to confer on its members, and he trusted he should have a prosperous and happy year of office. (Applause.) Whilst wishing their new W.M. every prosperity, however, he warned him to be extremely careful in the admission of candidates. (Hear, hear.) The W.M., in reply, expressed his deep sensibility of the honour conferred on him, and he could assure the brethren of Skiddaw Lodge, that with the assistance of the officers whom he had appointed, he should put forth his best endeavours to conduct the affairs of the lodge in the most constitutional manner. The office of W.M. of a lodge of Freemasons was one any man might well be proud of; and he might mention that, almost the last words of his father were that he should strive to make himself useful in Masonry. He was glad to see present to day one brother, who some years back raised him to the sublime degree in his mother lodge (Bro. A. Walter, P.M., Lodge of Perseverance), and he was only sorry that the old and respected brother who "deaconed" him through his degrees, and who was a coadjutor of his (the W.M.'s) father, when Lodge of Perseverance was barely able to keep its head above water, was prevented from being present that day through illness. He alluded to Bro. Jos. Nicholson, P.M., Lodge of Perseverance. After thanking the brethren for the warm manner in which they had received the toast of his health, the W.M. then, in most complimentary terms, proposed the "Immediate Past Master," alluding to the able manner in which Bro. Black had discharged the duties of his office, in the face, too, of an extraordinary amount of work. (Applause.) Bro. Black, I.P.M., replied, and thanked his officers for the ready assistance rendered him during the twelve months, which had been a period of real hard work to all concerned. In Bro. Bird, who had that day been promoted to the W.M.'s chair, he had an officer, who, no matter what the weather was like, travelled a long distance, either to regular lodge business, or to lodges of instruction. As to Bro. T. C. Robinson, the late secretary, he had to do double duty, undertaking the post of Deacon in the absence from the neighbourhood of the former S.D. He also thanked Bros. R. Robinson and Lamonby, for their able and willing assistance during the year closed, in which there had been ten initiations, with the subsequent passings and raisings. The drawback was the apathy displayed by his I.P.M., Bro. W. Taylor, who had, he was sorry to say, been not a bit more diligent in that office, than in the chair the year previous, as W.M. (Hear, hear.) The W.M. proposed the "Newly-invested

Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. T. Bird, S.W. T. C. Robinson, J.W.; J. Fearon, Sec.; H. Peacock, S.D.; and R. Harrison, I.G., who severally returned thanks. The W.M. next gave the "Installing Masters." Bro. R. Robinson, in acknowledging the toast, said it was the first time he had assisted in such an onerous capacity, and the little he had done, was, he considered, quite an honour, seeing that the brother installed in the chair that day was likely to make so excellent a W.M. of Skiddaw Lodge. (Applause.) Bro. Black returned thanks, and observed that he considered it the duty of every retiring Master to take some part in the installation of his successor. Bro. Lamonby also replied, and whilst expressing the pleasure it afforded him to assist as Installing Master, as also wishing the W.M. a prosperous year of office, took occasion to refer to Bro. Black's caution as to discrimination in the choice of candidates. He would read them the advice of two eminent authorities. One of them was the late Bro. Hutchinson, who, it would perhaps be interesting to them to know, was a Cumberland Mason; not only that, but the author of the now valuable and scarce "History of Cumberland," published at Carlisle, in the year 1798, the same year, and from the same office, as produced the leading county newspaper of to-day, the *Carlisle Journal*. (Applause.) The Masonic work of Bro. Hutchinson's to which he (Bro. Lamonby) alluded, was the "spirit of Masonry," published in 1796, at the aforesaid office in Carlisle. In it the writer urged:—"I warn you to be particularly cautious not to initiate any but such as are worthy; be well assured that their conduct is regulated by virtue, and their bosoms inflamed with the love of knowledge. All are not proper to be admitted into Masonry, whose influence ought to be universal, but whose privileges should not be made too common; and you are well convinced that there are some amongst us who take the shadow for the substance, who are acquainted with its ceremonies, but catch not the spirit of the profession." (Hear, hear.) The other quotation was from the "Aphorisms" of the late Bro. Dr. Oliver, who remarked, "Be very cautious whom you recommend as a candidate for initiation; one false step on this point may be fatal. If you have a good lodge, keep it select. Great numbers are not always beneficial." (Hear, hear.) Those were very valuable recommendations, and it was to be hoped they would always be acted up to strictly by Skiddaw Lodge. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Bolton then, in cordial terms, gave "The Visiting Brethren," which he coupled with the names of all those present, and they returned thanks. Bro. Lamonby proposed "The Masonic Charities," and, in doing so, referred to the status and importance of Cumberland and Westmorland as a province, which could always depend upon the election of a candidate into one of the three Institutions at the second time of asking. (Applause.) Referring to the special appeal made in the large room that day on behalf of the widow and children of a deceased brother, he asked them to leave their contributions with Bro. Fearon, the new Secretary of Skiddaw Lodge, at the close of the proceedings, and he hoped a good amount would be at once raised, and, as readily dispatched. (Applause.) Bro. R. Robinson, P.M., proposed "The Masonic Press." He deplored the fact, that, although there were published excellent papers, recording the proceedings of Masonry all over the world, reading Masons were a rarity. In one of these publications that he (Bro. Robinson) had subscribed to for years past, there would be found admirable and talented articles on every subject connected with Masonry. The letter-writing also was very interesting, and the only fault seemed to be the great amount of asperity, and apparent want of brotherly love in them. He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Lamonby, who represented *The Freemason*. (Applause.) Bro. Lamonby, in thanking Bro. Robinson and the brethren, referred to his connection with the Masonic Press, and deplored the apathy and supine indifference, which characterised nineteen out of every twenty Freemasons, not only in Great Britain, but all over the world. They were content to be in their places on lodge night; but their interest stopped, and it was a fact that the Masonic student was a "rara avis." He had a project in his mind, so far as Skiddaw Lodge was concerned, and that was the formation of a library in connection therewith. (Applause.) He should be most happy to give the scheme a start with a nucleus in the shape of a few works on Masonry, and if other brothers would assist in like manner, there would be created, he hoped, an admirable incentive for the brethren to dive into a rich store of Masonic literature, which he was sorry to say so few were aware existed. Very shortly he should bring forward a project for the formation of a library in connection with Skiddaw Lodge. (Applause.) The Tyler having given "To all Poor and Distressed Masons" a most enjoyable afternoon was closed at a few minutes past six o'clock. An excellent programme of music was, as usual, interspersed amongst the toasts. Bro. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org., P.P.G.O., presided at the pianoforte, and the following brethren contributed songs, &c., during the evening:—Bros. Black, Brash, Hewson, Nicholson, T. C. Robinson, Noakes, and Lamonby.

LIVERPOOL.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1035).—The brethren connected with this lodge assembled for installation purposes at the Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 9th inst., when there was a good attendance. Bro. John W. McWean, the retiring W.M., took the chair, supported by Bros. Thos. McWean, S.W. (W.M. elect); R. R. Forshaw, J.W.; A. Willis, I.P.M.; G. Sculthorpe, P.M.; Geo. Morgan, P.M., Treas.; S. Donkin, Sec.; John White, Asst. Sec.; J. P. Bryan, S.D.; and others. The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. A. Willis and G. Morgan, and the installation ceremony performed in a highly effective manner by Bro. J. W. McWean, the retiring W.M. The following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. R. For-

shaw, S.W.; W. Donkin, J.W.; John Whaites, Sec.; J. P. Bryan, Asst. Sec.; Lewis Peake, S.D.; John Smith, J.D.; G. Sculthorpe, P.M., D.C.; Geo. Morgan, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); R. Seddon, I.G.; Wm. Shakespeare, S.S.; John Tunstall, J.S.; and Bro. Cruice was re-elected Tyler. After the business was over, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-hall, where a substantial dinner was served by Bro. Casey (1086). The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured; that of "The Provincial Grand Master and Officers" was cordially received and acknowledged by Bro. Archer, P.M. 1086, P.G.S.D. The toast of the evening, that of "The Worshipful Master," was proposed by Bro. Fozzard, P.M., who said he was confident everyone would bear him out when he said that their W.M. was worthy of the great trust they had reposed in him. The W.M. thanked the brethren in feeling terms, and assured them that he would do his utmost to deserve the honour they had conferred on him. "The Installing Master" was proposed by Bro. Willis, P.M.; and the "P.M.'s." by the W.M., who presented Bro. J. W. M'Wear with a handsome Past Master's jewel on behalf of the lodge; while Bro. Peake presented him with a handsome epergne on behalf of a number of the individual members, accompanying it with some flattering remarks on the present condition of the lodge, and the good feeling which had existed during his year of office. The toast was responded to by Bros. Fozzard, P.M., and M'Wear, P.M. "The West Lancashire Educational Institution" was proposed by Bro. R. R. Forshaw, S.W., and coupled with it the name of Bro. George Morgan, P.M., who responded. Other toasts followed, and the brethren separated after an agreeable reunion.

PLYMOUTH.—St. John's Lodge (No. 1247).—The banquet to the new W.M. of this lodge, W. Bro. George R. Firks, was held on the 16th inst., at the Farley Hotel, Union-street. There was a large attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. W. Bro. Firks presided, and was warmly congratulated at his escape from a recent accident. Among the officers present were W. Bros. R. B. Twose, P.G. Treas.; S. Jew, P.P.G.T.; F. A. Thomas, P.P.G.D.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. Wks.; L. D. Westcott, P.P.G.S. Wks.; J. B. Gover, P.P. G.A.D.C.; John R. Lord, P.M. and Treas.; Jas. Rendle, P.M. and Sec.; J. Keats, J. C. Fly, and R. P. Culley, P.M's. 1247; A. E. Lean, W.M. 70; and C. Cooper, P.M. and Sec. 105. Recitations given by Bros. Twose and Bond, with a glee party and solo singers from among the brethren, formed a pleasing after entertainment.

NORTH ALLERTON.—Anchor Lodge (No. 1337).—There was an attendance of about forty brethren on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, to witness the installation of Bro. Walmsley in the chair of this lodge by Bro. Knowles, P.M. and P.P.S. Deacon of Durham. The officers were appointed as follows:—Bro. H. Rymer, I.P.M.; Hardy, S.W.; Palliser, J.W.; Rev. H. Jones, Chaplain; Stead, Sec.; O. Fendall, Treas.; Wheldon, S.D.; Stanning, J.D.; T. Walton, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., M.C.; Sootheran, I.G.; Wilkinson, Tyler. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. G. W. Elliot, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, W.M. 837, Prov. G. Chaplain; T. B. Whythead, P.M. 1611, Prov. G.D.C.; Geo. Anderson, P.M. 1416; Fairburn, P.M. 1337; C. Waistell, P.M. 1337, and others. A banquet at the Golden Lion Hotel followed the closing of the lodge.

ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Camp Lodge (No. 1331).—The interesting ceremony of the installation of the W.M. of this lodge took place at the Assembly Rooms, High-street, on the 8th inst., when Bro. John Clisham was installed Master of the lodge, Bro. Richardson, P.M., P.P. G.S.D. officiating as Installing Master. The ceremony was carried out in a most impressive manner. After the installation the officers of the lodge were invested by the W.M., Bros. Douglas, S.W.; Bruce, J.W.; Fairbank, S.D.; Chesterton, J.D.; Lewis, Secretary; Ellis, I.G.; Harris, D.C.; Sarken, Tyler. At the conclusion the brethren adjourned to the Wellington Hotel, where a banquet was provided in excellent style by host Wake. The chair was occupied by the newly-installed Master. After the good things had been duly discussed, the following programme of toasts was gone through, "The Queen and the Craft," by the W.M.; "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England," Bro. Eve, P.M., then proposed "The P.G. Master of Hampshire," and spoke in the highest terms of the P.G.M., and the great interest that was taken by him in Masonry. Whenever there was a good work to be performed he was always present to take his share; and the general opinion of the brethren in this province was that they had got a P.G. Master second to none. The brethren separated about 10 o'clock, after spending a most enjoyable evening.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge No. (1536).—Lieut.-Col. A. H. King, Asst. Qr.-Master General of the Royal Artillery, Past Master 1207, and P.G. S.W. for the Province of Kent, honoured the above lodge, held at Bro. Garbett's, the Sir Robert Peel, on Friday, the 10th inst., with a visit, and was evidently pleased, not only with the reception he had at the hands of the brethren, but with the good working and unanimity that is so patent a *sine qua non* in this lodge with all who either aspire to position or membership. Bro. Picken, the W.M., was assisted by the following officers:—Bros. the Rev. C. A. Solbé, Chap.; H. Shaw, S.W.; D. Deeves, J.W.; W. Murphy, Treas.; G. Kennedy, Sec.; H. Welding, S.D.; H. Hardy, Org.; T. Hollyman, I.G.; C. Buckland, D.C.; and J. Lackland, Tyler. The following Past Masters of, and belonging to the lodge were present:—Bro. G. Spinks I.P.M.; W. Weston, C. Coupland P.M. of No. 913, and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; A. Penfold, 913; W. D. Hayes, W.M.

913. Among the visitors were Bros. E. Solbé, 501; H. De Grey, 706; G. Bryans, 1205; W. B. Cook, 700; C. J. Clapham, 913; T. Hosgood, 13; A. Woodley, W.M. 700; A. Hiscock, 13; W. Beaver, of the Sydney Lodge; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The lodge having been opened in due form, our distinguished Bro. Col. King was conducted into the lodge by the Past Masters, and was received with the "honours of fire" and took his place upon the right of the chair. Bro. Anderson, and Bro. Solbé, of No. 501, a lodge in China, were then passed to the Second Degree in splendid style. The W.M. then said, as Bro. Brooks, their J.D., had left the garrison, he should invest Bro. Holleyman in his stead, and Bro. Holleyman was accordingly so honoured. Bro. Buckland was made I.G., and Bro. Anderson Steward. It was then announced that Bro. Weston had represented the case of Widow Benn at the Board of Benevolence, and had obtained for her a sum of twenty-five guineas. The lodge was then closed.

PLYMOUTH.—Lodge of Prudence (No. 1550).—The members of the above lodge held their usual meeting at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princess-place. W. Bro. J. G. Kervern, W.M., presided, and after the customary business adjourned to Chubb's Hotel for their usual banquet. Thirty-seven were present, and amongst the visitors were several distinguished brethren from this and the neighbouring province of Cornwall. The usual toasts, which were duly honoured, were interspersed with songs and glees, admirably rendered by Bros. T. Goodall, Jarvis, Congdon, J. Rendle, Burden, and Dymond. The lodge is in a prosperous condition, numerically and financially, and for the short time it has been in existence has given a large amount to the Masonic and other charities.

LANCASTER.—Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).—The members of this lodge of ancient Freemasons held their regular meeting on Wednesday, the 15th inst., having been summoned to meet at 9 o'clock, a.m., and at 7.30 p.m. At 9 a.m., there were present Bros. R. Wolfenden, W.M.; Jas. Ellershaw, S.W.; W. Parker, J.W.; John Beale, P.M., Treas.; J. Acton, P.M., Hon. Sec.; H. Hartley, S.D.; R. Cleminson, J.D.; Jos. D. Beale, I.G.; A. K. Allinson, Tyler; F. G. Dale, I.P.M.; and a number of brethren. The lodge having been opened &c. Bro. Robert Dobson Eves, (Schoolmaster at the Grammar School, York), was raised to the degree of M.M. by Bro. F. G. Dale, I.P.M. The lodge was closed to the First Degree and adjourned to 7.30 p.m., At the appointed hour the lodge was resumed in the First Degree, the minutes, address of condolence to the Queen, &c., were read and confirmed, the above officers being present and a very good muster of the brethren. The W.M. Bro. Wolfenden, initiated one and passed another brother. The letter of reply to the address of condolence to the Queen was read, all the brethren standing. Bro. F. G. Dale, I.P.M., was appointed Steward from this lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and widows of Freemasons, and a sum of ten guineas was voted from the lodge funds to the Institution (this is the fourth donation of that sum from this lodge). It was also resolved on the motion of Bro. J. Acton, P.M. seconded by Bro. J. Beale, P.M., that a donation of five guineas be given from the lodge funds to the widow of our late Bro. John Proctor, deceased. The business of the evening being ended, the lodge was closed, the choir and brethren singing the closing hymn, Bro. R. Woods presiding at the organ.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst., The W.M. J. S. Cumberland presiding and initiating a candidate. A sum of money was voted by the lodge for the purpose of presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. T. B. Whythead, I.P.M., in recognition of his services to the lodge since its formation in 1876. A list for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was opened and a handsome sum was subscribed, Bro. A. T. B. Turner, Asst. M.C., announcing his intention of acting as second Steward for the lodge at that festival in conjunction with Bro. T. Cooper, P.M. The muster of brethren was very large and amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Hanly, W.M.; L. Murphy, S.W.; and several other officers and members of St. Patrick's (4th Dragoon Guards) Lodge.

INSTRUCTION.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. There were present Bros. J. G. Carter, W.M.; J. Frost, S.W.; F. Reed, J.W.; C. Digby, S.D.; A. Mason, W. J. Huntley, J. Sanders, P. V. Denham, and A. S. Denham, Sec. Bro. A. Mason went through the ceremony of initiation, and Bro. Huntley was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Frost was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

Royal Arch.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street. The following members were present:—M.E. Comps. W. Sandwith, P.Z. as Z., in the absence through severe illness of Dr. Henry, M.E.Z.; W. F. Lamony, H. (*Freemason*); E. Tyson, J.; J. Barr, P.Z.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.Z. Comps. J. Rothey, S.E.; T. Dixon, S.N.; T. Atkinson, P.S.; J. T. Ray, 1st A.S.; J. Cooper, Org.; G. Fitzgerald, Janitor; J. S. Braithwaite, J. Smith, F. Hodgson, W. Holloway, J. Casson, J. W. Miles, G. S. Arrow, W. Armstrong, W. F. Hunter, J. D. Thompson, J. R. Smith, J. Mill, W. Bell, J. J. Coverdale, G. Dalrymple, Rowland Baxter, and C. W. Hodgson. The visitors were Ex.

Comps. W. Court, Z. 310; H. Bewes, P.Z. 327; J. Gardiner, Z. 327. J. Banning, P.Z. 310 and 823. Comps. W. Blaylock, G. F. Webster, and J. Henderson, 310. The chapter was opened shortly after twelve o'clock, when the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. Geo. Dalrymple, Nithsdale Chapter, No. 52, Thornhill, Scotland, was then balloted for as an affliating companion, and he was unanimously accepted. Two candidates for exaltation were next balloted for, viz., Bros. Charles Henry Hodgson, Lodge 119, Whitehaven, and Rowland Baxter, Lodge 1267, Egremont, and they were unanimously accepted, being subsequently duly exalted to the Sublime Degree. The sum of five guineas was voted from the funds of the chapter in aid of the widow and nine children of a deceased companion; and after hearty good wishes from the visiting companions, the chapter was solemnly closed.

MANCHESTER.—Caledonian Chapter (No. 204).—This chapter held its bi-monthly meeting on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. A large gathering of companions assembled at 5.30, and the chapter was opened by Comp. E. Clay, Z. After the minutes had been ratified, and other business transacted, Bro. Jno. Walton was exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Mason by the M.E.Z. Some delay was occasioned by the non-arrival of the companion who had undertaken to perform the installation ceremony, which duty, at a moment's notice, devolved upon Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z., P.G.D. of C., who installed Comp. Mestayer, as Z., and Comp. Humphries, as H. A letter was read from Comp. the Rev. S. Y. R. Bradshaw, J. elect, stating that he had been called away to attend upon a near relative who was seriously ill. The following officers were invested by Comp. Sillitoe, viz.:—Comps. Dawson, S.E.; N. Dumville, S.N.; J. Roberts, P.S.; A. B. Whittaker, 1st A.S.; Davis, 2nd A.S.; R. Hartley, Treas.; and J. Sly, Janitor. After the close of the chapter, the companions spent a pleasant and convivial evening.

GOSPORT.—Gosport Chapter (No. 903).—The annual meeting of this chapter for the installation of Principals was held on the 7th inst. The Principals installed were Comps. G. F. Lancaster, Z.; E. S. Main, P.Z., H.; and C. B. Whitcomb, J. Comp. Main, P.Z., was the Installing Principal, and the duties were performed in that correct and able manner for which he is so justly celebrated in the district. He had to perform the somewhat rare and singular duty of obligating himself as a Principal. The other officers were Comps. N. Page, S.E.; F. Powell, S.N.; J. W. Stroud, Treas.; V. Brown, P.S.; R.W. Mitchell, and R.W. Downing, A.S.; and J. Batchelor, Organist. The companions dined together at the close of the meeting, and the following were present as visitors:—G. A. Green, M.E.Z. 309; A. Biddell, M.E.Z. 342; S. R. Ellis, P.Z. 342; and other companions.

Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern. The brethren present were the Rev. P. M. Holden, P.M., G.M.C. and J.W. acting Worshipful Master; Charles Horsley, P.M. as I.P.M.; J. G. Marsh, P.G.M.S.W., P.M.; George Newman, S.W.; Thos. Cubitt, P.M., P.G.M.D.C. as J.W.; P. L. Simmonds, P.M., as M.O.; William Stephens, S.O.; Dr. W. Whiteaway Wilkinson, J.O.; Edw. L. Shepherd, Registrar, E. H. Thidley, I.P.M., Secretary; Captain Reginald W. Williams, J.D.; Herbert Santer, I.G.; John Gilbert, Tyler; John Bathie Lambe, Henry F. Frost. Through indisposition the W.M., Bro. Dubois, was unable to be present, and the Rev. Bro. Holden took the chair. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. Henry Frederick Frost, of The Great City Lodge, 1426, which proved unanimous in his favour, and he was forthwith advanced to the Degree of Mark Master. The ceremony was performed in such a masterly manner, that only those who have before witnessed the almost matchless rendering of the ritual by our gifted Rev. Bro. can fully realise. It augurs a very meritorious future for St. Mark's No. 1, embodied as it is with the "fine fleur" of the working element (one of the officers regularly travelling a distance of 120 miles to do his duty). Letters of apology were read from absent members. Three candidates were announced for advancement at the next meeting. There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. The brethren dined together at the Freemason's Tavern.

HALIFAX.—Fearnley Lodge (No. 58).—On Wednesday, the 8th inst., the installation festival in connection with this lodge of Mark Master Masons took place at the Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. C. T. Rhodes, Prov. G.S.B., &c., was duly installed as W.M. by Bro. Isaac Booth, P.M. 58, and P. Prov. G.W., &c. There was a good attendance of brethren, amongst whom were R.W. Bro. Thos. Perkinson, P. Prov. G.M. West Yorks; W. Bro. Wm. Cooke, P.G.S.O. and Prov. G. Sec., &c.; Bro. G. Normanton, Prov. G. Treas.; A. Roberts, Prov. G. J.W., and other distinguished brethren. A letter of apology was read from Bro. Capt. John Wordsworth, R.W. Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, and Bro. J. Barker, Prov. G. J.D. Bro. C. T. Rhodes invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. H. Waghorn, S.W.; R. Jessop, J.W.; W. Milligan, M.O.; T. Pearson, S.O.; C. Eastwood, J.O.; G. Normanton, Prov. G. Treas., as Treas.; John Leach, Reg.; W. Cooke, Prov. G. Sec., as Sec.; J. Hanney, S.D.; G. H. Radcliffe, J.D.; J. G. See, Dir. of Cer.; Geo. Taylor, Org.; J. C. Crocker, I.G.; J. Greenwood, P.M. Tyler; H. L. Holdsworth and Thos. Whittaker, P. Prov. G. Org., &c., Stwds.

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P.M.—You will find all you appear to require in Kenning's *Masonic Cyclopaedia*.

ATLAS.—At Freemasons' Tavern, on the 12th proximo.

W.M.—Yours is a ritual question which, we think, it is unavailing to discuss in *The Freemason*. The Editor will write privately.

The following reports stand over:—Royal Sussex, 342; Mount Sinai, Penzance, 121; Sun, 106, Exmouth; Seacombe, Combermere, 605; Chester, Independence, 721; Liverpool, Ancient Union, 203; Hammersmith Mark, 211; Hemming Lodge, 1512; Lodge of Faith, Openshaw, 581; Holmesdale, 874; Henry, Mark, 216, Frizington; Manchester, 570; Lodge of Temperance, 169; Hundred of Elloc, 469; South Saxon Lodge, Lewes, 311; Fowey, 977; Peace and Harmony, Southampton, 359; St. James's, Halifax, 448.

BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

"The Exeter and Plymouth Gazette," "The Middleborough News," "Liverpool Porcupine," "The Fountain," "Our Home," "City Press," "Corner Stone," "Mayfair," "Buffalo," "Liverpool Mail," "Australian Freemason," "Bye-Laws of the A. and A. Scottish Rite," "Orient of Philadelphia," "Impediments of Speech, by Wm. Abbotts, M.D.," "Brief," "Hull Packet," "Kelet Orient," "The Fondon Express," "The Erasl," "The Scottish Freemason," "The Hebrew Leader," "The Broad Arrow," "Touchstone," "The Citizen," "Freeman," "New York Dispatch," "Report of the Thirty-Fourth Half-Yearly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay," "Bundes Presse," "Risorgimento," "Der Triangel," "East Anglian Handbook," "Sheldrake's Aldershot and Sandhurst Military Gazette," "The Boy's Own Paper," "The Liverpool Mail."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

BROWN.—On the 13th inst., at Durham Hall, Bootle, near Liverpool, the wife of R. Brown, P.M. 241, Hon. Sec. of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, of a son.

BUSHELL.—On the 14th inst., at 24, Wakefield-st., Liverpool, the wife of Samuel Bushell of a daughter.

NICHOLSON.—On the 22nd inst., at Old Bank, Otley, the wife of J. H. Nicholson, of a daughter.

PURVIS.—On the 17th inst., at Dale-st., Liverpool, the wife of James Purvis, of Lodge 823, of a daughter.

SHEEN.—On the 15th inst., at 54, Grove-st., Liverpool, the wife of Councillor T. H. Sheen, S.W. 241, of a son.

WILKINSON.—On the 17th inst., at 17, Erskine-st., Liverpool, the wife of Fred. Wilkinson, S.D. Dramatic Lodge, 1609, Treas. of the Royal Alexandra Theatre, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

OXLADE-STANTON.—On October 13th., 1878, at the Cathedral, Nelson, New Zealand, R. Oxlade, of Sydney, to Sara, eldest daughter of W. M. Stanton, W.M. Lodge 725, Nelson, New Zealand.

DEATHS.

BARTLE.—On the 20th inst. at 236, Lancaster-rd., Nottingham-hill, Bro. W. H. Bartle, only son of Bro. H. Bartle, aged 26.

JACKSON.—On the 16th inst., at 29, Addington-road, Bow, Mrs. Ann Jackson, aged 62. Deeply regretted.

NOTICE.

Owing to the great pressure on our columns of Installation Reports, &c., the Publisher will issue next week (Feb. 1st) four extra pages, in which he hopes to include much matter that unavoidably stands over.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1879.

IN MEMORIAM.

As week succeeds to week we have to deplore the loss of worthy brethren, whose place in the lodge knows them no more. We announced in our last the death of Commander Scott, R.N., J.P., of Strathroy, Omagh, Ireland, and we call attention to it with deep regret. He formed one of that too limited number of enquiring Masons who sympathize with Masonic literature and hail Masonic Investigation. A kind hearted and friendly brother, he was always anxious to extend the teaching and influence of Freemasonry, to raise its intellectual character, to uphold its civilizing influences. We condole with our Irish brethren on the loss of so true a brother and so good a Mason.

AN ERROR CORRECTED.

A correspondent very kindly calls our attention to a prevalent error, which may do some harm to the Educational Charities, unless pointed out, namely, that lady Life Governors are deprived by the amended rules of their votes in General Committee. That is not so, and was so distinctly decided on Monday last. By the wording of the amended law, as quoted by our correspondent, Lady Life Governors have the same right they had previously under the laws of the two Schools.

THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

We are glad to call attention to the first report of this Association for 1879, which we were asked to publish last week, and which we think both by its modest words and simple statements, and straightforward explanations will commend itself to very many of our London brethren. We ask the London voters for the Charities not to be led away by childish canards or personal feelings, but simply to read the report, to think it over carefully, and we have no fear of the result. Moderation and good sense, right reason and straight running are generally commended by men, and we feel sure, will be by Masons. Indeed, the need of the Association is so obvious to all who will only condescend to look beneath the surface, that we think the Association is destined to be a great success.

THE ORIGIN OF FREEMASONRY.

The origin of that remarkable society, to which it is our privilege to belong, is still a "vexata quæstio" amid Masonic students and non-Masonic enquirers. So peculiar is its organization, and so undoubted its existence, that numerous most contradicting, and even absurd theories have been broached, from time to time, with dogmatic certainty, as to its rise and progress, its first beginning, its later development. We may pass over a host of puerile and ridiculous suppositions, and confine ourselves to-day to those within the domain of credibility, evidence, common sense, and even possibility. A modern magazine writer, so late as this last year, propounds this new theory, or rather an old theory in a new dress, in the following words:—"Saracen architects became scattered during a considerable epoch through Greece, Italy, Sicily, and other countries; a considerable number of Christian artificers, chiefly Greeks, joined them, forming a corporation, which had its secret laws

and statutes, and whose members recognized each other by signs, this was the origin of Freemasonry." We prefer on this head the theory of Bro. Fort, of "Byzantine Revival," so to say, but we allude to this passage to point out how, from time to time, such explanations are given of the origin of our mysterious brotherhood, and how they should be noted by all, who, not blindly prejudiced by foregone conclusions, are still open to historical evidence and matter of fact, while they are equally unmoved by fantastic explanations or childish and uncritical suggestions. It may be well to remind our readers here, with the commencement of 1879, where we stand in the progressing road of "Masonic investigation." The theories of Masonic origin, which really deserve attention and study, may, we think, be safely reduced to three. 1st the Guild Theory; 2nd the Hermetic Theory; 3rd the Adaptation Theory. If we wish to study the Guild theory in its past or complete development, we must read the works of Preston, Findel, Steinbrenner, and above all Fort. Neither must we overlook the remarkable labours of Bro. David Murray Lyon, the contributions of Bro. Hughan, and other modern writers on the same subject, whose papers are still only to be found in Masonic journals and magazines. The Hermetic theory is mainly to be gathered by implication, as we are aware of no writer who calmly arrays all the evidence in favour of it. The Adaptation Theory, started by Bro. Buchan, has recently gained a new ally in Bro. Findel and one or two other well known Masons, but we apprehend, "pace" such authorities, that it cannot face the fire of a remorseless and destructive criticism. It is altogether hazy and unsatisfactory, and entirely based on "ex post facto" assumptions and prepossessions. "It is because it is." We have often before expressed our view in favour of the Guild Theory, though we have never for one moment shut our eyes, to its many and salient difficulties. It is still, however, the most simple, the most rational, and proceeding more than any other on historical evidence alone best answers to the needful requirements of "cause and effect." But it is fair to observe, that latterly a good deal of evidence has "cropped up" which seems to give some "colouring" at any rate to the Hermetic view. We say nothing here of the old view of Oliver which links our Freemasonry to the mysteries, or to the skilful use which Bro. Fort has made of this theory, in his remarks on the Scandinavian mysteries. That is a separate question, and may well even be admitted in part, at any rate by those who accept the guild theory. But what we wish to point out is this, that we have to modify certain views, which have to this time been universally held as correct, by all modern critical students of Masonic history. The high grade movement, with its Hermeticism and specific "colouring matter," has generally been ascribed to Ramsay, alike in as its first "fautor," and in its later development under these German mysteries which did such harm to Freemasonry. Thus Masonic Hermeticism dates from 1750 or thereabouts. But now we have the fact, that in 1721 a Hermetic Society, connected too with Masonry, was apparently existing in London, of which all previous writers have taken no account, being seemingly ignorant of it, and which, therefore disturbs all existing calculations and disquisitions on this "moot point." What this Hermetic Society was we are not told. It may have been the Royal Arch, or it may have been a traditional re-adaptation of the Rosicrucian Hermeticism, which in the times of Lily and Ashmole, seems to have had many "adepts," and to form the basis of "Nicolais'" untenable theory of a Baconian - Caroline politico - Hermetico fraternity. We can never too often repeat that the Rose Croix of the A. and A.S. Rite has nothing to do with Rosicrucian Hermeticism, though it may be the use of a name. Thus it will be seen how "open" is still the question, and how much ground there is for investigation and, above all, "tolerance," as regards diverging views and contrasted schools. Freemasons, who are always preaching toleration, should not be "intolerant" in respect of differing schools of Masonic history, and, as Freemasons, not being too "dogmatic," above all we should welcome all honest theories and differences, and "agree" to "differ," if need be harmoniously, sincerely, and fraternally.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even 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.]

AN ERROR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am anxious for a little explanation on a matter which appears to me, despite the florid explanations of one or two brethren, involved in considerable obscurity.

It is stated that one of the effects of the revised legislation on Monday at the Boys' School Quarterly Court, was to deprive ladies of all votes except the elections of boys. But how can that be? By Rule XXXV. "All Life Governors not being Minors" constitute the General Committee, and to this Committee the power of election of Secretary, &c.

So doubtful was the point, that the question was deliberately raised on Monday to insert after Life Governors "not being Minors and Freemasons," but the words "and Freemasons" were rejected by a very small majority on the ground that they would exclude the ladies.

It is then a great error to say that ladies are deprived of any rights they had before, though "Minors" undoubtedly can no longer vote at the election of "Secretary," though they can vote at elections of boys.

It seems important in the interest of the Boys' and Girls' Schools to point out that the assertion that ladies can no longer vote at the election of Secretaries or of the General Committee is a complete mistake. No rights which they had before the passing of these amended laws have been taken away from them.

Yours fraternally,

JURISCONSULT.

HUGHAN'S LIST OF OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. T. W. Faulkner, P.M. 35, has misunderstood the character of the List of Lodges I supplied for the Christmas number of the "Masonic Magazine," as the lodges noted therein were all warranted by the "Grand Lodge of England according to the old Institutions," known as the "Ancients," whereas the "Medina Lodge," *Cowes*, was chartered by the "Grand Lodge of England," known as the "Moderns" (which, however, is the premier Grand Lodge of the world.)

In my "Numismatical and Numerical Register of the United Grand Lodge of England," now in the press, and printed to page 86, the Medina Lodge is correctly described as follows.—

"Moderns" 1814 1832 1863 Date
31 48 41 35 Medina Lodge, Cowes. 1731

The date given, as in all cases, is taken from the Calendar, published by authority of the United Grand Lodge of England. The name of the lodge also occurs in my list of special centenary warrants granted for jewels 1861-66, at page 57 of the same work.

The lodge in question has a curious history and one worth publishing. I have not any account of the style of the special centenary medal of No. 35, and I shall be glad to be furnished with a sketch and particulars from Bro. Faulkner. Also of those worn in Lodges 18, 30, 47, 86, 97, 109, 120, 124, 127, 134, 140, and 148.

Fraternally yours,

W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D.

Truro, Cornwall.

MASONIC MEDALS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having lately purchased two silver Masonic medals, I subjoin descriptions of them, and shall be glad to receive through your columns any information as to the object for which they were made.

No. 1. A circular medal about 2½ inches diameter, which appears to have been worn with a ribbon, the loop being formed of a crown, below which is a hand grasping the top of the medal.

Obverse.—A building in course of erection on the left hand side of the medal. On the top of the building are two men superintending the hoisting of a block of stone which is being raised by a rope, a man on the floor steadying the stone by means of a guide rope. There is also a ladder placed against the building, and a man ascending the ladder carrying materials on his back. On the right side of the obverse are two men stood at a bench, one of whom is pointing with a sword towards the building; the other man holds in his hand a square. Below these figures are a trowel, pickaxe, crowbar, and a mallet. Inscription.—"Amor. Honor. Justitia." Reverse.—Three arches standing at the edge of a tessellated pavement. On the top of the smallest of these arches stands a man endeavouring to loosen the keystone of the arch with a crowbar. Below this arch is the open Bible, on which are placed the square and compasses; below the Bible is a five pointed star. At the front of the pavement stand two pillars, on the right hand pillar being a square, and on the left hand pillar a pair of compasses extended; and at the outside of the pillars are placed a number of tools, such as the square, compasses, mallet, pickaxe, crowbar, also the letter G, &c. On the left of the reverse is a level, surmounted by the moon, and on the right the plumb rule, surmounted by the sun. Inscription.—"Sit. Lux. Et. Lux. Fuit."

This medal appears to be struck or cast, not engraved, the figures and emblems being raised.

No. 2. This is an engraved oval medal, about 2½ inches by 2 inches.

Obverse.—Two pillars surmounted by globes; above the left hand pillar is the sun, and above the right hand the moon and seven stars; between the sun and the moon is a triangle, below which, and between the two pillars are the All-seeing Eye, the open Bible, square and compasses, and a level. At the outside of the left hand pillar is a mallet, and of the right hand pillar a trowel. The reverse is quite plain, having only an engraved rim round the medal. This medal also appears to have been worn with a ribbon having a loop riveted to the top of the medal.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES NEWTON.

THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In order to express my regret for the alterations in the laws of the Institutions for Boys and Girls, suggested by the special Sub-Committee, and in the hope that it may conduce to the expression of similar sentiments from other and older brethren, I venture to request that you will find space for this in your next issue.

With respect to the extension of the father's subscription from five to seven years before the child is eligible for election; I think the consecutive seven years—adapted by the Governors of the Boys' School—is a most unfortunate error, almost amounting to an injustice; indeed, I am one of those who are of opinion that a brother having once passed through the Three Degrees should be eligible for all the advantages of our Order. The expression "once a Mason, always a Mason," I heard many years ago, and it has made a lasting impression upon me. Without underrating the invaluable services rendered to the Craft by the now veteran Masons, I can myself point to several instances when brethren have within seven years of their initiation done great and good service to the Order, and have died young men, without having had the opportunity of making suitable provision for their relicts, and we always have a sufficient check upon unworthy cases being passed, through the action of the Committee who pass the list of candidates, and from the fact that particulars of each case are inserted in that list.

In regard to the ineligibility unless the father "has been a subscriber to at least one of the Institutions," I most strongly protest against it, and as a body one must be extremely thankful to Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, and those brethren who supported him, for sparing our Order from such an unworthy and most un-Masonic proceeding. There can be no doubt but that the Institutions are not supported as they should be by Freemasons as a body, but as you yourself say, "two blacks do not make a white." We are most justly proud of our Benevolent Institutions, splendidly supported as they are by purely voluntary means, and I give it as a deliberate opinion, that if they could be brought more directly home to chapters, lodges, and individual brethren, and particularly if they were more generally urged by the P.G. Masters at the annual meetings of P.G. Lodge, as Bro. Lord Skelmersdale never fails to do, there would be no reason to complain of the result. It is certainly evident that the further we move in the direction of the alterations suggested by the Sub-Committee, the nearer we shall be assimilating our Order to a mere benefit society, an event which would and must be deplored by every Freemason.

In conclusion, let me express the hope that "on confirmation" the word "consecutive" at least will be erased. With many apologies for occupying so much of your valuable space.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
EDGAR HUMPHRIES.

AN IMPOSTOR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I should esteem it a favour if you would kindly insert the following in your next issue:—

I was in company with the Treasurer and Almoner of Lodge Silent Temple, 126, Burnley, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., when he was asked by a short statured, prim man, of foreign accent, for alms. He gave his name as Weir, of Lodge 317, Affability, Manchester, and also of two Scottish lodges. Just as our worthy Almoner was about to give him money, I requested that he be asked to call again in half-an-hour, as I had something to communicate. After he had retired, I told the Almoner that his description exactly agreed with that given of an impostor in a letter to *The Freemason*, of November 2nd, 1878, and that I would fetch the paper and he should see it before the man returned. I was not long before I came back, and there was the individual pacing up and down at a short distance from the office awaiting the completion of the half-hour. He eyed me as I went in with the paper, but did not think it prudent to await the issue, for on our Almoner going to the door to call him in, he was nowhere to be seen. Mr. Editor, I feel sure, that, on account of the scandalous imposition by such characters as the one above described, and referred to in your issue of November 2nd, 1878, on lodges and brethren, it is of the greatest importance that strict investigation should be made, where it is at all possible, into the character and claims of strangers asking for charity, professing to be members of the Craft.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
R. N., P.M. 308 and 126.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you please answer the following query in the next issue of *The Freemason*:—

Can less than three Past Masters initiate a Worshipful Master?
ALPHA.

[We think not.—Ed.—F.M.]

MASONIC CHARITY AND ITINERANTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I venture to address you on this subject, which I think is one worthy of being ventilated through the medium of your columns, and thereby lessening the abuse which is now being practised upon our charity funds by some (only few I am happy to say) unscrupulous brethren, and in some instances impostors, who manage to obtain a fair living by begging from the lodges and Charity Committees, and by that means depriving genuine and deserving cases of relief.

In one province of the north of England a considerable check has been put upon their practices by means of postal communications between the several Committees, but such could not apply to the whole of the kingdom.

Much care will have to be exercised in order to avoid dealing un-Masonically with a deserving applicant, as in my opinion it would be far preferable to be imposed upon a dozen times, than to refuse aid to the worthy distressed; still I believe that much good may be done by opening a column in your paper for the purpose of registering the applications, simply by initials, and the number and constitution of the lodge, which would be quite sufficient for identification. Cases of a local character, or those properly recommended would not of course be sent for publication, but simply such as in the minds of the lodges, Committees, or Almoners, are professional itinerants.

This system would also be useful in another way. I have known cases in which the applicant has had considerable diffidence in applying to his lodge, as he wished to hide from his friends the low ebb to which he had been reduced in some instances, poor fellows, by misfortune or other causes beyond their control. By the means I would suggest, their friends may perhaps recognise the initials and probably rescue them from their pitiable state.

I would recommend a table as under:—

Remarks.	To go to Belfast.					
	To go to Belfast.	Out of employment.	In distress.	Refused—untruthful.	Refused—applied before	To return home.
Amount.	1 0 0	0 10 0	0 10 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 0 0
Constitution.	S.	I.	E.	A.	S.	I.
No. of Lodge.	2225	2501	2703	2203	2225	2037
Initials.	P.C.H.	J.T.C.	R.Y.D.	J.R.C.	P.C.H.	A.T.C.
Where applied.	London	Liverpool	Manchester	Leeds	Bristol	Birmingham
Date.	10 Jan.	"	"	"	15 "	16 "

Of course the numbers are simply imaginary in this. Perhaps some more capable pen than mine will take up this matter.

Yours fraternally,

ALMONER.

BURDETT TESTIMONIAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have not seen or heard anything for some months of the testimonial to the Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex. I think the time must have come when the list should be closed, and something decided upon.

I do not know what the views of the Provincial Grand Master on the subject of the testimonial are, nor have I seen any proposed scheme suggested by the Committee.

Having read the letter of Col. Burdett in your last week's issue, calling the attention of the brethren of the province to the "Wentworth Little" testimonial, and asking them to subscribe to the fund, I cannot help suggesting to the Committee of the "Burdett testimonial" their suggesting to the Prov. Grand Master that it would be a noble tribute to the memory of his late Prov. Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Master to transfer the amount collected for his testimonial to the "Wentworth Little" testimonial—especially as the intention of the Committee of the latter fund is to reserve the same for the ultimate benefit of the Girls' School.

I remain, yours fraternally,

P.M.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The second convocation of the new Royal Arch Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 14th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, Whitehaven, under the banner of Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter, No. 119, which held its quarterly convocation the same day.

The new province was constituted in October, 1877, at Kirkby Lonsdale, and musters seven chapters, viz.:—Sun, Square, and Compasses, No. 119, Whitehaven; Kendal Castle, No. 129, Kendal; Union, No. 310, Carlisle; St. John's, No. 327, Wigton; Regularity, No. 339, Penrith; Mount Sinai, No. 412, Longtown; and Bective, No. 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale. A petition is also in course of preparation for presentation to Grand Chapter, and the constitution of a new chapter, to be called "The Nicholson," attached to Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, Maryport.

There was not a large attendance on Tuesday, the convocation having been postponed from the first week in December, in consequence of the winter session of Parliament. The time of the year and hour evidently was unfavourable for a good muster, and two chapters were entirely unrepresented, viz., Regularity No. 339, Penrith; and Mount Sinai, No. 412, Longtown. Several of the provincial officers also appointed at the first convocation, were conspicuous by their absence. The following signed their names in the Janitor's book:—M.E. Comps. the Earl of Bective, M.P., Z., 1074, Prov. G. Superintendent; Colonel Whitwell, M.P., P.Z. 129, P.G.S. of England, Provincial Grand H.; W. B. Gibson, P.Z. 119, Provincial Grand J.; G. J. M. Kay, J. 129, Provincial Grand Scribe E.; John Barr, P.Z. 119, Provincial Grand Treas.; W. Court, Z. 310, Provincial Grand Standard Bearer; W. F. Lamonty, H. 119, Provincial Grand Sword Bearer (*Freemason*); J. Godfrey, H. 129, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies; W. Sandwith, P.Z. 119; H. Bewes, P.Z. 327; Jesse Banning, P.Z. 310, P.P.G.P.S., West Lancashire; James Gardner, Z. 327; G. W. Kenworthy, P.Z. 119; E. Tyson, J. 119; Comps. J. Rothery, S.E.; T. Dixon, S.N.; T. Atkinson, P.S.; J. T. Ray, 1st A.S.; J. Cooper, Org.; J. S. Braithwaite, J. Smith, F. Hodgson, W. Holloway, J. Casson, J. W. Miles, G. Sparrow, W. Armstrong, W. F. Hunter, J. D. Thompson, J. R. Smith, J. Mills, W. Bell, J. J. Coverdale, George Dalrymple, Rowland Bagster, and C. W. Hodgson, all belonging to Chapter 119; also Comps. George F. Webster, J. Henderson, and W. Blaylock, hailing from Chapter 310. After the Provincial Grand Chapter had been opened in solemn form, the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. M.E. Comp. G. W. Kenworthy, P.Z. 119, P.G. Treas., Cumberland and Westmorland (Craft), was unanimously elected P.G. Treas.; Comp. Geo. Fitzgerald, 119, was also unanimously elected P.G. Janitor. The officers for the year were next invested as follows, half of them, by the way, by proxy:—

- M.E. Comp. J. Holme, P.Z. 129..... Prov. G.J.
- " G. J. McKay, J. 129 ... Prov. G.S.E.
- " D. Henry, Z. 114..... Prov. G.S.N.
- " H. Bewes, P.Z. 327..... Prov. G.P.S.
- " J. Bintley, P.Z. 129 ... Prov. G. 1st A.S.
- " J. B. Arnison, P.Z. 339 Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
- " G. W. Kenworthy, P.M.
- " 119 Prov. G. Treas.
- " Major Spencer, P.Z. 119 Prov. G. Reg.
- " J. A. Wheatley, H. 310 Prov. G. S. Br.
- " J. Gardiner, Z. 327..... Prov. G. Swd. Br.
- " E. Tyson, J. 119..... Prov. G.D.C.
- Comp. J. Cooper, Org. 119 ... Prov. G. Org.
- " J. Rothery, S.E. 119 } Prov. G. Stewards.
- " Nelson, 129 }
- " J. Cook, J. 310 }
- " G. Fitzgerald, 119 Prov. G. Janitor.

It should be observed that the M.E. Provincial Grand Superintendent first nominated M.E. Comp. Jesse Banning, for the post of P.G. Organist, who, however, withdrew, by reason of his non-residence in the province.

The bye-laws, for the government of the Provincial Grand Chapter, were next read and adopted, after two or three alterations in the copy.

This being the whole of the business, the M.E.P.G. Second Principal rose, and in feeling terms, referred to the absence of the M.E.Z. of Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter, Dr. Henry, from severe illness, and he moved a resolution of sympathy, which was cordially agreed to, and a copy ordered to be sent to Dr. Henry.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed. Subsequently the companions adjourned to the banqueting-hall, where dinner had been provided by Comp. Smith, of the Albion Hotel. Two or three hours were pleasantly spent, under the genial presidency of the M.E. Provincial Grand Superintendent.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

A Committee meeting and general meeting of this Association were held on Monday last, at 4 o'clock, at Freemasons' Tavern. Several brethren were elected new members, and many subscriptions paid. The meeting selected Frost and Giles, for the Boys', and Miss Williams as the candidates to be supported by the Association at the April election. Voting papers should be sent to the Secretaries, London Masonic Charity Association, 1, Cliffrids Inn, Fleet-street, E.C.

The installation of Col. Peard as Provincial Prior of Cornwall will take place at Truro next month.

It is stated to be the intention of the Marquis and Marchioness of Lorne to pay a visit to the Falls of Niagara shortly.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The chairs of President, and Senior and Junior Vice-President were occupied respectively by Bros. John M. Clabon, P.G.P.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; and James Brett, P.G.P. After eight o'clock Bro. Joshua Nunn took Bro. Clabon's place, and Bro. Griffiths Smith occupied the chair vacated by Bro. Nunn. The other brethren present were, Bros. Hy. Bartlett, W. H. Perryman, W. J. Murlis, S. Rawson, W. Mann, W. Maple, Thos. Cubitt, W. Christian, Charles Atkins, Griffiths Smith, George Britten, G. Bolton, G. Adamson, A. G. Creak, A. Barfield, Robt. Perkins, George Penn, Walter E. Gompertz, Allan C. Wylie, Wm. Tebbs, Alfred B. Baker, Wm. Stephens, Charles Dairey, William Payne, J. Shackell, George Read, Richard Case, E. Squinell, C. A. W. Davis, G. L. Moore, E. W. Gratham, D. Nicholson, W. Russell, C. J. Cooke, J. A. Hudson, E. W. White, E. Farwig, B. H. Swallow, A. Brookson, C. Jolly, G. W. Saul, D. M. Belfraye, G. R. Shervill, S. Rosenthal, L. Cornelissen, John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, Assistant G.S.; W. Dodd, C. B. Payne, G. T.; and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The brethren first confirmed those grants which required confirmation that were made at last meeting of the lodge, amounting to £360. There were thirty-six new cases on the list, out of which thirty-one were relieved with £970. The petitioner in one case had died the day before the meeting of the lodge. The other cases were adjourned for further particulars. The £970 granted was made up as follows:—To three cases £100 each (£300); one £50 (£50); five £40 (£200); three £30 (£90); two £25 (£50); nine £20 (£180); four £15 (£60); and four £10 (£40).

WYLIE'S HISTORY OF "MOTHER LODGE KILWINNING."

Bro. Hughan writes:—"I shall be glad to add my recommendation to that of the Editor of *The Freemason* as to the value of the History of 'Mother Lodge Kilwinning,' just published by our enterprising Bro. John Tweed, of Glasgow. Copies may be had of Bro. Geo. Kenning at 8s., post free, from London, Glasgow, Dublin, Liverpool, &c. The Prov. Grand Secretary of Ayrshire, R.W. Bro. Robert Wylie, P. Prov. G.M., is the author of the history in question, who being the Secretary of the mother lodge, and well versed in all that concerns its interests and that of the province, has had special opportunities to render his labours as a historian both accurate and most acceptable to the Craft. The notes on the Kilwinning Abbey are very interesting, but, of course, to us the part of consequence is that devoted to the records of 'ye olde lodge.' The derivation of Kilwinning, from Saint Winning's cell or kil, and the ecclesiastical sketch possess little value to us compared with the *verbatim et literatim* transcripts of the charters granted by the lodge, which, until now, have never been collected and printed in a form accessible to the Masonic student. These ancient documents and petitions from brethren for warrants, ranging from A.D. 1728 to 1755, and historically from 1677, are of great value, and furnish important dates of a peculiar character, of special use in a consideration of early Scottish Freemasonry. In fact, the appendix alone is an ample return to the subscriber for his outlay, and constitutes a feature in the work which will always command readers whilst our society is popular amongst antiquaries and students of our ancient records. There is quite a profusion of illustrations, several of which are most excellent, and the plates of Masons' marks from the minutes of 'Kilwinning' 1642-74 and 1674-1769, as also those from Kilwinning Abbey, should render the volume quite a boon to 'Mark Masons' everywhere. It is just possible that if outsiders had been consulted they would have desired less about laying foundation stones, and more excerpts from the ancient records, but on looking at the trifling sum asked for the book, and seeing the excellence of the typography, lithography, and illustrations, I can but wonder that so much has been furnished for the information of the Craft, and thank most warmly our good Bro. Wylie for his last 'labour' of love, as well as praise the printer and publisher, John Tweed, Glasgow, for doing his part so well. I wish the volume a speedy sale, and sometime I should still like to see a book mainly devoted to the minutes of old Mother 'Kilwinning Lodge.'"

THE PRINCESS ALICE AND THE FREEMASONS.

The Duke of Lancaster Lodge adopted the following address of condolence to Her Most Gracious Majesty on the death of the Princess Alice:—

"To the Queens Most Excellent Majesty,
"May it please your Majesty,
"We, the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and members of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 1353, in regular lodge assembled, beg permission to approach your Majesty with feelings of devotion, loyalty, and deep sympathy on the great loss which your Majesty has sustained on the melancholy occasion of the death of Her Royal Highness, the Grand Duchess of Hesse-Darmstadt, Princess Alice of Great Britain and Ireland.

"And we beg to convey the assurance of our warmest interest in whatever concerns your Majesty's domestic relations, and our ardent wishes for the happiness of your Majesty and of the Royal Family, and to express our fervent hope that your Majesty may long be spared to us and to the nation.

"With the most sincere and dutiful feeling of loyalty and devotion.

"We have the honour to be your Majesty's most devoted subjects,

- "R. WOLFENDEN, W.M.
- "J. ELENISHAW, S.W.
- "WM. PARKER, J.W.
- "JONATHAN ACTON, P.M.,
- "Hon. Sec.

"Lancaster,
"18th December, 1878."

THE REPLY.

"Osboone,
"December 24th, 1878.

"Sir,
"I am commanded by the Queen to assure you that Her Majesty feels very grateful for the loyal and touching expressions of condolence offered to her by the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and members of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

"I have the honour to be, Sirs,
"Your obedient servant,
"HENRY F. PONSONOVY.

"R. WOLFENDEN, Esq."

LODGE OF ISRAEL, 1474.

The following address to H.R.H. the Queen was unanimously carried at the last meeting of the Lodge of Israel:—

"To Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria.

"We, the Master, officers, and brethren of the Israel Lodge of Freemasons (1474), regularly assembled, humbly offer to your Most Gracious Majesty, our most sincere and heartfelt condolence on the severe loss you have suffered by the death of your beloved daughter Princess Alice, the Grand Duchess of Hesse. We, in common with the nation at large, feel by her removal that a true and faithful wife, a doting mother, a dutiful child, a fond sister, and a truly pious woman has been called away, whilst exercising those duties that should be the aim of every good and true woman to attain. We venture to hope that your Majesty will find a solace in the fact that your grief is shared by all your loyal subjects, but by none more sincerely than by the Masonic body of these realms."

GRAND MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

As we briefly announced last week, the thirtieth annual ball of the Masonic fraternity in and around Liverpool, in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, took place at the Town Hall, on the evening of the 14th inst., and again proved a most enjoyable festive gathering to all who were present. Reference has been made in the columns of the *Freemason* on more than one occasion to the principles and objects of this noble institution, which has for so many years been the just boast of Masonry in this division, but it will not be out of place to give some details regarding its present position and future prospects. During its 28 years' existence it has increased in popularity year by year, until it now occupies a position which is eminently satisfactory to those having the charge of its management, as it is highly creditable to its numerous friends and supporters. The invested capital, according to the last published report, amounted to £13,886, and there are now upwards of 100 children educated by means of the annual subscriptions of the brethren and the interest from this capital, without touching any portion of the invested money. The amounts paid for education and advancement in life of the children of distressed and deceased Masons in the year 1877 amounted to £580 17s. 3d., but as a great number of little ones have been admitted to the privileges of the scheme since that time, a greatly increased expenditure will necessarily be the result of last year's working. The great charm of the charity is its unsectarian character (thus resembling the Order which gave it being and active life), and another most remarkable feature of its working is the fact that the little ones who are thus educated and advanced in life know nothing about the source from whence the money comes which thus helps them. Mothers or guardians are allowed to select the schools to which the children are to be sent, and the Committee of the Institution, who carry out this part of the work in pure charity, make it their business to see that the education is of an effective kind. Trusting to the continued and even increased support of the brethren connected with the 80 lodges of the Province of West Lancashire, the Committee of the Institution (of which Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M., is president, and Bro. Colonel Stanley, M.P., D.P.G.M., one of the Vice-Presidents) have under consideration the broadening of the basis of the charity by clothing as well as educating the children who stand in need of this further help. Already the matter has been mooted, and from the enthusiasm shown in connection with the extended scheme there is little doubt that it will be crowned with success.

The Ball on this occasion was under the following distinguished patronage:—

LADY PATRONS.—The Mayoress of Liverpool, the Right Hon. the Countess Bective, the Hon. Lady Constance Stanley, the Rt. Hon. Lady Skelmersdale, and Lady Greenall.

PATRONS.—His Worship the Mayor of Liverpool (Mr. T. B. Royden); Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., R.W. Prov. G.M. West Lancashire; Major Starkie, P.G.W., R.W. Prov. G.M. East Lancashire, W.P. Prov. G.S.W. of West Lancashire; Rt. Hon. Lord De Tabley, R.W. Prov. G.M. Cheshire; Hon. Frederick A. Stanley, W.D. Prov. G.M. West Lancashire; Sir Gilbert Greenall, M.P., P.G.S.W., and W.P. Prov. G.S.W. of West Lancashire; Lieut.-Col. N. Bousfield, M.P.; Lieut.-Col. R. F. Steble, Capt. Garnett, W.P. Prov. G.S.W. West Lancashire; Sir

James Ramsden, W.P. Prov. G.S.W. West Lancashire; John Prescott, W.P. Prov. G.J.W. West Lancashire; the Rt. Hon. Earl Bective, R.W. Prov. G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland; Sir Watkin Wynn, Bart., M.P. R.W. Prov. G.M. Shropshire and North Wales; John Pearson, J.P.; E. Samuelson, P. Prov. G.S.D. Cheshire; W. J. A. Baldwin, Prov. G.S.W. West Lancashire; H. R. Robertson, Prov. G.J.W. West Lancashire; Sir A. B. Walker, W. Rathbone, M.P.; Rt. Hon. Viscount Sandon, M.P.; J. Torr, M.P.; and Col. Ireland Blackburne, M.P.

Additional interest was given to what invariably proves a pleasant and agreeable gathering to the brethren and ladies, as well as to the public generally, by the fact that it will probably be the last at the head quarters of the mayoralty, owing to the recent action of the council, in closing the Town Hall against the admission of the "vulgar crowd," and reserving it only for their own "sweet use."

Considering the bad times, the attendance was good, and the financial result will probably be such as to add to the funds of the noble institution. The arrangements were of the most complete and satisfactory character, thanks to the indefatigable efforts of the Committee, the principal members of which were Bros. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., (Chairman); J. M'Kune, P.M., 216 (Vice-Chairman); and R. Martin, jun., P.M., 1182 (Treasurer). The onerous duties of Ball Secretary were admirably filled by Bro. Thos. Salter, J.W. of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 216, to whose untiring efforts the success attending the ball for 1879 is greatly due. As usual, the duties of Master of Ceremonies were fulfilled with great tact and courtesy by Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823, who has for a great number of years given his assistance in this way. There were about 500 brethren and ladies present, and amongst the former were Bros. Councillors Peet, Sheen, and Lunt, T. McCracken, &c. The members of the various orders appeared in full dress Masonic clothing, with the jewels and insignia of their rank and office, and these added considerably to the fine effect of the gathering. Bro. John Houlding, P.M. 823, was the excellent captain of a band of Stewards, about fifty in number, to whose efforts the general comfort of the visitors was largely attributable.

The following were the Stewards on this occasion:—Bros. H. Ashmore, C. Courtenay, F. Smitton, J. B. Mac Kenzie, A. C. Wylie, A. Mattison, G. Hulse, J. R. Goepel, R. Webster, J. Keet, G. Peet, J. Hocken, W. T. Smith, T. Roberts, J. Penney, A. Woobuch, H. P. Squire, W. H. Watts, W. Newsome, J. L. Houghton, J. Whitfield, J. W. Burgess, J. H. Bradshaw, W. O. Jones, T. McCracken, S. Jacobs, D. Jackson, J. Hayes, J. Atkinson, T. Clark, W. H. Cooper, H. H. Smith, W. Savage, W. T. May, T. H. Sheen, G. Hutchen, R. Wilson, W. M. Chudley, W. J. Lunt.

The refreshment was done by Messrs. Fick and Fairhurst. The *chef d'orchestre* was Bro. G. A. Wielopolski Phillips.

ORDER OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A numerously attended meeting of the London section of this very old degree was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on Saturday, the 11th inst. Among those in attendance we noticed Bros. S. Rosenthal, 33°, W.M.; W. Roebuck, 30°, S.W.; S. C. Dibdin, J.W.; D. M. Dewar, 18°, Secretary; C. F. Matier, 32°, P.M.; F. Binckes, 30°, P.M.; G. Lambert, T. Keere, R. Roy. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of a number of brethren well-known in Masonic circles, and having been declared unanimous, the six who were in attendance were duly admitted members of the Order. They were Bros. R. L. Loveland, 18°, A. Williams, 18°, T. C. Walls, 18°, Thomas Poore, R. Beridge, and C. E. Sappet. The interesting and quaint ceremony was well performed, Bro. Matier's rendering of the historical lecture appertaining to the degree being exceedingly good. Upon the conclusion of the ceremony, a long discussion ensued, and several propositions were fully considered as to what steps should be adopted for the immediate formation in London of a governing body. Ultimately, upon the advice of Bros. Binckes, Matier, and Lambert, the whole matter was referred to a Committee, to fully consider and to report at the next meeting, to be convened on Saturday, April 19th. It was afterwards suggested by one of the newly admitted brethren that the Secretary should immediately place himself in communication with the numerous country lodges, in order that united action might be taken with the object of reviving this unquestionably old degree and establishing it upon a thoroughly sound and independent basis. This was approved. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast at the Albion Hotel, Theobald's-road, where the usual toasts were done full justice to. "The Health of the W.M., and Success to the Order of St. Lawrence," was proposed in very happy and exhaustive terms by Bro. Binckes, and duly responded to. "The Initiates," and "The Officers" followed, and those toasts having been warmly received and briefly acknowledged, the proceedings, which were throughout thoroughly enjoyable, terminated.

EBOR LODGE OF ST. LAWRENCE THE MARTYR.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at York on Wednesday, the 8th inst., Bro. T. B. Whytehead, R.W.M., presiding. Several candidates having been admitted to the degree, Bro. G. Simpson, S.W. and R.W.M. elect, was presented and questioned, and a Board of Installed Masters having been opened, he was duly enthroned in the chair, and the brethren being re-admitted, he was saluted in due form. Bro. Simpson then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. T. B. Whytehead, I.P.M. and D.C.; J. S. Cumberland, S.W.; T. Cooper, J.W.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, Chap;

A. T. B. Turner, Recorder and Treas.; T. Humphries, S.D.; W. Palry, J.D.; G. H. Simpson, Org.; W. P. Husband, Keeper of the G., and J. Ward, Tyler. The brethren afterwards met at supper and passed a social evening.

Obituary.

BRO. W. H. BARTLE.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. W. H. Bartle, the only son of Bro. H. Bartle, at the early age of twenty-six years. Bro. W. H. Bartle, who was a young man of great promise, was one of the first initiates in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642. His death took place on Monday last at his father's residence, 236, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill. His remains will be interred at Kensal Green Cemetery this (Saturday) afternoon, at half-past two o'clock. The friends of the family and brethren will meet at Lancaster-road, at half-past one, and other brethren at the cemetery by half-past two.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY PRECEPTORY.—

The installation meeting of this very old encampment of the Knights of the Temple was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at Freemason's Tavern, Great Queen-street. There were present amongst others Sir Knights J. Tanner, E.C.; C. Jacques, Prelate; W. Paas, P.E.C., Almoner; D. Dewar, P.E.C., Secretary; Morgan, 1st Captain; Driver, 2nd Captain; Neall, Expert; T. C. Walls, C. of the Lines; S. Rosenthal, P.E.C.; J. Hervey, P.E.C., and Rawles, Equerry. Sir Knight R. Stewart was a visitor. The minutes of the previous encampment having been read and confirmed, companion Saunders was duly admitted and installed as a Knight of the Order by Sir Knight Dewar, who most ably installed Sir Knight Morgan as E.C. for the year ensuing, both ceremonies being most ably performed. The officers appointed were Sir Knights Tanner, Prelate; Paas, Almoner; Dewar, Secretary; Driver, 1st Captain; Neall, 2nd Captain; Walls, Expert; Williams, C.L.; Rawles, Equerry. There being no other business before the preceptory, it was duly closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the banquet. The usual routine of toasts were duly proposed and honoured. Sir Knight Rosenthal responded on behalf of the Grand Officers. "The Health of the E.C." was warmly proposed by Sir Knight Tanner, most heartily received, and duly acknowledged. "The Newly-installed Knight" was given in a few chosen sentences by the E.C., and having been received with excellent "fire," Sir Knight Saunders briefly responded by expressing the great pleasure it had afforded him at being present that evening to receive the privileges of the Order, and at the same time he wished to convey to the Sir Knights the great impression the ceremony had made upon him, thanks to the very able way in which it had been performed. "The Visitor" was acknowledged by Sir Knight R. Stewart, and "The Officers," by Sir Knight Driver. The Equerry's toast at an early hour terminated the proceedings.

Masonic and General Tidings.

We are pleased to announce that Bro. Samuel Poynter will contribute the following papers to the March, April, and May, numbers of the "Masonic Magazine":—"A Native Nuisance," a sketch founded on fact; "Under the Garland;" "Tuf Smoked," a Masonic sketch.

CONSECRATION CEREMONY.—We think many of our readers will be interested to learn that the above ceremony, followed by the "installation," will be worked at the Upper Norwood Lodge of Instruction No. 1586, White Hart Hotel, on Monday evening the 3rd February, at 7.30. precisely, by Bro. Frances, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Hon. Preceptor to the lodge. The musical arrangements necessary for the proper working of the ceremony have been placed in the hands of some competent brethren. Bro. Frances is so well known for his masterly rendering of all the Masonic ceremonies that we confidently recommend this as a really good opportunity of hearing the impressive ceremony of "consecration." Full Masonic clothing.

The name of the Lord Mayor of the City of London (Bro. Sir C. Whetham) has, on the recommendation of the Lord Lieutenant (Lord Shaftesbury) been placed by the Lord Chancellor on the Commission of the Peace for the County of Dorset.

We are asked to state that the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1558, meets every Wednesday evening at eight o'clock, at the Fauce Arms, Fauce-street, South-place, Kennington Park. Bro. James Dann, P.M. 72 and 1558, is the Preceptor.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Southwark Lodge of Instruction, No. 879, on Wednesday next, the 29th inst., at the Southwark Park Tavern, Bermondsey, by Bro. William Beavis, assisted by several other brethren.

The installation meeting of St. James's Lodge takes place this (Saturday) afternoon at the George Inn, Enfield Town. Bro. Thomas J. Cusworth is the W.M. elect. A report of the proceedings will be given in our next.

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.

A meeting, which was strongly attended, of the brethren of the Province of Devon, was held on Tuesday last, in the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, for the purpose of considering the propriety of establishing a fund for clothing, educating and advancing in life of the children of distressed or deceased brethren of the province. Bro. L. P. Metham, Dep. P.G.M., presided. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., presided on Monday week at a congregational meeting in connection with St. Paul's Church, Upper Holloway.

The Earl and Countess of Carnarvon, whose nuptials took place on the 26th of last month, at Grey-stoke, Cumberland, returned to his lordship's Hampshire seat, Highclere Castle, near Newbury, on Friday week, after spending their honeymoon at Pixton Park, Somersetshire. The reception given them was a magnificent one.

Prince Louis Napoleon, accompanied by the Duke de Messina, are on a visit to Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., R.W.P.G.M. Kent, at Linton Park, near Maidstone.

Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Princess Beatrice are expected to return to Windsor, from the Isle of Wight, on or about the 14th of February.

It is expected (so says the *Whitehall Review*) that on the resignation of the Marquis of Hertford, he will be succeeded as Lord Chamberlain by Lord Skelmersdale, who will be created a Viscount.

We have received a copy of 'The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket-book for 1879.' To Freemasons this portable little volume is indispensable. It is neatly bound, and gives, in a very concise form, an amount of valuable Masonic information and statistics not procurable elsewhere. The object of the 'Calendar' is to give Freemasons a synopsis of all that relates to home and foreign Masonic bodies, and in this, the publisher (George Kenning, *Freemason Office*, 198, Fleet-street) has eminently succeeded. But even those who cannot lay claim to initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry will acquire much useful knowledge in respect of this ever-increasing and important brotherhood from a perusal of its pages.—*Mayfair*, Jan. 21st.

"The Norwich Argus" states that a handsome antique silver salver was presented by the Union Lodge of Freemasons, No. 52, to Bro. Gardiner Stevens, at the recent banquet on the installation of Bro. C. Cubitt, W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Stevens has been Secretary and Treasurer of the lodge more than twenty years, and the opportunity was taken to make the presentation to him as a slight recognition of his valuable services. The presentation was made by the retiring W.M. Col. Bailleau, who in a very complimentary address expressed the great esteem in which Bro. Stevens was held by the lodge. The salver weighs 52 ozs., and was subscribed for by 52 members, the figures thus curiously corresponding with the number of the lodge. With the salver was a vellum scroll, beautifully illuminated, upon which the jewels of the offices held by Bro. Stevens, and the names of the subscribers were embossed.

The annual Masonic Ball given by the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, will be held at the Grand Hall of Gymnasium, Paddington Baths, Queen's-road, Bayswater (close to the Queen's-road and Royal Oak Railway Stations), on Friday, 21st February, under the management of Bros. S. H. Parkhouse, W.M.; W. Gordon, M.P., P.J.W.; Charles Locock Webb, Q.C., P.G.D., and a long list of Stewards. The whole of the proceeds will be devoted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Tickets can be obtained of any of the Stewards, of Bro. G. Penn, P.M., Treasurer, and Bro. W. J. Murlis, Hon. Sec., 154, Lancaster-road, W. Bros. Coote and Tinney's band is engaged for the ball.

At the annual meeting of the Duke of Leinster Lodge, 363, I.C., held at the Alfred Masonic Hall, Weymouth-street, Adelaide, on Tuesday, November 10th, the following were the officers elected for the ensuing year:—Bros. A. F. W. Klaner, W.M.; J. Butterworth, S.W.; T. S. Lang, J.W.; H. Dehlmann, S.D.; W. Foxwood, J.D.; W. Bickford, I.G.; A. Tucker, Tyler; R. J. Pinler, Sec.; W. Stratton, Organist; A. O. Hatch, Steward.

We understand that Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir J. McGarel-Hogg, M.P., Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works, is to be raised to the peerage.

The Annual Ball in aid of the Builders' Benevolent Institution will be held at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's, on Thursday next, January 30th.

The annual ball in aid of the funds of the Licensed Victuallers' Schools, will take place at St. James's Hall on Thursday next.

VEGETABLES ALL THE YEAR ROUND.—It should be the aim of everyone to grow their own vegetables. It is true economy besides being a pleasure. To do so is very simple and the greatest novice may soon be a good gardener, by purchasing "Sutton's Amateurs' Guide in Horticulture," the most practical work on gardening yet published. It should be read by everyone who has a garden, and may be had post free from Messrs. Sutton and Sons, the Queen's Seedsman, Reading, for 15 stamps or for 1s. at all Railway Bookstalls.

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Notes on Art.

ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH CENSUS OF 1870 the foreigners resident in France numbered 801,700, of whom 30,000 were English. It is curious to note the occupations of the French people, of whom 18,968,000, or 53 per cent., are engaged in agriculture, 9,274,000, or 26 per cent. in manufacturing and similar industries, 3,837,000 or 14 per cent., in trade, and 1,231,000, or 4 per cent., in liberal professions. Of the agricultural population, 10,620,000, cultivated their own property, 5,708,000, were farmers, and 2,639,000 labourers and gardeners.

DIAMOND LACE has been the most fashionable New Year's gift among Transatlantic millionaires this season. The lace is an imitation of old point, made in the finest filigree silver, with diamonds set in the pattern, and costs £1,000 per yard. A set of lace consists of three pieces, about 4in. long. Diamonds just now, however, are not as fashionable as usual in America, as they have declined in price, and pearls have taken their place.

Intelligence has been received that Professor Nordenskjöld's steamer "Vega," engaged in Arctic exploration, is ice-bound on the Siberian coast.

The writer of "New Solutions of Homeric Problems," in *The Month*, contends, in a carefully written paper on the Structure of the Iliad, against the views of Grote and Professor Geddes, and pleads that—"The man who could compose the Iliad must have been very much more than a mere adapter of old materials—must have been, in fact, very much what the popular conception supposes Homer to have been."

The Paris stage during the past year is stated by a French critic to have been particularly unproductive in the way of novelties. Managers depended mainly on the revival of old successes during the Exhibition, and only eighty-three new pieces were brought out at the twenty-two principal Paris theatres during 1878. The Gymnase heads the list with nine new productions, the Opera and the Théâtre Français only brought out two novelties apiece, the Opera Comique five, the lively little Palais Royal and the Odéon each produced eight, the Variétés and the Vaudeville respectively four and three, and the Gaité only one new work. The theatres are making up for lost time this year, however. M. Lecocq's latest production, "Le Grand Casimir," is to be played this week at the Variétés, and the same composer has another piece ready for the Renaissance, "La Petite Mademoiselle." While MM. Erckmann-Chatrin will produce a drama at the Gaité this spring.—*La Guerre*.

THE PARIS LUXEMBOURG has been closed for several weeks for the annual alteration of the pictures. Even paintings—including Rosa Bonheur's "Haymaking"—have been taken down and added to the reserve collection of the Louvre, their place being filled by a similar number of works bought by the Government at recent Salons. Six fresh pieces of statuary have been added to the Sculpture Room—M. Aimé Millet's "Cassandra" being amongst the additions.

There has been an eruption of mud at Salinella, at the foot of Mount Etna, which is regarded as an epilogue to numerous shocks of earthquake recently felt in Catania. Several craters were formed, which discharged torrents of thick and heated mud propelled by gases formed of carbonic acid, hydrogen, carbon, carburetted hydrogen, and sulphuric acid. Particles of hydro-carburets, constituting a kind of petroleum, were also observed. A smoking lake of increasing dimensions has also been formed.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, January 31, 1879.

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, day, or months of meetings.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25.

Board of Stewards R.M.B.L., at 4.
Audit Com., Boys' School.
Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton ct.
" 1297, West Kent, Forest Hill Hot.,
" 1672, Henry Muggieridge, Prince George, Park-rd. E.
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
Chap. 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H. Camberwell.
Red Cross Con. 6, Roman Eagle, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27.

Lodge 4, R. Somerset Ho. and Inverness, F.M.H.
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn-Gate.
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq. W.
" 1632, Stuart, Surrey M.H. Camberwell.
" 1745, Farringdon Without, Viaduct Hot., Holborn.
Chap. 21, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
Mark Lodge 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hot.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Wellington, White Lion Hot., High-st., Deptford.

St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
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.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
" 92, Moira, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 141, Faith, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hot.
" 186, Industry, M.H., Basinghall-st.
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
" 1744, Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden.
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1339, Stockwell, Crystal Palace.
Rose Croix Chapter, Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
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, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29.

Lodge 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1768, Progress, F.M.H.
Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
Duke of Connaught, Fauces Arms, Fauces-pl, Kennington at 8.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 30.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 1524, Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., E.
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.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
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.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31.

K.T. 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
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, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.

Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 1, 1879.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY JANUARY, 28.

Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29.

Lodge 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hot., Chorley.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30.

Lodge 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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