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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This old lodge held its first regular meeting since the vacation at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 30th ult. There were present Bros. Charles Dairy, W.M.; Rumball, S.W.; Morrison, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; E. Mallett, I.P.M.; Heaphy, S.D.; Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., J.D. (*Freemason*); Clark, I.G.; Titley, W.S.; Abrahams, D.C.; Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Green, P.M.; Cobham, P.M. The visitors were Bros. Millar, Robert Burns; H. Smith, Lodge of Israel; J. Andrews, Royal Union; A. Coleman, P.M. 1306; W. Bate, 1306; T. Murrey, 1475. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. Hart and initiated Messrs. Harrison and Burchon, both ceremonies being well performed. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler resulted unanimously in favour of Bros. Rumball, Carter, and Longstaffe. The election of trustees of the Benevolent Fund then took place, and Bros. Hopwood, Green, and Rumball were duly and unanimously elected. The resignation of Bro. Taylor, P.M., was received, and accepted with regret. Bros. Walls, Holland, Holmes, Catmur, Whithy, and Clark were elected unanimously upon the Committee of the Benevolent Fund. The Audit Committee were appointed to examine the accounts on the 14th inst. Previously to the lodge being closed, upon the motion of the I.P.M., a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. Bro. Dairy having returned thanks for the honour awarded him, then presented the lodge with a shield, emblazoned with the arms of the lodge, for affixing to the Master's chair. This gift having been accepted with acclamation, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. Clemow in the new, commodious, and thoroughly ventilated hall attached to his establishment, and which building might favourably challenge comparison with any similar place of Masonic rendezvous in London. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave with commendable brevity the preliminary toasts. In giving "The W.M.," the I.P.M. congratulated Bro. Dairy upon the great success that had attended his year of office. He had been exceedingly fortunate in respect to the number and quality of the candidates that had entered the portals of the old Faith Lodge. The proceedings also had been throughout exceedingly harmonious, and on his retirement he (the W.M.) would carry with him the good wishes of every individual member. (Hear, hear.) The Worshipful Master having briefly replied, then proposed "The Initiates," in which he expressed a hope that they would never regret the step that they had taken that day in enrolling themselves members of the ancient Craft. He trusted they would endeavour to carry out in their every-day life the principles that they had heard elimated that evening in the lodge. The W.M. then concluded by briefly touching upon several other matters in connection with the Order. The initiates having returned thanks, the toast of "The Visitors" immediately followed, and was acknowledged in fitting terms by Bro. Coleman, P.M., and others. On introducing the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. said that as the hour was late he should connect that toast with "The Officers." The Past Masters of the Lodge of Faith were not only a large but a most influential body. Many of them had distinguished themselves in other lodges, and in other grades of Masonry. He was particularly pleased that one of their eldest members, Bro. Carter, should have been unanimously re-elected for the nineteenth time their Treasurer. (Hear.) Another old Past Master had rendered himself exceedingly valuable to him, the W.M., during his year of office, namely, Bro. Stuart, their Secretary, and he took that opportunity of expressing his thanks to him. With respect to the other officers he had also to thank them as a body for their attendance and assistance. In concluding his remarks he congratulated the lodge upon their unanimously electing the Senior Warden as W.M. for the ensuing year. No brother in the lodge was more capable of carrying out the duties of the chair than

Bro. Rumball, and he hoped that his health would permit him to attend to the responsibilities of his position without inconvenience or harm. This toast having been warmly received, Bros. Hopwood, P.M., Clark, Titley, and others responded. The Tyler's toast then terminated the proceedings.

JOPPA LODGE (No. 188).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. The minutes of the last regular lodge, as well as an emergency meeting, were read and confirmed; the W.M., Bro. M. Spiegel, in the chair; Bros. Henry Hymans, S.W.; R. Baker, as J.W. (in the absence of Bro. Campion, who sent a telegram to the W.M. expressing his inability to attend, having that day met with an accident); Lewis Alexander, sen., P.M., as I.P.M.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P., Secretary; H. Levy, P.M.; Maurice Alexander, P.M.; S. L. Hickman, P.M.; A. G. Dodson, Lewis Lazarus, P.M., and a large number of members of the lodge. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Constantine Burk, Prov. G.M. of Jamaica, &c., &c.; T. Poore, P.M. 720; W. Klingenstein, J. Grunebaun, P.M. 1017; J. Lazarus, W.M. 1017, and others. The candidate whose name appeared on the summons for initiation was not in attendance, the business therefore consisted of an election for Treasurer, the result of which was almost unanimous in favour of Bro. J. S. Lyons. Two distressed brethren appealed to the lodge for assistance—in each case a small sum was awarded. The lodge was closed shortly after seven o'clock. The brethren then retired to partake of a sumptuous banquet, worthy of the Albion Tavern, under the superintendence of Bro. Jennings. The W.M. having proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. E. P. Albert, P.G.P., responded for "The Grand Officers." The W.M. then proposed "The Joppa Benevolent Fund," which he made the special toast of the evening, and coupled with it the name of Bro. Lewis Alexander, sen., P.M., and President of the fund. Bro. L. Alexander replied to the toast in suitable terms, in the course of which he informed the brethren that although frequent and heavy claims had been made on the fund during the last eighteen months, he was glad to say there was a balance of nearly £1100 to the credit of the fund. The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was well received by the brethren. The W.M. briefly replied, and then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which was received most heartily by the brethren, and responded to by Bros. Burk and Poore, the former of whom expatiated on the vast amount of good Freemasonry had effected in the colonies, which had come to his knowledge. Bro. T. Poore, in the course of his reply, said that he felt great pleasure in stating that he had derived all the knowledge he possessed of Masonic ritual from Bro. L. Alexander, P.M., and complimented the lodge on having a member so well versed in the lore of the Craft, &c. Bro. Alexander, sen., P.M., returned thanks for "The Past Masters," and in the course of the reply advised some of the younger brethren not to lose sight of the honour and dignity of the lodge while they were enjoying themselves at the festive board. The vocal entertainment (which was provided by the W.M.) was thoroughly enjoyed by the brethren, and the meeting terminated pleasantly.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The installation and sixth anniversary meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday afternoon, the 11th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. James Freeman, W.M., presided, and all the other officers were in their places. Amongst the members present were the Past Masters, Bros. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain and Chaplain of the lodge; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; H. Thompson, P.M. 177 and 1158 (*Freemason*); E. Moody, Sec.; N. B. Headon, P.M. and Treas.; and the following visitors:—Bros. Bissett, 405, S.C.; J. Goulden, 854; C. A. Frost, 1728, Temple Bar; T. Güttens, 1056; W. Earl, 1695; T. Poore, P.M. 720; G. H. Thomas, W.M. 1632; G. W. Saul, W.M. 1201; Percival, W.M. 1647; E. J. Renaud, 1607; J. Painter, P.M. 749; F. Greenall, 275; T. Eastgate, 1563; H. T. Tiddeman, 813; G. Block, 859; Wethult, 1601; W. Partridge, 1445; A. Jamieson, 1279; W. W. Morgan, 1385; T. Lawrence, 1804; and R. H. Pearson, 1196. The lodge having been opened by the W. Master, and the minutes read and confirmed, the chair was taken by Bro. N. B. Headon, P.M., and the lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Blackie, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to receive the benefit of installation. The usual forms having been gone through, and the brethren below the chair retired, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Blackie was installed as Master of the lodge. He appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Catchpole, S.W.; Hamer, J.W.; Simpson, Chaplain; Headon, Treas.; Moody, Sec.; Taylor, S.D.; Kittle, J.D.; Keeble, I.G.; Bater, D.C.; Jenkins, Org.; Fendick, Steward; Potter, Asst. Steward; Steelman, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Headon then resumed the ceremony, and gave the usual addresses in a most careful and correct manner, which elicited unanimous approval from the large body of Masons assembled. Some notices of motion having been given, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall, in which the customary banquet was to take place. The W. Master presided, supported by the Grand Officers and visitors, and both the fare and the attendance were unexceptionable, and reflected the highest credit upon Bro. Rand, the manager of the establishment. At the conclusion of the repast "Non nobis Domine" was sung by Bros. Frost, Hanson, and Kempston. On the removal of the cloth, the W. Master said the first toast of the evening was one that was usual in all gatherings of Englishmen, as it was the health of the Queen, and Freemasons always did honour to that toast. He proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was drunk, and followed by the National Anthem. The Wor-

shipful Master then said: Brethren, the next toast I have the honour to propose is "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." I think we have much to congratulate ourselves on the fact that so high a person as the Heir Apparent to the throne is our Grand Master, and I am assured that he feels the deepest interest in Freemasonry, and takes great care of our affairs. It is well for Freemasonry that that high position is filled by the Prince of Wales, who at all times takes deep interest in the affairs of the Craft. With these few observations I give you "The Health of the Prince of Wales, our Grand Master." The toast was enthusiastically responded to. The Worshipful Master said the next toast he had the honour to propose was rather a comprehensive one, and he feared that it was so comprehensive that he should be unable to do justice to it. It was "The Right Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present." In the Right Worshipful Pro Grand Master there was little doubt that they had a good working brother, and one who was able to undertake all the duties of the Grand Master in his absence. All who had had an opportunity of attending the Grand Lodge knew well how very pleasantly he went into all matters brought forward, and how ably his duties were discharged. As regarded Lord Skelmersdale they might say "ditto," and the Craft had just reason to be proud of him. As to the rest of the Grand Officers they were too numerous to go through then, but they had two present with them that evening, Bros. Simpson and Fenn, but he should associate this toast with the name of Bro. Fenn, P.G.D. The toast was enthusiastically received. Bro. Fenn, P.G.D., said: Worshipful Master, I beg to thank you on the part of the Grand Officers for the compliment you have not only paid them, but to me in coupling my name with the toast, a compliment which properly belongs to Bro. Simpson, who takes precedence of me in Grand Lodge. I may say that I have been a Grand Officer for fifteen years, and with the arduous duties which devolve upon me I have endeavoured to execute what I have undertaken to the best of my ability, with willingness and cheerfulness. It is with great regret that I miss from my side one of the Grand Officers, and one who has rendered more service to the Craft than any other Grand Officer living, and I must say that before this I have never been present at this lodge without having Bro. Hervey at my side. I have been associated with him for many years, and long before he ever became a Grand Officer, but I fear that I shall never again see him occupying that active position in Freemasonry so characteristic of him. I hope, however, with returning strength and careful treatment we may occasionally see him amongst us. Brethren, in allusion to the services that the Grand Officers are always willing to perform, I cannot help, in mentioning the name of Bro. Hervey, remarking that he has belonged to the Lodge of Emulation for thirty-three years as its Treasurer, and has been a most active working Mason. He is one of the links between the past and the present, for the Lodge of Emulation depends upon tradition for the excellence of its working, and there were but three who had derived their teaching in a direct line from Bro. Peter Gilkes, revised by Bro. Williams, and happy am I to say that a link is not wanting to keep up the Emulation ancient system of working. While I am alluding to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, I may say that I feel so much interest in its working that I am present there about forty nights out of the fifty-two weeks of the year, and our simple duty is to preserve in its integrity the system as handed down to us by Peter Gilkes and Stephen Barton Wilson, there being only two links between them and the Lodge of Reconciliation, by whom it was concocted. We wish to preserve what has thus been handed to us without alteration, and while we do not attempt to alter some slight anachronisms, we have endeavoured to hand down the pure system of working, and I would strongly recommend you all to follow the same course. I trust that you will not allow any pretended reform or correction to be made in the ancient working of Freemasonry, for it is my firm belief that if you attempt to reform or correct the ritual of Freemasonry it will be very difficult to find out where to begin, but you will never be able to find out where you should leave off. In the name of the Grand Officers I thank you for the honour conferred upon them. There were calls for Bro. Simpson, who said he had no wish to make a speech upon the speech which Bro. Fenn had just delivered, as he had great pleasure in giving way to him, although nominally he stood before him in the Grand Lodge. He had given them a few practical remarks, and the subject of them he had most admirably dilated upon. He hoped that they would give him (Bro. Simpson) absolution for coming so late to the lodge, as he thought the installation would not begin until five o'clock. He had previously a little duty to perform, and he thought he should have arrived in time, but he was glad to have had the opportunity of making this apology and to wish success to the Great City Lodge, and also to the W.M. in the chair. Bro. Freeman, I.P.M., rose, and said that the toast he had to propose was one that gave him great pleasure, as it was "The Health of the W. Master." He was sure that there was not a member of the lodge but was highly pleased to see Bro. Blackie installed as the W. Master. He had been connected with the lodge since its foundation, and had gone through all the offices, and no man had done the working of them with more credit to himself than Bro. Blackie. He was about to say that no man ever did the work better in this lodge or any other. However they might have the work done by other Masters, he felt satisfied that they would see it well done by their W. Master. During his year he (Bro. Freeman) was certain that they would give him all the duty and order he required at their hands, both in the lodge and at the banquet table, and when the time came when he should sit in the place that he (Bro. Free-

man) occupied they would be able to confirm what he then expressed. Praises were fulsome, but they might safely trust Bro. Blackie for the way in which he would conduct himself in the Great City Lodge. In conclusion he proposed "The Health of the W. Master." The W. Master said he begged sincerely to thank Bro. Freeman for the very kind way in which he had proposed the toast of his health, and the brethren for their unanimous reception of it. He had been connected with the lodge from its consecration, and from the time he received the first collar he was determined to perform the duties of the office to perfection if he should be able to do so. He had gone through the various offices from the bottom to the top, and he believed that he had done so to the satisfaction of the different Masters who had come to the chair, and now by electing him to the chair they had passed the highest honours upon him, and in return for that compliment he would perform the duties to the best of his ability, and he hoped to be able, if not to excel, at any rate to work up to as high a standard as had been arrived at by those who had gone before. The W. Master said the next toast was one that he had peculiar pleasure in proposing, which was that of "The Visitors," and he on the part of the Great City Lodge gave them a hearty welcome. In response to this toast the visitors severally returned thanks. The W. Master, in giving the next toast, "The Immediate Past Master, the Installing Master, and the Past Masters," said he should skip over the first part of the toast, and for the instant thank Bro. Headon for the very creditable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of placing him in the chair, and in no lodge had he seen the installation ceremony performed in so careful a manner as on this occasion. Bro. Headon had got the task thoroughly at heart, and he had never heard it done better by him except when he installed his successor. As to Bro. Freeman, in recognition of his services, the brethren had agreed to present him with a Past Master's jewel, and he was very happy in being the medium of making that presentation. He had great pleasure in presenting it to him, and long might he be spared to wear it, as it could not fail of being a reminder of the many happy hours he had spent in the Great City Lodge. Bro. Freeman, I.P.M., said he thanked the W. Master for the very flattering manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for drinking it. He thanked the brethren for the confidence they had reposed in him during his year of office, and that night they had rewarded him by presenting him with a magnificent jewel. He had some work to do every night in the lodge. The lodge was in a prosperous state, and he hoped that it would continue to be so. They were all aware that he had taken unto himself a wife, and they would all be pleased to know that up to the present time he felt that he had not done a wrong thing (laughter), and what he wished to speak of was, to acknowledge their kindness, for on coming back from a tour at his house he was pleased to find a handsome tea and coffee service, and he thanked them sincerely for so useful and valuable a gift from the lodge, which he should highly appreciate, and when he went hence it would be transmitted to others who might follow him, and he also thanked them for the splendid jewel with which they had presented him that night, which he looked upon as a great honour conferred upon him. He hoped long to be with them, and when the W.M. left the chair he trusted that he would receive the same honours as had been awarded to him. Before he sat down he hoped to be allowed to thank Bro. Headon for the very able manner in which he had filled the office of Installing Master. Bros. Headon, P.M. and Treasurer, Stevens, and Stanway also returned thanks. The W.M. next proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," and said those two offices could not be filled with better brethren. Their Treasurer had already received the congratulations of all upon the manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, and their brother Secretary was simply a wonder, as the office of Secretary of that lodge was no light duty, for the manner in which the accounts were kept would do credit to any mercantile establishment. He hoped the Secretary would long continue in that position, and therefore he asked the brethren to drink with cordiality the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Headon said he had already inflicted upon them a speech in response to the toast of the Installing Master, and he was now asked to respond as Treasurer, and he thanked them very cordially for recognising him as Treasurer, an office he had held for about four years, and he said he had done the best with the money entrusted to him. He certainly received the money, but as certainly they soon spent it, and in conclusion he thanked them for the confidence reposed in him. Bro. Moody, the Secretary, also responded, and the proceedings were brought to a close at an early hour. The musical performances were by Bros. W. Frost, 1726; Hanson, 1706; Kempton, 1706; and H. J. Bertram, 1426. Instrumentalists, Mr. T. Harper, trumpet, and Bro. H. Frost, 1426, pianoforte.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1558).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 9th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. Bros. Walter Mitchell, W.M.; Runacres, S.W. (W. Master elect); Chalk, J.W.; Boyton, S.D.; Power, J.D.; Dann, Sec. There were present Past Masters Bros. Cackett and Sleaf, and the following visitors: Bros. H. A. Robinson, Prosperity; Smith, 1158; Yeman, 167; Macan, 26; Hilton, 1475; J. Dixon, P.M. 1728; Malthouse, 1623; Sandell, 907; Renault, 1623; Bolt, 1839; Bath, 788; E. Dodson, P.M. 72; Graham, 1543; and H. Thompson, 1426, and P.M. 178 and 1158 (*Freemason*). The lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Dann, the Secretary, read the minutes of the last lodge, which were acknowledged to be correctly recorded, and were put and confirmed. The re-

port of the Auditors was then presented and agreed to. The lodge was then raised to the Second Degree, when Bro. G. H. Trenaman was questioned as to his progress in the science, and being considered satisfactory, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and P.M. Bro. Sleaf took the chair, and on re-admission Bro. Trenaman was impressively raised to the Third Degree, the W.M. pro tem. giving the traditional history of the Degree, and an explanation of the Tracing Board. The lodge was then lowered to the Second Degree, when Bro. Dann, P.M. and Sec., presented Bro. Runacres, W.M. elect, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The usual forms having been gone through, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Runacres was duly installed into the chair of K.S., and received the congratulations and customary salutes. He appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Chalk, S.W.; Boyton, J.W.; Dann, P.M., Secretary; Corfe, Treasurer; Power, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; Sims, I.G.; Harris, D.C.; Emms, W.S.; J. R. Smith, A.W.S.; Wilkins, Organist; and H. Thomas, Tyler. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren were emphatically delivered by Bro. Sleaf, the Installing Master. The new W. Master said his first duty was a very pleasing one, as it was to present his predecessor and Immediate Past Master with a jewel, which had been voted to him by his brethren in acknowledgment of his valuable services during the year he had presided over them as W. Master of the lodge, and in attaching it to his breast he hoped he might long live to wear it, and afterwards that it might be preserved as a heirloom in his family, and be passed down from generation to generation. (The jewel is one of singular beauty, consisting of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught's Arms, with the quarterings most exquisitely defined, and the Pythagorean problem, the name and number of the lodge, and the word "Founder," Bro. Mitchell being one of its first members. On the reverse "Presented to Bro. Walter Mitchell, by the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1558, on his retiring from the Master's chair, October, 1879.") Bro. Mitchell, P.M., said he thought he should best consult the wishes of the brethren by deferring any observations he had to offer until a later period in the evening. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to the banquetting room, where a splendid repast was provided. At its conclusion the W. Master gave in rotation the usual loyal toasts, which were all cordially responded to. Afterwards Bro. Mitchell, I.P.M., said he had for a short time been entrusted with the W. Master's emblem of power, and the brethren were well aware of the purpose to which he should apply it, and that was, with great pleasure to propose "The Health of Bro. Anthony Runacres," their W.M. It was, as he said, with great pleasure that he proposed the health of so worthy a man as their incoming Master, Bro. Runacres, for he was sure that he would prove as good a Master as ever sat in the chair, and perhaps better. He knew his good qualities during the time that he had worked under him, and, therefore, he needed no recommendation on his part. To his knowledge Bro. Runacres was constant in his attendance during every year he had been a member of the lodge; he had the welfare of the lodge at his fingers' ends, and he was sure that he would do all in his power to promote the interests of its members. Words failed him to say what he should wish to say on behalf of the W.M., but had he not possessed their good opinion they would never have elected him to fill the chair, and he could only say that if Bro. Runacres only carried out in Masonry the good qualities that distinguished him in private life the brethren would have no reason to regret the choice they had made, believing that no more happy selection could have been made. (Cheers.) The W. Master said: Brethren, I am sure that the very flattering speech which Bro. Mitchell has just addressed to you has taken me so much aback that I know not what to say to you. This, however, I will say, that you may take it for granted that I will do all in my power to make the Duke of Connaught Lodge one of the finest lodges in London. We now number forty-four members, and that is almost as many as we require, but our wish is that we shall only admit those who will prove a credit to us, and such as we may feel a pleasure in sitting beside. I thank you sincerely for the honour you have conferred upon me. The W. Master then proposed "The Past Masters of the Duke of Connaught Lodge." Bro. Mitchell, I.P.M., in returning thanks, acknowledged the honour conferred upon him, and for their confidence reposed in him for his humble endeavours during his year of office, when he had done everything in his power to the utmost limit of his capacity and capability. Bros. Sleaf and Cackett also returned thanks. The W.M. next gave "The Health of Bro. Sleaf, the Installing Master," who said he felt extremely proud in being again called upon to respond to the toast. If he had given them satisfaction he was proud at what he had done that evening, and he thanked them from the bottom of his heart for the kind and cordial manner in which they had drunk his health. "The Health of the Visitors" was next given, for which the brethren severally returned thanks. Some other toasts were given, and a very happy meeting was brought to a close. It ought not to be omitted to be stated that Bro. Chalk sang some choice ballads during the evening, for which he was most deservedly applauded.

ECCLESTON LODGE (No. 1624).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday last the 15th inst., at the Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-square, Pimlico. Bro. J. C. Flattely, W.M., presided. The other brethren present included Bros. Daniel McLeod, I.P.M.; Wm. Vincent, S.W., W.M. elect; Samuel Jones, J.W.; Isaac Isaacs, Treas.; Alfred H. Beckham, Sec.; J. Galt Fisher, S.D.; E. Powell, J.D.; W. E. Moorman, Org.; C. Taylor, I.G.; H. J. Johnson, S. W. Creation Lodge, No. 1791, D. of C.; Charles Thomas, Tyler; J. Tapp, Asst. Tyler; C. T. Naylor, P.G.D. of C. Jersey; C. J. Hood, E. Pactel, J. Playford, E. Potter, H. Scott, R. Bottle, L. Ber-

trand, F. Bond, John W. Ray, E. King, A. D. Renshaw, W. Carter, E. W. Fisher, E. Peacock, N. J. Crow, Thos. Coulthard, R. Cullingford, James Morgan, G. Breckles, R. C. Fry, E. Horn, J. Chitty, R. H. Burnham, C. Watkins, F. Sloman, W. J. Beazley, F. Arnold, J. R. Jones, B. Newnham, J. Webb, A. A. Johnson, W. Ballard, J. Ashbourne, J. L. Coulton, and the following strong array of visitors:—Bros. A. Barfield, W.M. 35; Thos. Simpson, W.M. 1178; J. Ion Cattle, W.M. 1257; F. J. Wray, W.M. 1604; J. H. Boyd, P.M. 137; C. Pulman, P.M. 720; R. A. Steel, P.M. 1194; J. Wyer, P.M. 1314; James Stevens, P.M. 1426; T. C. Pratt, S.W. 957; Thos. Cross, J.W. 1194; W. Carrington, I.G. 1791; J. Easton, John Williams, J. C. Bond, jun., W. Honeyball, S. Nash, J. Penn, J. Snook, G. Hamilton, G. R. Egerton, J. Healey, G. H. Atkinson, J. H. Hawkins, T. F. Davis, J. C. Hall, Wm. Dyke, S. Cooper, W. H. Lucas, Chas. Armfield, C. T. Green, G. E. Saunders, and F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened in the First Degree, when the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. These were confirmed, as also was the Auditor's report. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Scott was passed to the Fellow Craft by the W.M., Bro. F. C. Flattely. The next business was that of installing Bro. Wm. Vincent, S.W., W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S. After the customary ceremonies all the brethren below the chair retired, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. F. C. Flattely, in a most impressive manner, ably installed his successor into the chair. The brethren being re-admitted, the new W.M. was saluted in the Three Degrees, after which Bro. Vincent appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. C. Flattely, I.P.M.; S. Jones, S.W.; John Galt Fisher, J.W.; Isaac Isaacs, Treas.; A. H. Beckham, Sec.; E. Powell, S.D.; C. Taylor, J.D.; W. E. Moorman, Org.; H. J. Johnson, I.G.; McLeod, P.M., D.C.; Wilson, Asst. D.C.; Tapp and Bottle, Stewards; Charles Thomas, Tyler. Bro. F. C. Flattely, in a very distinct tone, impressively delivered the various addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren. The new Master at once commenced his duties by initiating Bro. Hooper, which ceremony he performed in a most skillful manner. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining hall for the banquet, which was most recherché, and ably served by Bro. A. W. Beckham, of 182, Ebury-street, Pimlico. After grace, the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was given by the Worshipful Master, and loyally received, the National Anthem being sung by the brethren. The W.M. then gave "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M. of England." It was well known, the W.M. said, that among his many duties H.R.H. could not be so often among the brethren as His Royal Highness would like. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, followed by the song "God bless the Prince of Wales," the solo parts being given by Bro. McLeod. The W.M. then gave "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers." After eulogising these distinguished brethren for their services to the Craft, Bro. Vincent expressed his regret that they were not that night honoured by the presence of any of the Grand Officers, and read a letter from Bro. W. Hyde Pullen expressing his sincere regret at his forced absence. Bro. Flattely, I.P.M., then rose and proposed, in flattering terms, "The Health of the Newly-installed W.M.," and in the course of his remarks praised Bro. Vincent for the very efficient manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation. Bro. Flattely's remarks were constantly applauded by the brethren, which sufficiently testified as to the popularity of the W.M. Bro. Vincent, in reply, said his Bro. Flattely had so eulogised him that he could hardly find words to reply, but he would say that when he first put himself forward to become Master of the lodge he made a resolve to follow if possible in the footsteps of his predecessors, but his predecessors having been so great a credit to the lodge, made it a much harder struggle for him. He flattered himself that during his connexion with the lodge he had made many friends, and not one enemy. He assured the brethren, that the post entrusted to him he would do his very best to well fill. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Flattely," and included in this toast the names of the other Past Masters, Bros. Hunt and McLeod, and regretted that the first-named (son of Sir Henry Hunt) who was the first W.M., had found it impossible to be present that evening. In speaking of the I.P.M., Bro. Vincent acknowledged with thanks the many kindnesses he had from time to time received at his hands, not only at the lodge, but also at the lodge of instruction. He deemed Bro. Flattely to be one of the most genial and kindhearted men he had ever met. He (Bro. Vincent) had great satisfaction in investing Bro. Flattely with a handsome Past Master's jewel, presented to him as an evidence of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren of the lodge. Bro. Flattely, in the course of his reply, thanked the brethren for their good opinion. A more hearty and unanimous response to his health he thought could not be given. He considered that the secret of his success as W.M., and the success also of the officers during his year of office, was their constant attendance at the instruction meetings, which are held at the King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, every Saturday evening, at seven o'clock. Bro. McLeod also replied. Several other toasts followed, and were duly acknowledged. Some capital singing was given during the evening by Bros. J. Ion Cattle, C. Taylor, and W. E. Moorman.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The October meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday last at the Castle and Falcon Hotel. The brethren present were Bros. Albert J. Altman, W.M.; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, I.P.M.; George Kenning, S.W.; Dr. Henry Alder Smith, J.W.; Rev. R. Lee, M.A., Chaplain; John Derby Allcroft, M.P., P.M., Treas.; Alfred Brook-

man, J.D.; Thomas Benskin, D.C.; Dr. Saml. Benton, J.G.; E. Y. Jolliffe, W.S.; Geo. Sims, C.C.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B. Visitors: Bros. James Lewis Thomas, G.D. of C.; Lavender, De Luca, Taylor, Beard, McNeill, Paget, Picken, Dodd, Altman, jun., Protheroe. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and a brother was proposed as a joining member. Notice of motion having been given that the lodge should meet five times a year instead of four, the lodge was closed in due form, the brethren dining together. The usual toasts were given by the W.M. Bro. James Lewis Thomas responded for "The Grand Officers," Bro. Dr. Henry Alder Smith for "The Officers of the Lodge," Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette for "The Past Masters." The charity box being passed round, the contributions amounted to £2.

SUNDERLAND.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 94).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Freemasons'-street, on Wednesday, the 1st inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Frampton, supported by Bros. Potts, Lutert, Todd, Henderson, and Surtees, Past Masters, and Bro. Douglass, P.M. 80 (*Freemason*). The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and the lodge was then raised to the Second Degree, when Bros. Cowen and Smart were examined in the former Degree and gave satisfaction. The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, when Bros. Cowen and Smart were regularly admitted, and raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the work with the charge in this Degree being done by the W.M. in a very able manner. A petition was read from Bro. Halliday, P.M., to the P.G.L. of Durham, when Bro. Lutert, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Surtees, P.M., seconded, that the petition be signed by the W.M. and brethren, which was done. All business being finished, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom, when the brethren retired a short time for refreshment.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Toward-road, on Thursday evening, the 9th inst., at seven o'clock. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. F. M. Watson, supported by Bros. Egglestone, 949; M. Frampton, 94; T. Henderson, 94; Cook, 481, P.M.'s. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The circular was read convening the meeting, and the circular was also read of the P.G. Lodge of Durham, meeting on the 21st inst. Bro. Wake was examined in the First Degree, and gave satisfaction; he then retired, and the lodge was raised to the Second Degree. Bro. Wake was then admitted and made a Fellow Craft Freemason. Bros. Singleton and Nashett were examined in the Second Degree, and retired. The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, when they were regularly admitted, and received the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The lodge was then closed to the Second Degree, then to the First Degree. All business being done, the lodge was closed in due and solemn form. The brethren then retired to refreshment.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 164).—A crowded meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at York. The business consisted of a passing and a raising, which were worked by the W.M., Bro. J. S. Cumberland, with his usual ability. A ballot was taken for a candidate, and a joining member was proposed. On the proposition of Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., the following brethren were elected honorary members of the lodge: W. J. Hughs, P.G.D. Eng.; A. M. Broadley, D.D.G.M. Malta; and C. E. Meyer, P.G. High Priest, Pennsylvania. Ten guineas were voted to the loop list for the Benevolent Festival, at which Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., expressed his intention of representing the lodge, and ten guineas to the Girls' School Festival, at which Bro. J. S. Cumberland expressed a hope to be present. Bro. C. G. Padel, S.W., was then unanimously elected to the chair for the coming year, and Bro. G. Balmford, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer. At subsequent refreshment the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, "The Health of the W.M." being proposed by Bro. T. B. Whythead, and received with enthusiasm.

MANCHESTER.—Caledonian Lodge (No. 204).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. The following officers and brethren were present: Bros. John Roberts, W.M.; G. T. Mullock, S.W.; William Bagnall, J.W.; Thos. Guest, S.D.; Jno. Sutcliffe, J.D.; R. L. Spencer, Sec.; Chas. Duckworth, I.G.; J. C. Hind; Past Master's R. A. Eldershaw, R. Timperley, and A. Humphreys. Bros. J. Battye, H. Paulden, B. Taylor, Jno. Harrop, W. Dearden, Thos. Fairrie, M. Thomas, jun., P. D. Apartoto, Wm. Percival, Edmund Orrell, Thos. Sawen, and Wm. Grundy. Visitors: Bros. John Slack, 993; R. W. Whitaker, 1213; Henry Darbishire, P.M. 581; Henry James Banks, 179; and R. R. Lisuden, 317 (*Freemason*). The brethren met at six o'clock and partook of tea, and afterwards assembled in the lodge room. The lodge was opened at seven o'clock with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There being no "work" the W.M. announced to the brethren that he had expended some little time and trouble in examining the minutes and records of the lodge since the year 1802, a portion of which he had copied, and for the information of the brethren he would read it, to show them the progress the lodge had made since the year mentioned above. Some very curious facts and items of expenditure were then read from the extract of the minutes, and which created some little amusement amongst the members, who could scarcely fail to be struck with the peculiar methods adopted in those days, and to make with them a favourable comparison of the present system. At the conclusion of the reading, Bro. Roberts remarked that he trusted the brethren had been

interested with the extracts he had selected from these old records, and that he had not thought it advisable to make the subject too lengthy, and, therefore, had only selected a portion up to a certain period, but if they would like him to continue the details on some future occasion, he should be very pleased to do so. A cordial vote of thanks to the W.M. was put, and carried with acclamation. "Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was formally closed in peace and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

IPSWICH.—St. Luke's Lodge (No. 225).—On the evening of the 8th inst. one of the most interesting ceremonies ever held in connection with the above lodge was celebrated in presence of a most brilliant Masonic gathering, consisting of some eighty leading Masons of the province. The occasion was to commemorate the appointment by Lord Waveney, Prov. G.M. of Suffolk, of their W.M., Bro. T. Wentworth, as Provincial G.S.D. of Suffolk, last July. This appointment is a most popular one, as the great interest Bro. Wentworth has from the commencement taken in the erection and completion of the new Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich, and as the successful issue is in a great measure owing to his undaunted exertions, with others, to overcome so many difficulties that beset the enterprise, it was a graceful compliment to himself and the lodge to confer this honour upon him. There were about thirty guests, and, amongst others, the lodge was honoured by the presence of their greatly beloved Dep. Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, rector of Long Millford, and Past Grand Chaplain of England. Bro. Martyn is so well known in Masonic circles that it is quite needless to say his genial presence is always a welcome addition on such occasions. There were also present Bros. H. H. Lucia, Prov. G. Secretary of Suffolk, and Past Grand Sword Bearer of England; Thomas Clement Cobbold, M.P. for Ipswich, and who has lately been honoured by Her Majesty the Queen with the dignity of C.B. for past diplomatic services; W. P. Mills, 376, P. Prov. G.S.W.; N. Tracey, P. Prov. S.W., 376; H. Casley, Prov. G.J.W., 114; W. B. Jeffries, Prov. G.S. of W., 376; J. M. Harvey, Prov. G.P., W.M. 936; W. Boby, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., 114; J. H. Staddon, P. Prov. G.S.D., 379; B. P. Grimsey, S.D. 114; R. S. Anness, S.W. 376; R. Anness, S.D. 376; H. Sidney, P.M. 376; T. Elkington, 376; H. Buckham, 376; S. Gooding, 376; G. S. Elliston, S.W. 114; A. Bennett, P.M. 959; W. Spalding, P.M. 144; T. Thurlow, W.M. 555; H. Pearson, 936; J. Bury, 936; T. Harris, 114; A. Barfield, W.M. 35; H. Palmer, 376; W. Ross, Panmure; F. W. Hammond, 279; D. D. Steele, 959; C. Cooke, 959. The members of St. Luke's Lodge present were Bro. T. J. Wentworth, W.M., Prov. G.S.D.; W. T. Westgate, P.M., P. Prov. G.D. of C.; T. Prentice, D.C., and P. Prov. G.P.; P. Whitehead, I.P.M.; G. Abbott, J.D., and P. Prov. G.S.B.; J. Whitehead, P.M.; W. Daking, P.M.; J. G. Churchyard, P.M.; W. G. Cunbold, S.W.; J. Napier, J.W.; A. Barker, Sec., P.M.; J. Talbot, S.D.; J. Daniels, I.G.; G. Spalding, W. Leathes, S.S.; J. L. Brooke, J.S.; W. T. Jobson, C. Hillyard, J. Shepherd, J. Orton, W. Eaves, R. Senton, F. S. Spinks, M. Crannis, W. Fisk, R. Crawley, P. Harrison, F. B. Brown, O. T. Gibbons, T. Saul, J. Thornton, G. Griffin, W. Brown, A. W. Cooke, H. Murray, J. King, J. White, W. H. Sedgwick, F. Senton, T. Turner, G. Bell, E. W. Saxby, and others. Bro. Philip Harrison supplied the dinner in most excellent style, and gave great satisfaction. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. T. Turner was passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft, after which Bro. C. J. Martyn gave in a beautiful manner the working tools to the candidate, and the lodge was then resumed in the First Degree. It may here be mentioned that about eighteen candidates have been initiated in the last twelve months, and the lodge numbers now about 150 members. Before the lodge was closed Bro. W. G. Cunbold, S.W., advanced to the Master's chair, and in a most touching and effective manner presented to him a beautifully chased gold Past Master's jewel, which he pinned on his breast. In doing so, he said that he was sure their Master would appreciate the gift from the fact that it was subscribed for by each individual member, and not paid from the funds of the lodge, which was so frequently done. He also said that the lodge was under a very great obligation to their W.M. by the able and efficient manner and the great courtesy and kindness he had shown in conducting its affairs, and to him in a very great measure they owed their position of being the strongest lodge in Suffolk. He also asked his acceptance of a splendidly framed parchment address, beautifully illuminated, and signed by the members of the lodge, as a token of their esteem. Both the jewel and the address contained the following words:—"Presented to Bro. T. Wentworth, W.M. 225, and Prov. G.S.D. of Suffolk, by the officers and members of St. Luke's Lodge, for the zeal and energy he has displayed during his year of office, 1878-9, and as a mark of their brotherly esteem." The W.M., Bro. Wentworth, was greatly affected by this presentation, and confessed himself quite unmanned by so much kindness. He trusted that any want of words to thank them adequately for their noble present was from the fulness of his heart. He resumed his seat amidst loud applause. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then congratulated the lodge on this very appropriate ceremony, and also expressed the pleasure he felt in their Worshipful Master deserving such honour, and said he sincerely trusted they would go on increasing in usefulness and charitable deeds towards their fellow creatures. He trusted their W.M. might long be spared to render himself useful to his lodge and the Craft in general. This brought the business portion of the lodge to a close. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a sumptuous dinner awaited them. We may here mention that the jewel was very handsome, and of first-class quality. After the usual toasts the W.M. proposed "The Deputy

Provincial G. Master, Bro. Martyn," and thanked him and the other guests for their presence on that occasion. They all knew the unbounded kindness of Bro. Martyn in all Masonic matters, and the love and respect he was held in by his own parishioners as well as the Masonic body. Bro. Martyn responded, and again expressed the great pleasure he had experienced by being present that evening. Bro. Westgate, P.M., proposed "The Health of their esteemed Worshipful Master." This toast was enthusiastically received. The W.M., in replying, said that he hoped their flattering reception would not render himself puffed up with vanity, but would rather stimulate him in the endeavour to maintain their good opinion for years, he hoped, to come. Bro. T. C. Cobbold, M.P. and C.B., and also their respected friend Bro. W. Boby, P.M. 114, so well known in "Charity" circles, responded on behalf of "The Visitors." The toast of "Masonic Charities" was left in the hands of Bro. Martyn, and it is needless to say how earnestly he urged the attention to the new scheme of Charity in reference to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, in which he takes so great an interest, and has so frequently been alluded to in your columns. His remarks met with very hearty response. The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" was given by the W.M., who said how he was indebted to them for their assistance during his year of office, and that nothing would give him more pleasure than the election, he trusted next month, of their Senior Warden, Bro. W. G. Cunbold, as their Master for 1880. The Officers responded, and the Tyler's toast brought the greatest success connected with St. Luke's Lodge to a close. We cannot conclude these remarks without mentioning the Secretary, Bro. A. Barber, P.M., who is so zealous a member, and renders such useful service to the lodge. Bros. G. Abbott, D. D. Steele, and C. Cooke, rendered some beautiful songs and glees during the evening, and all kindly volunteered their services.

LIVERPOOL.—St. John's Lodge (No. 673).—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday evening, the 7th inst., when Bro. W. Brackenbury, W.M., occupied the place of honour in the E. There was a large gathering of the fraternity, including Bros. D. Jackson, P.M.; J. T. Callow, P.M., P.G. Treas.; T. Clark, P.G.S. of W.; H. Burrows, P.M.; T. Roberts, P.M.; W. T. May, P.M., Secretary; Councillor G. Peet, P.M. 241; Councillor J. Ball; S. Jacobs, 241; I. Levy, 1609, and others. During the evening the W.M. presented Bro. D. Jackson, I.P.M., with an elegant tea and coffee service, in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge, a presentation which was suitably acknowledged.

NEWQUAY.—Fort Lodge (No. 1528).—At a meeting of this lodge on Monday, the 6th inst., Bro. T. Boyle, W.M., presiding, Bro. Robert Martyn, S.W., was elected W.M.; Bro. B. Wellington, P.M., Treas.; and Bro. C. Carrivick, Tyler for the ensuing year. Bros. R. Rowe and N. N. Lewarne were appointed Auditors, Bro. Boyle, Steward of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund, and five brethren were nominated as the Festival Committee.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The last regular meeting for the season of this summer lodge took place at the Abercorn Hotel, on the 1st inst., presided over by the new W.M., Bro. W. Shury Marshall, who, although deprived of two of his officers with an unusually small attendance of members, was honoured with many distinguished visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Wm. Stephens, W.M. 1637, P.G.D.C. Middx.; Japheth Tickle, I.P.M. 1702, P.G.S. Middx.; A. F. Roberts, W.M. 1702; W. T. Buck, S.D. 1702; C. S. Buck, I.G. 1702; T. L. Roberts, 1702; W. Grist, J.W. 1489, 1637; H. G. Gush, I.G. 1541; and others. The lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master at 4.15, and after having the minutes of previous meeting duly confirmed, further opened in the Second Degree, to admit of the examination of Bro. Bamford, prior to his admission to the Third Degree, which proving satisfactory, the W.M. further opened his lodge, and raised the worthy brother to the Sublime Degree of M.M. in a most creditable and impressive manner. On resuming to the First Degree the report of the Committee appointed at last meeting to revise the bye-laws was read and adopted. A vote of thanks was also duly recorded to Bro. Tidcombe, I.P.M., for having during his year of office secured a vote to the lodge in perpetuity for the Boys' School. The usual enquiries, resulting in the "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren, completed the business, and the lodge was closed in due form at 5.40. The customary banquet followed, at which the usual toasts were duly given and responded to, many of the brethren contributing to the musical programme, which with the Tyler's toast brought the eventful season of 1879 to a close.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Friday afternoon, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, under the Worshipful Mastership of Bro. J. B. MacKenzie, who was officially supported by Bros. L. Courtenay, I.P.M.; W. J. Chapman, P.M.; W. Sandbrook, S.W.; J. Atkinson, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; J. Pye, J.D.; W. Savage, I.G.; R. Burgess, Org.; H. P. Squire, S.S.; C. Courtenay, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. There were about thirty brethren present, including Bros. D. Saunders, G. Lewis, W. Hildyard, W. Heap, H. Round, Addis, C. Du Val, W. Fry, J. Keet, and others. The lodge was called for the purpose of initiating Bro. Richard Geldard, the well-known comedian, who is about to proceed to the south of England in connection with a professional engagement. After business, the brethren partook of slight refreshment, and a pleasant two hours were spent. Among the few toasts "Our Dramatic Professional Brethren" was in-

trouled by the W.M., the toast being acknowledged by Bro. D. Saunders and Bro. C. H. Du Val.

RHYL.—Caradoc Lodge (No. 1674).—The vitality of the Masonic Order in the Principality was again demonstrated at the annual installation meeting of this lodge, which took place on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Town Hall. The lodge was consecrated on the 3rd of August, 1877, and since that time its career has been both pleasant and prosperous. Amongst the more illustrious brethren on this occasion were Bro. Bulkeley Hughes, D.P.G.M.; Bro. Boucher, P.G.C.; Bro. Lister, P.G.P.; Bro. J. Salmon, P. P. J.G.W.; Bro. W. A. Dickson, P. J.G.W. Cheshire; Bro. T. M. Lockwood, P. P.G.S. of W.; Bro. Smith, W.M. 1336; Bro. Owen, S.W. 1336; Bro. Davies, J.W. 1336; Bro. Edwards, W.M. 721; Bro. Rowland, S.W. 1477; Bro. Roberts, J.W. 1477; Bro. Major Penn, 1674; Bro. W. A. Dew, 1674; Bro. Rev. T. Hughes, 1674; Bro. S. Roosc, 1143; Bro. S. Perks, 1143; Bro. L. R. Morgan, 755; Bro. T. Davies, 755; Bro. C. Foulkes, 606; Bro. Prothero, W.M. elect, 606; Bro. W. Matthews, P.P.G.A.D.C. Bro. J. Salmon, P.P. G. J.W., most effectively installed Bro. W. H. Foulkes as W.M. for the ensuing year; and the following brethren were subsequently invested as officers: Bros. J. Salmon, I.P.M.; J. Rhydwen Jones, S.W.; R. M'Ewen, J.W.; W. L. Nicholas, Chaplain; W. T. Girdlestone, Treasurer; H. A. Steer, Secretary; T. Coxhead, S.D.; E. W. Keatinge, J.D.; E. Grocutt, D.C.; F. Wrigley, O.; W. Hackforth, I. G.; G. D. Burdett, S.; and J. Bayliss, Tyler. The brethren subsequently dined at the Westminster Hotel.

HOUNSLOW.—Royal Hanover Lodge (No. 1777).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Town Hall, Hounslow, on Saturday, the 11th inst. The lodge was opened at half-past four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. H. A. Dubois, Prov. J.G.W., P.M., P.Z., &c., supported by Bros. H. Lovegrove, S.W.; G. Clark, jun., J.W.; W. Ramsey, Hon. I.P.M.; H. B. Marshall, Treas.; H. Clark, S.D.; C. C. Cruikshanks, J.D.; F. J. Perks, D.C.; G. S. Graham, Organist; J. Daly, Tyler; with Bros. M. S. Larlham, P.M.; Heelis, Gritten, W. S. Dunkley, C. A. White, Wood, Villars, and others, members of the lodge; and Bros. J. F. Wuest, P.M. 753; W. Browne Kidder, P.M. 12; G. W. Dixon, P.M. 209, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; E. W. Dubois, 1216; J. O. Carter, P.M. 209, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; Bassett Keeling, and W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1732, visitors. After the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting and an emergency meeting, and the confirmation of same, the ballot was taken for Bros. E. W. Dubois and Cannon as joining members. The ballot was then taken for four gentlemen for initiation, Messrs. Elliott, Thorn, Holliday, and Boyle, which being unanimous they were admitted and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Considerable interest attached to the initiation of Mr. Boyle, who is the Consul representing the Republic of Liberia at Sierra Leone, and is a native of the latter colony. The W.M. then left the chair, which was taken by Bro. Mark S. Larlham, P.M., M.E.Z., for the purpose of proceeding with the installation. Bro. Dubois, W.M., then presented Bro. H. Lovegrove, S.W., W.M. elect, who assented to the usual charges, and having been obligated, the brethren below the rank of Installed Master retired. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, with Bros. Dixon as S.W.; Stiles as J.W.; Ramsey as I.G.; and Bro. Henry Lovegrove was installed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient form. The new W.M. having declared the Board of Installed Masters closed, the brethren were admitted and saluted him in the Three Degrees, after which the addresses were very ably given by the Installing Officer. The officers were then invested as follows: Bros. G. Clark, jun. S.W.; Harry Clark, J.W.; C. C. Cruikshanks, S.D.; F. J. Perks, J.D.; W. S. Dunkley, I.G.; W. Heelis, D.C.; T. G. W. Wood, W.S.; G. S. Graham, Organist; and J. Daly, Tyler. The retiring W.M. was invested as I.P.M., and Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., F.R.G.S., was invested as Treasurer, the W.M. alluding to his reelection to that office, and his liberality to the Masonic Charities during the past year. A letter was read from Bro. H. C. Levander, Pro. Grand Secretary, announcing that the M.W. Pro Grand Master had consented to the removal of the lodge to the Albany Hotel, at Twickenham, an announcement which was received with much satisfaction by the brethren. After receiving some names for initiation, and passing a vote of thanks to the Installing Officer for his services, the lodge was closed in due form. The retiring W.M. declined to accept any recognition of his services until the lodge had been longer established. At seven o'clock the members and visitors assembled at the banquet at the Red Lion Hotel. The printed list of toasts was appropriately embellished with texts from Shakespeare, arranged by the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., Bro. H. Lovegrove, those of "The Prov. G.M., Col. F. Burdett," and "The Provincial Grand Lodge" being especially well received; the latter was responded to by the I.P.M., who, owing to the meetings of other lodges, was the only Provincial Grand Officer present. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., who alluded to the energy shown by him in the formation and working of the lodge. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast, and proposed that of "The I.P.M.," who had skillfully managed the affairs of the lodge. Bro. G. Clark, S.W., suitably responded to "The Officers." In proposing "The Health of the Initiates," the W.M. made some pleasing remarks about their private life, as two of them had been known to him for some years, and their initiate from Africa for over sixteen years. Bro. Stiles, W.M. of the King's Cross Lodge, responded on behalf of "The Visitors," and congratulated the W.M. on his advancement, also on the officers who had been appointed by him. As the time for the departure

of the last train approached the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated after spending a very pleasant evening.

INSTRUCTION.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).—This new lodge of instruction was opened on Monday evening, the 6th inst., at the Railway Hotel, High-street, Putney, under very favourable auspices. Bro. J. W. Robinson, P.M. of Royal Commemoration Lodge, No. 1585, was selected as the first W.M., and he chose for his officers Bros. John Noble, J.W. of No. 975, S.W.; John Featherstone, 1656, J.W.; George Bugler 975, S.D.; J. C. Radford, J.D. of No. 1420, J.D.; and Joseph Wright, P.M. of Nos. 1585, 1158, &c., I.G. Bro. George A. Watkins, Treasurer of No. 1585, was elected Treasurer of the new lodge, and Bro. C. E. Goldring, of Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, is the Secretary. After verifying the authority of the Royal Commemoration Lodge to open and work the lodge of instruction under their warrant, and some other formal business was transacted, the ceremony of the First Degree was worked by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Harry John Carter, 1585, who is the Preceptor to the new lodge. Subsequently a number of brethren were elected members. Amongst those present were Bros. P.M. Wm. Platt, 144 and 23, P.M.; J. G. Carter, 1044, P.M.; Wm. Carter, 141; R. W. Forge, S.W. 1793; John Frost, Sec. 1044; J. J. Holland, S.D. 1044; H. Wildey Wright, J.D. 1828; A. T. Trehearne, 1441; Frederick Reed, 1420; Isaac Kerby, 975; George Simmons, 975; Edward Ayling, 975; Alfred Weston, 1585; C. D. Blackford, 1563; Henry Langley, 228; and John Phillips, 196. The formation of the new lodge has been most actively promoted by Bro. John Featherstone, (the J.W. of the evening), to whom a vote of thanks was accorded in acknowledgment of the trouble he had taken. The meetings will be held every Monday evening, from 8 till 10, at the Royal Hotel—opposite the station—Putney.

Royal Arch.

MOUNT SION CHAPTER (No. 22).—A meeting of this chapter was held at Guildhall Tavern on the 13th inst. There were present Comps. J. Canham, I.P.Z., as M.E.Z.; Henry Birdssey, P.Z., as H.; William Birdssey, J. The chapter was opened in due form, and, in addition to the above, there were also present Comps. H. Muggeridge, P.G.S.B., P.Z. and S.E.; James Hamilton Townend, P.Z. and Treas.; Ernest Wright, S.N.; W. E. Maddever, P.S.; R. A. Wright, P.Z.; W. J. Crossfield, P.Z.; Louis Hirsch, W.S.; John Jonas, R. W. Muggeridge, and two visitors, viz., Comps. J. J. Berry, M.E.Z. of the Yarborough Chapter, 554; and Graveley, 554. The S.E., Comp. Muggeridge, read the minutes, which were confirmed. A ballot then took place for Bro. John Greig, of the Berkhamstead Lodge, No. 504, and he was unanimously exalted to the Degree of Holy Royal Arch by Comp. Henry Muggeridge, Past Grand Standard Bearer. The resignation of Comp. Chas. Jacques was accepted, and the chapter was closed in due form, and the companions partook of an excellent banquet, presided over by Comp. John Canham, I.P.Z. Comp. Henry Muggeridge having returned thanks for the toast of "The Grand Officers," remarked that the Mount Sion Chapter was not his mother chapter; he joined it in February, 1851, and since then he had introduced above 100 members; he was M.E.Z. in 1856; he became Scribe E. in January, 1865; he was now the father of the chapter, but intended to resign next February, after installing the Principals of the chapter for the year 1880, thus completing twenty-nine years as a member. He therefore reminded the companions that at the next convocation they would have to choose one of their number to fill the office of Scribe E.

ARDWICK.—Chapter of Rectitude No. 581).—The last regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Corporation Hotel, Tipping-street, on Thursday, the 9th inst., when the following companions were present: Comps. Julius Arensberg, Z.; John Hayes, H.; Henry Darbyshire, J.; Joseph Wilkinson, Treas. and acting E.; Thomas Tyers, P.Z.; Taylor Topham, A.S.; Henry Booth, James Burton, John Brown, P. H. Nicholls, J.; and visiting Comps. James Hall, P.Z., P.P.G.T.; John Gallagher, Z. 325. The chapter was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 6.45 by Comp. Julius Arensberg, E.Z., in a very neat style. The minutes of the last regular chapter were then read and confirmed. Several communications were then read and disposed of, and there being no work that evening, the E.Z. said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to present to Comp. James Hall, P.Z., P.P.G.T., a very handsome P.P.P. Sojourner's jewel and collar, which had been unanimously contributed for by the members of the Rectitude Chapter as a token of esteem for Comp. James Hall, and in recognition of the very many services rendered to the chapter by this highly esteemed companion. The duty was all the more pleasing from the fact that it was the first jewel ever received by Comp. Hall from any chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and he could assure Comp. Hall that it was the earnest and heartfelt wish of every member of the chapter that he might be long spared to wear the jewel, and that he would continue to honour the chapter with his visits, and in the future he hoped that the officers would by their united endeavours show to Comp. Hall that his long and arduous exertions to fit the officers for doing the work which devolved upon them had not been in vain, and that they might give him pleasure and rest in his visits henceforth. Furthermore, it gave him very great pleasure to say that the companions of the chapter had unanimously decided to make Comp. Hall an honorary member of the chapter, and he hoped by the help of the Most High that he might be long spared to enjoy that honorary member

ship, and concluded by adorning neck and breast with the collar and jewel, which was very graciously received by Comp. Hall amidst the hearty applause of all the companions present. Comp. Hall, on receiving the jewel, said: Companions, I am very thankful for your kind expressions and also for the very handsome collar and jewel which, as your E.Z. says, has been so unanimously given to me by the companions generally. I do assure you that I have always taken a deep interest in Royal Arch Masonry, and anything I may have done for you in the past I will readily and most willingly do in the future, if my health will permit. I esteem most highly the great honour you have conferred on me by honorary membership, and I do assure you that from this fact alone I shall feel more than ever that I am one of you, and will more than ever try, by example and precept, to stimulate the officers and companions to efficiency, so that when the chapter is visited, as it no doubt will be, by Provincial Grand Officers, those officers will go away pleased to be able to say that the officers and companions of the Rectitude Chapter are well up to their work, and have plenty of work to do. Companions, from my heart I sincerely thank you. The election of officers was then proceeded with, when the following companions were duly elected: The First, Second, and Third Principals were appointed to again serve in their several chairs for another year, owing to the fact that amongst the companions there did not happen to be one eligible; Comps. John Brown, Scribe E.; Wilkinson, Treas.; Emanuel Nelson, P.S.; and Comp. Thomas Tyers, P.Z., seeing that an efficient N. was wanted, very generously offered to take that office, which was most readily given to him with hearty expressions of gratitude by the E.Z. and loud acclamations by the companions. Comp. Nicholls being re-appointed as Janitor, the election of Auditors was then proceeded with, and on the motion of Comp. Julius Arensberg, seconded by Comp. Burton, Comps. Thomas Tyers, P.Z., and Henry Darbyshire, J., were appointed Auditors. The chapter was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer, at 8.30 p.m. Comp. Julius Arensberg, E.Z., having given the visitors his usual hearty invitation, the companions sat down at the festive board to a grand supper, which was (as it always is) put on the table by the comely hostess and most excellent cook, Mrs. Langford, with her usual neat style and pleasing manner. Supper over, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and then Comp. John Gallagher, E.Z. 325, was called upon to respond on behalf of the visitors, and concluded by moving the next toast, which was "The Health of the Officers, and the Prosperity of the Rectitude Chapter." Comp. Gallagher made a most enthusiastic speech, and after complimenting the E.Z. upon his choice of officers, said it had given him very great pleasure to be present for two especial reasons—one was to see his old and highly esteemed Comp. James Hall presented, for the first time in his life, with a jewel, and by a chapter who knew so well his merits and his worth, and the other reason was that he had seen the true characteristic of a Royal Arch Mason exemplified in Comp. Thomas Tyers, P.Z., who on seeing that there was a companion wanted to fill the office of N., had very nobly and very humorously stooped down from his high and honourable position of P.Z. and proposed himself for the office, very much to the gratification of the chapter. He had every confidence in the prosperity of the Chapter of Rectitude, and gave the companions a hearty invitation to 325 whenever they could make it convenient to attend. Comp. Julius Arensberg, E.Z., and Comp. John Hayes, H., in a few very appropriate remarks acknowledged the compliment, and said that it had been thought desirable by some of the companions to form a chapter of instruction, and concluded by requesting Comp. H. Darbyshire to draw up a circular convening a meeting to be held at the Portland Hotel, Portland-street, Manchester, on the 7th October, at 8 p.m., for the further consideration of the subject. At 10.45 the companions retired, after having spent one of the most enjoyable evenings in the history of the Rectitude Chapter.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 975).—There was the usual meeting of this well established chapter of instruction, which has resumed its meetings for the season, on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill. This chapter, like the lodge of instruction in Craft Masonry, is looked upon as the high authority of instruction in the superior Degree, and is attended by some of the most efficient and best working Arch Masons of the Metropolis. Comps. W. L. Lee presided as Z.; F. Brown (Preceptor), H.; W. H. Kimpton, J.; H. Higgins, P.S.; G. L. Walker, N. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Poore, P.Z. of the Panmure Chapter, No. 720, being the candidate, and he was afterwards elected as a joining member. The ceremony was excellently performed, and after some formal business the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

CHACEWATER.—Boscawen Lodge (No. 101).—The annual meeting of this Mark lodge was held on Monday, the 6th inst., when W. Bro. J. F. Hooper, P.J.G.D., W.M., who had been re-elected, was installed as Master for the ensuing year. The installation was carried out by Bro. Niness, and the following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. A. Moyle, S.W.; S. G. Moyle, J.W.; J. Niness, P.M., Treasurer; Rev. G. L. Church, P.M., Secretary; J. Hall, P.M., Registrar of Marks; J. Estlick, M.O.; J. Dorrington, S.O.; J. Williams, J.O.; J. Paull, P.M., S.D.; W. P. Hugoe, P.M., J.D.; W. T. Divey, P.M., I.G.; W. Lean, Tyler; J. Paull, jun., Assistant-Tyler. At the conclusion of the lodge the brethren partook of a banquet.

HELSTON.—St. Michael's Lodge (No. 175).—The annual meeting for installation of the officers of this Mark lodge took place at the Masonic Rooms on the 8th inst. The W.M. elect, Bro. H. Trembath, P.G.P., was installed by W. Bro. N. J. West, P.P.G.W., P.M. No. 87, Cornubian Lodge, after which the W.M. appointed the following as his officers:—Bros. T. Davey, I.P.M.; W. Wearne, S.W.; J. Jeffery, J.W.; J. G. James, P.P.G.D., P.M., Treas., re-elected; T. Taylor, P.P.G.D., P.M., Sec.; Sedgman James, M.O.; T. J. Joyce, S.O.; W. Ellis, J.O.; W. E. Lukies, Org.; J. H. Willey, S.D.; J. M. Richards, J.D.; J. Ellis, I.G.; M. Pascoe and J. A. Hill, Stewards; and R. James, Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined at the Globe Hotel.

Rosicrucian Society.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.—The Quarterly Convocation of the above college was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 9th inst. The fraters present were Frs. Dr. Woodman, as Master of the Temple; Stanton Jones, Deputy Master; H. G. Buss, Treas. Gen.; John Mason, Sec. Gen.; Foulger, George Kenning, Massa, McCartney, M.P.; Weaver, Rosenthal, Peck, Dewar, Thiellay, T. C. Walls, and others. The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation were read and confirmed. Fr. Rosenthal was installed Master of the Temple for the year ensuing; Fr. Thomas Cubitt elected Deputy Master; and Fr. H. G. Buss re-elected Treasurer General. Afterwards the usual banquet took place.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of this Institution's Governors and subscribers was held last Saturday in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided. Among a crowded meeting of the brethren there were present Bros. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, J. Wordsworth, Henry Smith, C. L. Mason, Thos. Hill, W. H. B. Tomlinson, James A. Birch, J. L. Hine, A. H. Tattershall, G. F. Lancaster, G. Mellor, J. F. Tweedale, H. A. Dubois, W. Nicholl, L. Tyerman, W. West Smith, A. Pratt, G. R. Shervill, H. T. Bartlett, J. A. Farnfield, F. W. Ramsay, David D. Mercer, J. Todd, Edgar Bowyer, R. B. Webster, J. J. Berry, J. G. Stephens, J. P. Platt (Cheshire), H. Dearsley, No. 3; A. Tisley, Andrew Middlemass, G. Brown, Thomas Cochrane, William Roebuck, John Bodenham, Arthur E. Gladwell, Thomas Meggy, Col. James E. Peters, H. S. Goodall, W. Seaman, E. Coste, A. J. Duff Filer, Edward Cox, F. R. W. Hedges (Sec.), and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting, the Scrutineers of votes for the election were chosen.

Bro. Thomas Meggy, Past G. Steward, and Vice-President, moved "That a Committee be appointed to consider the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the election of candidates and for other purposes, and to report to the next General Court." He said he thought no brother was unaware that within the last few years there had been several scrutineers demanded of the result of the poll of the elections, and frequently it had disclosed the fact that the Scrutineers had not correctly made a declaration of the poll in the first instance. He did not think there was any good reason why his motion should not be carried. There was evidently some laxity in the scrutiny somewhere or other; possibly the arrangements might be slightly at fault; and if a Committee were appointed to consider those arrangements, it might result in the declaration of the poll being correct in future.

Bro. John G. Stevens said that after some consideration of the subject he would second this motion, not that he quite endorsed or fully agreed with Bro. Meggy in all that he said, but for the purpose of having this matter ventilated.

No other brother spoke on the motion, and it was then put and lost.

Col. Creaton then, as Chairman of the Building Committee, proposed "That a dwarf wall be built on the south side of the Institution grounds, at a cost not exceeding £300." He said he might tell the brethren that the present fence was very old, and worn out. It had been in its present position ever since the building had been erected, and it was necessary now to have a new fence of some kind. The Building Committee thought that a dwarf wall instead of the wooden fence would be much better, and that was the reason they recommended and he moved it.

Bro. H. A. Dubois seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. James A. Birch, East Lancashire, brought forward the following motion. "Proposed alteration of Rule 71, Sub-section 2, to read as follows:—The election and removal of the Secretary shall be vested in the General Committee, the voting to be by balloting papers duly forwarded to each qualified member, not less than fourteen days before the date of election; such balloting papers must be signed by the party entitled thereto, and may be presented by a member of the General Committee on his or her behalf at the time of election." Bro. Birch said that this motion was intended to assimilate the form of election for Secretary to that which was now adopted for getting children into the schools. The election of Secretary was vested in the Life Governors, but owing to the fact that it had to be a personal vote, and that each voter had to attend in London at Freemasons' Hall, the election of Secretary was really vested in the brethren of and around London. A provincial brother after he had purchased his Life Governorship of the Charities, of which distinction he was naturally very proud, found if he wished to exercise one of his privileges, that of voting at the election of Secretary,

he was put to a cost which varied in amount, but taking his own province, that of East Lancashire, amounted to some pounds. This he thought was an unfair tax. Looking over the list of Life Governors of the Boys' School, he found there were about 3000 Life Governors in the provinces. Now if they took the expense of those Life Governors coming up to vote at the election of Secretary at £3 a head it amounted to £9000, and it appeared to him that this money would be much better invested if given to one of these Institutions. It had been said to him that there was a certain amount of jealousy among London brethren against the provincial brethren, which would prevent him carrying this motion; but it seemed to him that any jealousy of that kind would be unbecoming such a universal brotherhood. He did not believe there was that jealousy. The only jealousy which ought to be admitted as the portals of Freemasonry was the noble emulation of doing benevolent work. It was argued that if the brethren of the provinces possessed that power of voting for Secretary they might put forward an inefficient candidate and so sacrifice the Institution. He could assure the brethren that the most lively interest existed in the provinces on behalf of the Masonic Institutions, and that there was no possibility of such a thing occurring, because if any one did propose a particular candidate for the office of Secretary it would be impossible for the provinces to be united against London. (Hear, hear.) He hoped that the brethren would by their vote show that there was no jealousy, and would make the concession to the provinces which the provincial brethren considered fair and just. He was sure the London brethren would not deny to the provinces what was just and fair.

Bro. T. Constable seconded the motion. The Chairman put the motion, when there appeared
For the motion 29
Against the motion... .. 17

Majority in favour of the motion 12
Bro. Henry Smith, Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire, gave notice of motion for the Quarterly Court in January "That the Institution accept the sum of one thousand guineas from the Province of West Yorkshire for the purchase of a perpetual presentation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls."

Bro. Louis Hirsch, Vice-President, gave the following notice of motion for the Quarterly Court in January, 1880:—"That a Committee be appointed to consider the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the election of candidates and for other purposes, and to report to the next General Court."

The election of eighteen out of a list of forty-eight girls was then proceeded with. The poll was declared at half-past four, when the following was found to be the result:—

Table with 4 columns: Name, Initials, Points, Total. Includes entries like '5 Dealey Agnes A. 1358', '48 Bladon, Maud Eva 1352', '17 Fellows, Charlotte Amelia 1348', '20 Kirke, Alice Clara 1279', '26 Tipper, Mabel Harrison 1265', '30 Rogers, Beatrice Amy 1265', '21 Lang, Margaret Ethel 1253', '1 Sampson, Mabel Jane 1248', '15 Dawson, Alice Mary 1231', '3 Keighly, Harriott Geraldine 1225', '19 Hicks, Edith 1206', '7 Hart, Eva C. H. 1194', '13 Hill, Emily S. H. 1179', '4 Allison, Ethel Frances W. 1148', '40 White, Adelaide Louisa... .. 1118', '44 Wilson, Jessie Dalaval 1101', '25 Pratt, Clara 1072', '14 Wain, Fanny Elizabeth 1041'

Table with 4 columns: Name, Initials, Points, Total. Includes entries like '27 Wyatt, Mary Ann A. 1005', '11 Parker, Annie Sarah 984', '12 Cheek, Laura Sophia 958', '9 Williams, Emma Eliza... .. 912', '3 Howle, Minnie 880', '10 Cecil, Emily Alford 772', '33 Stewini, Alice Maria Louisa 429', '43 Harvey, Julia Maud 395', '8 Priestley, Juliet S. H. 315', '39 Bridgeman, Rose Agnes 307', '24 King, Emily Beatrice 269', '45 Hale, Florence Pauline 207', '34 Riley, Sophia 204', '36 New, Francis Jane 169', '16 Evens, Mildred 148', '31 Oberdoerffer, Fanny Maria Ignace 121', '22 Hill, Annie Elizabeth 119', '29 Pelham, Rosa Pauline 108', '42 Mee, Kate Sarah 104', '41 Owens, Annie Adelaide... .. 100', '32 Coales, Clara Eliza 90', '6 Brown, Edith 64', '2 Parker, Elizabeth Minnie 60', '46 Hodgson, Ada 23', '18 Gover, Annie 19', '35 Ashton, Ada Ellen 11', '47 Bennett, Sarah Jane 6', '38 Deacon, Emily 2', '28 Drake, Mary Cranch 1', '37 Crow, Caroline Ada —'

Bro. Henry Smith, Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire, proposed a vote of thanks to the Scrutineers. As a proof of the admirable way in which those brethren had discharged their duties he might mention that they had made the return that a West Yorkshire candidate, Jessie Delaval Wilson, who was No. 16 on the list, had polled 1101 votes, and that was the exact number that he had recorded.

Bro. Kirke seconded the motion. Bro. Tattershall returned thanks, and said the Scruti-

neers tried to do their best. They could not expect to please every one, but he was sure they endeavoured to do justice to every candidate.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, who had presided so admirably, with such patience, urbanity, and impartiality. He need hardly say anything in praise of Bro. Colonel Creaton, as he was well known to all the brethren, but he was sure he expressed the feelings of every one of the brethren when he said he hoped they would see Bro. Col. Creaton as their Chairman for many years to come.

Bro. James A. Birch, East Lancashire, seconded the motion.

Bro. Col. Creaton, after the motion had been unanimously carried, said he was extremely flattered by the kind expressions of Bro. Woodford and by the hearty reception the brethren had given to them. It gave him great pleasure to attend these meetings, and if spared he hoped to come many, many years among the brethren.

The proceedings then terminated.

STOKENHAM (NEAR KINGSBRIDGE) CHURCH PULPIT.

At the time the above church was being restored, a few years ago, it happened that the Duncombe Lodge (No. 1486) was consecrated. There was Divine service at the Kingsbridge Parish Church on that occasion, when the Ven. Bro. Archdeacon Earle, of Totness, preached, the offertory being made a special gift towards a new pulpit in the church of Bro. Rev. J. C. Carwithen, vicar of Stokenham, who is very much respected in that neighbourhood, besides being a great friend of R.W. Bro. Rev. J. Huyshe, Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire, who consecrated in person.

The restoration of the church was entrusted to Bro. T. Lidstone, ecclesiastical architect, residing at Dartmouth, P. Prov. G.D. of Works Devon, who designed the pulpit, which is of Bath stone, and octagonal in plan, each side being filled with tracing, with shields, and a carved and battlemented cornice, &c. The decorations of the church have been since continued from time to time, as opportunity offered, several stained-glass windows having been added. The church is a noble structure, and deserves the attention our rev. brother continues to give to it. During the last few weeks he, in conjunction with the R.W. Bro. Huyshe, who, from the necessity following the infirmity of age, has this year resigned his post of P.G.M. of Devonshire, have further decorated the pulpit, by having it illuminated in ecclesiastical style and with Masonic illustrations, which will mark the event in R.W. Bro. Huyshe's Masonic career just referred to. Advantage has been taken of the presence of the shields to introduce the banners of the twelve tribes, and the four minor banners, which—the lion, the eagle, the ox, and the man—are further significant from their subsequent ecclesiastical adoption. It may be observed that a pulpit in the same archdeaconry (Tontess) bore many of these Masonic emblems emblazoned on its sides until recently; when the process of "restoration" resulted in their removal. On Sunday, October 5th, the work being completed, the reverend vicar preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion, taking for his text Genesis xlix, 1; and Ezekiel, i, 10. In the course of this address, the reverend brother gave a succinct history of each of the tribes; and promised a further dissertation on that of Ephraim from which tribe many learned persons contend that we (Englishmen) are descended. He then alluded to the four living creatures or cherubims (Ezekiel x, 20), having four faces each, answering to the four great kingdoms of Assyria, Persia, Greece, and Rome, and which the early Fathers of the Church identified with the four Evangelists. "The man represented intelligence and understanding; the lion, strength and power; the ox, the ministrations of patience and assiduity; the eagle, the promptness and celerity with which the will and pleasure of the Supreme Jehovah are executed." They guarded the Sacred Name which was ever present in the temple, and which is as surely present in our churches, though we see Him not with our bodily eyes, just as our souls are present in our bodies, although they be invisible indeed. Our care should be to recognise this Presence everywhere; especially in all assemblies dedicated to His worship, and for instruction in Divine Truth. This is the "Bright and Morning Star" to which all are directed. Our object should be to attain to a full communion with God, to be no longer unsatisfied, and wandering in the dark, but to ascend steadily that only ladder which exists between this world and the world unseen, Christ Jesus, the Son of the Living God. And those who have this life-giving knowledge have the solemn charge laid upon them to make their Redeemer's name known upon earth, and his saving health among all nations. We are all members of the same family, all brothers of the dust. At the Judgment the monarch will be side-by-side with the slave, Dives with the poor petitioner for his alms. May our prayer be, "O! Great Architect of the Universe, teach us to feel our brotherhood now; Thou that hearest prayer teach us to forgive our brother his trespasses, as we hope to be forgiven by Thee hereafter, for art Thou not our Father and we Thy children?" He trusted they would also add a petition that he (the preacher) may, by God's grace, fully preach Christ's crucified, as the only name given amongst men whereby they may be saved.

The illumination of the pulpit was entrusted, under the general direction of the architect, to Bro. Driffield, ecclesiastical decorator, of Exeter (Beer and Driffield), who has done his work very satisfactorily. Several of the stained windows in this church have been produced by the same firm.

The pulpit was much admired, and has cost about sixty pounds.

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Answers to Correspondents.

C. A. H. writes to correct an error, but does not give the name of lodge, town, or date, so that we cannot trace it.

The following stand over until next week in consequence of pressure on our columns: Lodges 1507, 1619; 1637; Old MSS.; Bro. Lamony's History of Cumberland and Westmorland.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Brief," "Hull Packet," "The Citizen," "New Yorker Bunds Presse," "Alliance News," "Broad Arrow," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Montreal Herald," "The Rhyl Journal," "Voice of Masonry," "Canadian Craftsman," "The Masonic Advocate," "Hebrew Leader," "Keystone," "Le Monde Maconnique," "Geschichte Freimaurerischer Systeme in England, Frankreich und Deutschland," by C. C. F. A. Ven Nettelblatt: E. S. Mitzler and Son, Berlin," "The Masonic Fair."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

DICKENS.—On the 13th inst., at Cleveland-terrace-gardens, Kensington, the wife of H. F. Dickens, of a son.

THOMPSON.—On the 7th inst., at Belmont, Parkstone, the wife of E. N. Thompson, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

BUSS—ROBERTS.—On the 13th inst., at St. Andrew's Holborn Viaduct, by the Rev. Mr. Blunt, Thomas Odempsey Lebert Buss, of 33 Hatton-garden, London, and Gloucestershire, to Ellen Roberts, of Edenbridge, Kent, second daughter of the late John Roberts, of Marylebone.

DEATHS.

FARNFIELD.—On the 7th inst., Bro. William Farnfield, Clerk to the Plumstead Board of Works, aged 47.

WOOD.—On the 9th inst., at No. 2, Monument-place, Liverpool, aged 72 years, Ann, the beloved wife of Bro. Joseph Wood, Treasurer, 1094, 249, &c.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1879.

GIRLS' AND BOYS' SCHOOLS RECENT COURTS.

The Elections have proceeded with their usual regularity, the large numbers voting showing the increased and increasing value of these admirable Educational Institutions. At the Girls' School meeting on Saturday Bro. Meggy's motion was rejected, to appoint a committee to scrutinize the Scrutineers, (Quasi custodiet ipsos custodes?), and the proposal to elect the Secretary by voting papers instead of personal voting, as heretofore, was carried by a large majority. On Monday Bro. Meggy's motion was again rejected by an overwhelming majority, and Bro. Matier's motion to strike out the word, "consecutive," after "seven" and before "years," moved for him by Bro. Woodford, was also carried by a large majority. Bro. Birch's proposal for voting papers for the election of Secretary was likewise again carried by a decisive majority. What the effect of the change will be time can only show. A good deal may be said, in our opinion, for it and against it, and the subject hardly received the consideration which it deserved at the recent meetings.

THE PROVINCE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

This most distinguished province held its gathering last week under most auspicious circumstances and before a most goodly attendance. Indeed, the assembly of 600 Masons is not a matter to be lightly regarded or hastily ignored. No doubt the popularity of the Prov. G.M. and the D.P.G.M. and the Masonic zeal and fervour of our worthy West Lancashire brethren are sufficient to account for a state of things, if noteworthy in itself, most creditable to the eighty lodges which now compose the Province of West Lancashire, and whose members so gladly rally round the banner of their Prov. G.M., one of the chief rulers of our Craft moreover, on all occasions and under all circumstances. We need hardly say that the proceedings of this united and enthusiastic body, when duly convened for the good purpose of our admirable Craft, were characterized from first to last by all that warmth of Masonic feeling, and that harmony of inter-communion, and that unity of thought and action so pleasant always to the Masonic mind to contemplate, so congenial with the principles we constantly and carefully avow, and so very prevalent, and happily prevalent, in the Province of West Lancashire. Though we are well aware of the fact, as a fact, we are glad to be assured on irrefragable authority that the province is in a most healthy and prosperous state, and despite the badness of trade, the trials of agriculture, and the fluctuations of commerce, that there is no apparent weakening either of the golden chain of Masonic union or the goodly outcome of Masonic charity. The Province of Lancashire is second to none in its zeal for our great Masonic Institutions, and maintains a very effective and important educational system of its own. In fact, "all round," all West Lancashire brethren may feel proud both of the Masonic district to which they belong, and of that wise and energetic rule under which their prestige as a province increases year by year. Surely we have a right to add that all this auspicious state of things, in general and particular, reflects the highest credit on the distinguished ruler of the province and its hard-working officials, among whom we feel bound to mention the name of that worthy, and energetic, and respected Mason, Bro. Alpass. We congratulate sincerely all in West Lancashire on this their normal and undoubted state of Masonic efficiency and Masonic work. One point, indeed, we do not, we confess, to understand in the account of these interesting proceedings; that is, how the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Lancashire can be turned "for the nonce" into a Board of

Governors of any other Masonic Institution. If we read the Book of Constitutions correctly, and understand the laws and precedents which govern the provincial organization, the Prov. G. Lodge must open and close as a Prov. G. Lodge, and nothing else, and that it has no power under any circumstances to resolve itself into any other body whatever, neither can such proceedings legally appear on its minutes. We suppose that there is some explanation of the proceedings possible, some ancient custom which takes the face and form of law. We have thought well to notice the point, because we do not profess to understand it ourselves, and because in other days we have ourselves objected to what was once not uncommon, the transaction of the affairs of a benefit club, of which all the members of the lodge were members, attached to the lodge, in the lodge. But such a proceeding is contrary to the Book of Constitutions, as could easily be shown if it were necessary. We are aware that something may be said as to the force and effect of provincial bye-laws which have been current for years, and at one time may have received the sanction of competent authority. But provincial bye-laws cannot go beyond, or over, or beside the Book of Constitutions, and as Provincial bye-laws require, legally and strictly speaking, re-enactment under each Prov. Grand Master, nothing like finality can attach, even to the most skilfully framed of them, many of which are a credit to their compilers and to the province. We have said this with no desire of finding fault, (far be from us any such intention or desire), but simply for information, as we confess as we said before, to be in doubt upon the subject, and nothing in our opinion is so bad in in Freemasonry, in general or in particular, as precedents of questionable validity, especially when by the force of circumstances, or what Lord Palmerston called the "concatenation of atoms," they come before us invested with all the sanction which high character, Masonic work, and personal merit can give.

THE BRITON AND FREEMASON TRAVELLING.

Though we do not profess to admire the "advice gratis" sort, immortalized by Mr. Samuel Weller, junior, we yet think it well and not unbecoming, in us, as "Amici Curia" above all, translate it as you will, to tender a little homely advice to many a wandering brother and sister especially, if a lady will take advice. Wherever our numerous friends, or "fraternities," now may be, among the Alps or in Venetian gondolas, loitering at Vevay or sojourning at Marienbad, wondering at the Splügen, or enthusiastic in the Tyrol, amid the sights of Paris, the art treasures of Dresden, the palaces of Munich, or the agreeabilities of Vienna, surely to them a little friendly and fraternal advice will not be altogether valueless, especially when tendered with the most sympathetic good will in the genial pages of the *Freemason*. It has been said by some one, we forget who, but probably an "anser," we are inclined to opine, that "nobody should travel who did not understand the language of the country through which, on highways and bye-ways, (pleasant reminiscences of an old work of Colley Grattan's here supervene), he is to wend by noisy train, by lumbering diligence, or with kaapsack on back and alpenstock in hand." But this mistaken adage has been proved to be untrue in countless ways and by innumerable voyagers. Some of the best travellers we ever knew were those who practically did not know one word of any language but their own, and would not learn. In the Duke of Wellington's memoirs a good story is told of the well known Sir Colin Campbell, (not Lord Clyde), one of his most trusted and effective officers, and who, as the Duke himself said, did not "know two words of French." "I have heard him," said the Duke, "disputing with a French departing guest about an umbrella, and all Colin could do or say was to seize the umbrella and shout out, C'est moine." Neither do we agree with another facetious and proverbial saying, (by whomsoever composed),

"When you go abroad, mind you know the lingo, if you don't, like me, you'll be done, by jingo."

The truth is, that as a general rule, if our dear compatriots abroad would only conform to the ways of the countries through which they pass, if they would become personally, as they Masonically profess to be, "citizens of the world," they would get on themselves a good deal better and everything would "dovetail" in better with their ideas, their habits, and their idiosyncrasies. We have often admired the Briton and Britoness finding fault with everything abroad out loud, for the benefit of the company in general. For them everything was "frightfully dear," there was "positively nothing to eat; no, nothing, my love, but kickshaws; and "then if you don't dine at the Table d'Hôte you pay double for everything," and so on, "ad infinitum." We once met a genial, burly Briton on a Rhine steamer, who declaimed thus: "Sir, the Rhine is all very fine, but it is much exaggerated, and then you never can get boiling water abroad. I've not had a decent cup of tea since I left England." Now our advice to many travelling friends is this, we have found its efficacy in many a pleasant jaunt, alas, over for us: try to conform to the habits of the country in which you are pro tem. Give up insular ways, ideas, and even meals. You will fare better if you will only accept the "Cafe au lait," &c., for instance, as an early breakfast, and make a good luncheon at their "Dejeuner à la Fourchette;" you can get some tea if you like in the afternoon, and then a late dinner. But do at Rome as Rome does. If you will have expensive apartments and solitary meals you must pay for them, and pay for them, dear brother and dear boy, and grumble not. Always be civil to the "natives" and they will be civil to you. Remember, a little civility goes a long way, and if you respect them in word, manner, and act, they will assuredly treat you in the same manner. If you go abroad don't expect all the luxuries and conveniences of home. You can't have a good British breakfast, (for the most part), at 9; you can't open the broad sheet of the *Times*; you can't be purely English; but you can, if you will, thoroughly enter into all the incidents and varieties of foreign life and travel; you can journey on contented and come back with your mind enlarged, illustrating one of the great tenets of Freemasonry, the true citizenship of life and of the world.

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.]

COUNCIL OF SIDE DEGREES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In a notice of the Ebor Lodge at York of the Order of St. Laurence I find a statement upon which I think I am entitled to be heard, especially as it cannot in any way disturb or react upon the prosperity of that lodge and that Order. It would seem by this report that some meeting was held at the Alexandra Palace, on the 9th August last, "for the purpose of forming a Council of Side Degrees." This appears in your issue of this day, the 11th October, and very much astonishes me in more ways than one. So long ago as October, 1875, during the time that I was issuing my "Royal Masonic Cyclopædia," and before the publication of the part in which Side Degrees were spoken of, the proof sheets of that work, now in my possession, were submitted to several eminent Masons, including Bros. Captain Irwin, Hughan, Hyde Pullen, Yarker, and others, and in the correspondence incidental to the completion of the book, the formation of a Council of Side Degrees was suggested and took place, and the following passage from my book, written in January, 1876, may be cited in evidence:—

"As a Council of Side Degrees is taking under its protection all stray rights not otherwise expressly claimed by the former five bodies, they will for the sake of convenience, and for clear Masonic thought, be placed unattached, but with the addition of the letters C.S.D. to indicate the desire of this body to collect and preserve in its archives many obsolete degrees at present lying dormant.—"Royal Masonic Cyclopædia"—article, Knights, Masonic, pp. 425-6."

A Council was then formed, and I was requested to take charge of it in a secretarial capacity, which I have done, not for the purpose of emolument, but from a desire to co-operate in preserving many interesting Degrees from undeserved neglect. A prospectus—now lying before me—was privately submitted to most eminent brethren, to their perfect satisfaction, and my book contains the list of the Degrees the Council desired to protect. Finally Bro. Capt Francis George Irwin temporarily agreed—as his letters to me show—to act as President of this Council, and had not the premature demise of his son caused him to retire

very much from active Masonry, the Craft at large would have heard more of it. But I claim priority as the representative of the Council in every respect, not only on account of publication, but because the detailed organisation lies before me at this moment, having been duly announced in my book.

In conclusion I should like to be informed by whose authority the Alexandra Palace meeting was convened, and who it is, therefore, that is so zealous for the purpose entertained by the brethren with whom in so many ways I have for years been intimately associated.

In any case I must claim for those brethren and myself the real merit, so far as it may exist, of a Council of Side Degrees for the United Kingdom and the Colonies.

A study of Masonry rather closer than given by the majority of my brethren has afforded me wide opportunities for the accumulation of trustworthy information on these recondite points. Many really Masonic Degrees are in my possession totally unknown to the present generation of Masons, derived from trusty historical sources of indisputable authority.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours sincerely and fraternally,

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE, IX^o,
Hon. Secretary Council of Side Degrees
(Instituted 1875);
S. Grand Sec. Swedenborgian Rite.

Flint-villas, Hounslow,
Oct. 11th, 1879.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Bro. Kenning,

As I receive many Masonic letters day by day perhaps you will kindly allow me to inform kind correspondents through your columns that my address henceforth is 25A, Norfolk-crescent, Hyde Park, W., instead of 10, Upper Porchester-street, though practically it is the same street still, curiously enough.

Yours very fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

25A, Norfolk-crescent,
Hyde Park, W.
Oct. 14th, 1879.

MELROSE LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I regret that any remarks of mine should have given umbrage to a Craftsman so worthily esteemed as Bro. Vernon. I can assure him that such was very far from my intention. Their object was to ascertain the grounds on which he based his opinion that the Melrose Lodge could instruct an antiquity as ancient as that of Kilwinning or Mary's Chapel Lodges. As he has not stated them, I am afraid that I and others must remain of opinion that Melrose can instruct no such claim. Bro. Vernon from his letter leads one to infer that it was only recently that he discovered the existence of this lodge, which surprises me. Several attempts have been already made to induce it to join Grand Lodge. The most recent was that made by the Past Provincial Grand Master of Peebles and Selkirk Shires a few years ago. He had meetings at Melrose on the subject, and did everything to induce the Melrose brethren to—as Bro. Hughan happily puts it—"fall into line." He even indicated that the lodge would get the highest vacant number on the Grand Roll, and possibly a higher "Bis" number, if they would come to terms. After much trouble the proposal was abandoned as hopeless. Every one shares the "longing" of Bro. Hughan to see the Melrose Lodge hailing under the Grand Banner. But to attain this desirable object it is surely not necessary to do an injustice to other lodges. My own recollection was, that the minutes of the Melrose Lodge opened in 1674, and on referring to the MS. of my note you will find that I had so stated it, but as Bro. Vernon's letter gave the date 1678, and I was writing from recollection, I altered the date to that given by him, believing his date was the correct one. As Bro. Vernon states that documents have been discovered since Bro. Buchan visited Melrose, about eleven years ago, would he kindly state what they are, and where they were found. As regards the "Melrose MS.," Bro. David Murray Lyon tells me that he knew of it many years ago. He says it is a copy of the old charges similar to those of Kilwinning (which was obtained from Mary's Chapel) and the Aitchisons Haven Lodges. As the Kilwinning Lodge obtained its copy between the years 1675-1678, and the Aitchisons Haven Lodge in 1666, dates corresponding to the minutes of Melrose, very likely the latter lodge obtained its copy about the same period, and from the same source. Facsimiles of the Kilwinning and Aitchison Haven charges are given in the history of Mary's Chapel Lodge; and I respectfully suggest that Bro. Vernon should compare the caligraphy of those documents with the Melrose MS., and tell us the result. Bro. Murray Lyon states that Kilwinning was in the practice of selling copies of her copy of the "Charges" to lodges. Other lodges may have followed a similar practice. If Bro. Vernon will look into the "Freemasons' Magazine" (published ten years ago by the "Freemasons' Magazine" Company, London), and other Masonic publications about that date, he will find many instructive archaeological articles by Bro. W. P. Buchan, who was then a large contributor to Masonic literature. In some of these magazines, too, he will find everything that can be said about the Melrose Lodge.

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Reviews.

THE LETTERS OF THE YOUNGER PLINY,
Translated by J. D. LEWIS, M.A. Trubner & Co.,
Ludgate Hill.

Curiously enough only three English translations of these famous epistles are in existence. The versions of Melmoth and Lord Orrery, both published about the middle of the last century, are now only to be found in the libraries of the great or of book collectors, and are somewhat scarce. Mr. Bohn some little time back published an edition of Melmoth's translation, but with some adaptations and modifications. And even the two versions named are not most inviting to the general reader, and though they may be fairly, we think, said to contain a true representation, on the whole, of the mind and meaning of the writer, they cannot be considered literal translations of the Latin of the man whom the Emperor Trajan addressed as "my dear Secundus." Mr. Lewis has accordingly produced a translation based on the text of "Keil," and we, having read the book through, can honestly say that he has done his work well. Some little doubt may here and there perhaps exist, whether in intricate passages and obscure Latinity he is always correct, but such little points are few and far between, and only serve, in our opinion, to set off the general fidelity and accuracy of the work. And how interesting to us still are these letters of Pliny the Younger, in the glimpses they give us, so true and minute, endued with a sort of word painting of the old world life of Imperial Rome, rapidly hastening to its decay and fall. We seem, as we read his frank and animated letters, to live over again the scenes well known to our "classic youth," to see and converse with the very persons whom we have often heard of, and whose works we have studied and read. We see Rome depicted as it really was in Trajan's days by one who, a successful lawyer and a distinguished statesman, had every opportunity of knowing the facts he describes so well; who was above all temptations to deceit, all imputations of partiality, and who seems to recount the daily doings he talks of so easily and so confidentially, as a faithful and close record of things as they really were. Such a witness is very valuable, such a writer deserves both perusal and reliance. We who have studied the annals of the past, know how difficult it is to discriminate between truth and falsehood, owing to the animus of the historian or the peculiar colouring which in consequence of predisposing influences or preconceived opinions, he gives to well-known contemporaries or passing events. Horace Walpole, delightful as a letter writer, has always to be read cautiously when he touches upon historical facts, and his so-called historical works are valueless as authorities for the student of history. Even that great writer, Lord Macaulay, though he will always be admired for the grace of his diction, and the point of his antithesis, and his admirable collocation of words, will in another generation not be looked up to as an authority on what is most important, after all—historical accuracy and fairness. And almost the same may be said, more or less, of all our historians. But, when we open the pages of Pliny, we are struck with his fairness and his accuracy. Perhaps it was his legal training; perhaps it was his "mens æqua;" perhaps it was his own narrow escape from the brutal cruelties of Domitian, which made him adopt that admirable spirit of liberal and enlightened appreciation of things and persons, which renders his letters so valuable a picture of the public and private life of the age he lived in. In his dealing with the Christians Pliny has justly incurred grave censure, and was practically rebuked by Trajan. Like all the Roman statesmen, he seems to have looked upon the Christians as a "secret fraternity" more than anything else, and records, with a sort of unctuous satisfaction, worthy of an Inquisitor, or a callous persecutor of his brethren, how he tortured two poor deaconesses to get at the truth and meaning of the "secret assemblies." As is well known to us Masons, Pliny's letters contain Trajan's reply to a request to establish a guild of firemen, (not of Masons, as some older Masonic writers had it), which is a negative one, on the ground of their becoming "secret societies." The Collegia of the Romans, no doubt, sometimes played the part of secret fraternities, but from them undoubtedly the Fraternity or Guild of Freemasons took its rise, (as all guilds did), and handed down through Anglo-Saxon times those sodalities those sodalities which afterwards played such an important part in the social, domestic, and building life of England. To many of our reading brethren we commend this edition of Pliny's letters, as a like useful and entertaining in the highest manner.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

Communiqué.

We understand that this useful and growing Association has been very successful in the recent elections, having succeeded in carrying, or aiding to carry, three girls and three boys, and having placed its female candidates in such a position as to render, humanly speaking, the election of two certain next April, and a third probable and possible. We are glad to think that the objects of the Association are becoming more and more appreciated and their honest labours zealously supported.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday next, the 24th instant. The lodge will be opened at 6 p.m. precisely.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The October Quarterly Court of the Governors and subscribers of this Institution was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Tavern. Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer, Vice-Patron and Trustee, presided, and among the brethren present were Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, Henry Smith (West Yorkshire), John Wordsworth, Robert B. Webster, J. L. Hine, W. H. B. Tomlinson, Thomas Ruddock, A. H. Tattershall, W. H. Perryman, Charles Godtschalk, S. Rawson, Don. M. Dewar, John Bodenham, H. A. Dubois, William Stephens, William Hale, H. Hacker, A. Pratt, William Roebuck, John Thompson, George W. Dixon, R. C. Spaul, W. H. Bowden, F. H. J. Barish, H. Cox, W. A. Barrett, H. T. Bartlett, J. Vaughan, W. Hickman, J. E. Le Feuvre, Thomas Meggy, Joyce Murray, James Hodges, F. H. Cox, J. P. Platt, Hy. C. Burt, W. Douglas Dugdale, George Everett, Edward Clark, Arthur E. Gladwell, Hyde Pullen, Frank H. Celi, John Alfred Pitman, F. Binckes (Sec.), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Bro. Binckes having read the notice convening the meeting, the minutes were read to the brethren and confirmed.

Bro. Thomas Meggy, Past Grand Steward, Vice-Patron, then moved, pursuant to notice, "That a Committee be appointed to consider the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the election of candidates and for other purposes, and to report to the next General Court." He said it was probably in the minds of the brethren that several times mistakes had been found in the returns of the Scrutineers of votes at elections, and when a further scrutiny of the votes had been demanded it had been proved to have been justified by the first return proving inaccurate. The mistakes had occurred quite unintentionally, but still they proved that there must be something wrong in the system, whether in the casting of the votes, or the checking of the votes, or the way in which the Scrutineers were appointed. Whatever the defect was, if the question were submitted to a Committee, that Committee would find out where the fault lay, and probably would suggest a better mode of conducting the scrutiny of votes. For this reason he moved that a Committee be appointed.

Bro. Thompson seconded the motion.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., said he thought there was great objection to this motion being now brought forward in the Boys' School. At the meeting of the Girls' School on Saturday, a similar motion by Bro. Meggy was rejected, and if the brethren were to carry a resolution now which had been rejected in the Girls' School, it would seem to be a reflection on the Scrutineers of the votes in the Boys' School. He objected to having two different modes of treatment in the two Institutions. If there was to be an enquiry as to the Scrutineers it must be for all the Charities, and not for one Charity only. He begged to move as an amendment that the motion be rejected.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., seconded the amendment. From what he knew of the scrutines for many years, they had been most honestly, carefully, and fairly conducted. There was not a suspicion on the Scrutineers, and even in this motion of Bro. Meggy's there was no question of improper conduct.

Bro. Thomas Meggy: Certainly not.

Bro. A. J. D. Filer, P.G.S.B., said he was not behind the scenes in this matter, but he was present on Saturday when the same motion was brought forward and rejected by a small majority. The motion might be brought on again at the next meeting of the Girls' School, and the best way would be for the same motion in the Boys' School to stand over till after that.

Bro. A. H. Tattershall thought that parties bringing forward such a resolution should be agreeable to acting as Scrutineers themselves. If they would come and see how the work was done they would find no fault with it. The way the work was done on Saturday at the Girls' School election was a fair specimen of the way it was generally done. Of course mistakes would sometimes occur—it was unavoidable; but it frequently arose from some brethren being chosen as Scrutineers who were not used to the work. He thought that on Saturday there was no objection raised.

Bro. Thomas Meggy, in reply to an observation of Bro. Tattershall, said he had been a Scrutineer, and it was in consequence of having been a Scrutineer that he brought forward this motion.

The motion was then put and lost by an overwhelming majority.

The next motion was one by Bro. C. F. Matier, "That in Law 55, line 3, after the word 'seven,' the word 'consecutive' be omitted," the effect of the motion being that if a candidate's father has subscribed to one or other of the Masonic Institutions seven years in all, the candidate shall be eligible, rendering it unnecessary that the subscription should have been for seven consecutive years.

Bro. Binckes said no doubt it would be in the recollection of the brethren and other members of the Court that this question was discussed at the last Court, as also at the Court of the Girls' School. In the case of the Girls' School it was resolved to erase the word "consecutive." On the following Monday the Court of the Boys' School retained the word "consecutive," therefore the laws of the two Institutions as they at present stood differed in this respect. In the Girls' School it was "seven years," in the Boys' School "seven consecutive years." Bro. Matier had given notice of motion to eliminate the word "consecutive," but he was not able to be present, and wrote from Glasgow that Bro. Dr. Woodford would make the motion for him.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., said he was very unwilling to trespass again on the time of the meeting, but as he had promised Bro. Matier to second the motion when it came on he would now explain the reason of the motion without going into the whole question of the

object of it. It was brought forward now for the purpose of assimilating the laws of the two Institutions. At present there were two systems in existence, and that was clearly not an advisable state of things. Under those circumstances, whatever opinions the brethren might entertain on the question of aggregate or consecutive subscriptions, the motion was now brought forward for the sake of uniformity. He begged to move that the word "consecutive" be omitted, so that the systems of the two Institutions would be harmonious.

Bro. R. B. Webster seconded the motion.

Bro. Henry Hacker said a Committee might be appointed to revise the bye-laws. Some subscribers might feel that seven consecutive years should still be the rule. Would it not be better that notice of motion should be given in the other Institution to alter the laws of the Girls' School so as to make it "consecutive?"

Bro. Col. Creaton said the motion at present was whether the word "consecutive" should stand. It had been struck out of the laws in the Girls' School.

Bro. W. Roebuck moved that the word remain. It was quite right that the rules of the two Institutions should be the same; but in this particular instance the case of the two Institutions was different. There were more candidates for the Boys' School than there were for the Girls. In the Boys' School there were seventy-seven candidates and only sixteen to be elected, whereas on Saturday in the Girls' School there were only forty-eight candidates and eighteen to be elected. It had been found that there were many Masons who belonged to a lodge only for four or five years, and attended no lodge at all for years before they died. Their children were put up for the Institutions, and very often they pushed out the children of the thoroughly energetic Mason.

Bro. J. Joyce Murray seconded the amendment.

Bro. Binckes said no amendment was necessary. The motion only required to be met with a direct affirmative or negative.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford observed that with reference to the remark of Bro. Roebuck, as to the list of candidates for the Boys' School being larger than the Girls, it was not a "sequitur." There had been times when the Girls' list was the longer of the two, and there was no reason why it should not be so again. Bro. Roebuck's argument, therefore, was not of any great weight. But the great argument was that one system of "qualification" should prevail for our two educational charities.

The motion was carried by thirty-six votes against seventeen.

Bro. James A. Birch, East Lancashire, moved a proposed alteration of Rule 71, sub-section 2, to read as follows:—"The election and removal of the Secretary shall be vested in the General Committee; the voting to be by balloting papers duly forwarded to each qualified member not less than fourteen days before the date of election; such balloting papers must be signed by the party entitled thereto, and may be presented by a member of the General Committee, on his or her behalf, at the time of the election." He said it was probably superfluous for him to adduce again the arguments he brought forward at the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School on Saturday, especially as the Boys' Court was composed of very nearly the same members as were present at the Court of the Girls' Institution when the resolution was adopted. Those Masons who resided at considerable distances from Freemasons' Hall thought that the election of Secretary when it did take place should be conducted in the same manner as the election of candidates for admission to the School, by balloting papers. After having by donations to the Institution acquired the privileges of a Life Governor, they felt it was a hardship upon them that, in order to exercise one of those privileges, they should be put to the expense of a journey which involved an outlay of £5 perhaps, and the loss of two days' time, which to many of them was a very serious consideration. By the present law the country brethren were partly disfranchised unless they chose to incur this additional tax, and the election of Secretary, if it should occur, would be vested in those brethren who resided in close proximity to Freemasons' Hall. He did not know that he had anything more to say. The brethren did him the honour to adopt this resolution on Saturday. If he might say without appearing obtrusive, he would mention that if they conferred on the provinces the privilege he asked the Province of East Lancashire trusted it would be many years to come before they had to exercise it in this School. The eloquent advocacy of Bro. Binckes on behalf of this Institution had not only tended to diffuse the privileges of this School alone, but also to promote the prosperity of the other Institutions, by awakening in the breasts of the brethren those feelings which led them to support the Masonic Charities. The brethren trusted it would be many years before he was removed by any cause from the office of Secretary of the Boys' School, because they believed that he sincerely sympathised with the afflictions of the fatherless and widows, and there was no more eloquent or able brother to plead their cause. He hoped that this Quarterly Court of the Boys' School would not be more indifferent to the wishes of the provincial brethren than the Court of the Girls' School on Saturday, but that they would adopt this resolution, and so assimilate the laws of the two Institutions.

Bro. Ruddock seconded the motion.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., while agreeing with the remarks of Bro. Birch in reference to Bro. Binckes, thought that after a large Committee had decided, after due consideration on the law as it at present stood, it was inexpedient to make any alteration.

Bro. W. Roebuck agreed with Bro. Raynham W. Stewart.

Bro. Henry Smith, Provincial Grand Secretary West Yorkshire, supported Bro. Birch, and trusted that the Court would do what the Court of the Girls' School did on Saturday. If the principle asked for was granted to the provinces, they would exercise it with great caution. There

need be no fear or doubt as to their supporting a proper person. They certainly thought they had a right to the privilege. They did not ask for any new favour. If the London brethren would be generous they would take nothing from themselves, while they would be giving a great deal to the provinces.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart enquired what would be the expense of sending out balloting papers.

Bro. Binckes said the postage would be about £15, and the printing £10. If he might endorse the good wishes expressed by Bro. Birch, he would add that this expense would not occur every year. (Laughter and cheers.) He had held the office himself twenty-five years, and his predecessor held it thirty-seven years. He did not think the question of the expense of printing and postage ought to influence the question at all.

Bro. James A. Birch, in reply, said if the brethren did not pass his resolution, the laws of the two Schools would not be assimilated. The benefits of these Institutions were not restricted to any locality, and really the interest which was felt in these Charities ought to be co-extensive with the benefits conferred. The provincial brethren were anxious to exercise the little influence they possessed without the additional tax he had referred to, and to exercise that influence for the best interests of this Institution.

The motion was carried by thirty-eight against ten votes.

The brethren then proceeded to the election of sixteen boys, by ballot from a list of seventy-seven approved candidates. At five o'clock the Scrutineers of votes, of which Bro. R. B. Webster was chairman, made the following report:—

SUCCESSFUL.			
43	Stone, Percy Herbert	...	1815
60	Johnson, John Charles...	...	1734
45	Garstin, Paul Belmore...	...	1697
21	Beckett, Ernest George...	...	1633
3	Wait, Emanuel	...	1611
56	Healey, William Henry...	...	1603
20	Hounslow, Herbert Rich	...	1568
52	Aspden, Albert Grice	...	1555
54	Godfrey, Frederick F.	...	1528
2	Wilkinson, Percy Charles	...	1523
30	Wagstaff, Charles C.	...	1519
58	Young, John Alfred	...	1510
23	Henderson, John	...	1504
19	Murgatroyd, John Roebuck	...	1474
46	Bazley, William Henry...	...	1467
5	Allin, Charles James Fox	...	1457
UNSUCCESSFUL.			
24	Thomas, John M. Alex.	...	1456
7	Parker, George Shadwell	...	1449
9	Salding, Edmund Purcell	...	1443
29	Colbeck, Frank	...	1413
22	Norrish, Herbert	...	1273
18	Brooks, George Bertie	...	1080
10	Black, William	...	1075
42	Seddon, James Albert	...	1026
62	Moore, Ernest Stambler	...	785
6	Barelay, Henry G. Hackett	...	727
72	Gough, E. A. Brinsmead	...	623
11	Scott, John Sheppard	...	617
19	Grave, Richard Arthur	...	592
27	Fellows, Herbert M.	...	591
38	Kennedy, Arthur James...	...	485
61	Smith, William Henry	...	428
17	Gauntlett, George Fredk.	...	390
44	Shrapnel, A. E. Scrope...	...	361
57	Saville, William James...	...	356
51	Knott, Herbert Wilfred	...	351
32	Brown, Walter Boston	...	316
55	Hobbs, Robert Norton	...	310
73	Gea, Arthur Alban	...	263
4	Ridpeth, Lovell Hope	...	253
15	Tracy, William	...	251
41	Coe, Albert Edward	...	244
36	Unwin, Fras. Arthur	...	242
13	Marshall, Phillipson	...	223
69	Estlin, Charles Nathaniel	...	222
26	Wilton, Ernest Colville C.	...	206
39	Neville, Fredk. John	...	204
33	Fellows, Arthur	...	187
50	Thomas, Frank Robert...	...	182
64	Richardson, Sidney Wm. F.	...	180
25	Crane, Harry Samuel J.	...	169
35	Goldsbrough, Jno. Tom	...	165
48	Lee, Sidney Edward	...	153
76	Wilson, William Leslie	...	135
46	Woolons, Walter H.	...	118
75	Gunnell, William Pearse	...	106
1	Cole, Alfred Thomas	...	91
74	Lucas, Edmund Charles	...	88
28	Steinhauer, George W...	...	75
68	Ibbe, Robert Leigh	...	56
70	Watson, William Renwick	...	45
77	Frost, James Bray	...	41
65	Ball, Edward Thomas...	...	27
59	Webb, Charles Edward...	...	24
8	Bell, James Herbert	...	22
12	Gay, George John	...	18
14	Read, John	...	4
66	Granger, Ernest Bloomer	...	4
71	Loveridge, Sydney Earle	...	3
34	Barker, Arthur	...	2
31	Hawke, Edwin Ernest...	...	1
67	Laing, Herbert Lawson...	...	1
37	Foot, William Robert D.	...	—
47	Mey, George	...	—
53	Pike, William Thomas...	...	—
40	Pratt, Robt. Williamson...	...	—
63	Sparks, Albert Edward	...	—

Notes of thanks to the Scrutineers of votes, and to the Chairman of the day, Col. Creaton, terminated the proceedings.

CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENARY OF THE FREEMASONS' HALL FUND.

(From a Special Correspondent.)

The ancient lodge of Love and Honour, No. 75, Falmouth, on Monday eve last, the 13th inst., assembled in full force to celebrate the centenary of the "Freemasons' Hall Liquidation Fund," which was formed on June 2 (st, 1779, and to which the lodge contributed very handsomely. There was a very large attendance, and throughout the interest was well sustained, and was enthusiastic to the last.

The W.M., Bro. Wilson Lloyd Fox, took the chair at 7.30, and was supported by the Dep. Prov. G.M. of Cornwall, Bro. Col. J. W. Peard (in the unavoidable absence of the Prov. G.M.); R.W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D. of England; and W. Bro. W. Copeland Borlase, F.S.A., P. Prov. S.G.W. of Cornwall. The R.W. Bro. J. H. Neilson, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, was also expected, but was unable to be present, to the regret of his many friends in Falmouth.

After the usual business was finished, and the election of Bro. O. H. Marson du Gillon (late S.W. 1511) as a joining member, the real duties commenced by the W.M. aptly introducing the matter by saying that the fact of the lodge having the privilege to wear the Freemasons' Hall medal, in the person of its W.M., had been quite lost sight of for many years, and the jewel itself had been lost, but the publication of their distinguished Bro. Hughan's "Masonic Register of Lodges" had directed attention to the subject, and through the interest exhibited in the medal, in consequence of the beautiful lithographic plate of it in the work, he and others had endeavoured to procure one of the original medals which had once belonged to an old but defunct lodge, but without any success. He then communicated with Bro. George Kenning, of London, who had a duplicate struck, and he felt very proud indeed to know that the lodge was again to exercise its privilege.

The W. Bro. W. F. Newman, P.M. and Treas. (P. Prov. G.D.), then rose, and expressed his great pleasure on being permitted to invest the W.M. with the medal, on behalf of the Past Masters and members, and he desired to draw attention to the character of the ornament thus attached to the Masters' jewel. An unfinished building was depicted on the obverse, thus suggestive of the incompleteness of our lives, and until all discordant elements had been subdued the medal would not be wanting in symbolism to remind us of the cementing character of our ancient and honourable society. The W.M. was then duly invested with the collar, jewel, and medal, amid the plaudits of the brethren.

Bro. Hughan was then asked to address the lodge, and, in response, furnished a complete historical account of the beginning, continuance, and ending of the "Freemasons' Hall Fund." Certain lodges had subscribed the sum of £25, without interest, while others had given that sum to the Grand Lodge to liquidate the debt on the Hall, which was inaugurated in 1776, and so the Grand Lodge on 21st June, 1779, had passed a resolution that those members and lodges who had thus aided in the erection of their hall should be presented with a silver medal, to wear "as an honourable testimony to their services," &c. Eighty-two brethren had subscribed, including the Prov. G.M. of Cornwall, Sir John St. Aubyn, whose privileges had died with them, but whilst they lasted the twenty-six lodges were to retain their rights through their W.M.'s for the time being. Of these nine have died out, and outside the London district there are only four left in England which have the right to use the medal, one being No. 75, Falmouth, the nearest else being No. 41, Bath, and the other two are No. 154, Wakefield, and No. 237, Swansea. It was, therefore, a great honour to be thus distinguished, and he felt proud to be an honorary member of one of these lodges, especially No. 75, warranted so early as 1751, and noted from its constitution for its liberality and heartiness. It was also the premier lodge in the county, and the founder of the Prov. G. Lodge of Cornwall.

Bro. Hughan's address was listened to most earnestly by the brethren, and frequently was much applauded.

The W. Bro. H. Tilly, P.M., Prov. G. Reg., then moved that a record be made in the minutes of the celebration that evening of the institution of the Freemasons' Hall under such distinguished auspices, and, in a few well-chosen words, expressed his heart's appreciation of all that had been done to make the meeting such a complete success, and to bring the exertions of the W.M. and Bro. Hughan to such a successful issue.

The W. Bro. Michael Little, P.M. 75, seconded the proposition, and gracefully alluded to the distinguished character of the guests that had honoured them that evening by being present, his reference to Col. Peard, as "Garibaldi's Englishman," and one so honoured and respected, provoking a hearty outburst of applause, as also his remarks respecting the W. Bro. W. C. Borlase, a lineal descendant of the great Cornish historian, the Rev. Dr. Borlase, who (it transpired that evening) was initiated in 1751 in their lodge, No. 75.

Bro. Borlase, responding, observed that it was due to the antiquity of the lodge that they assembled that evening, and drew some very beautiful thoughts from the object contemplated by the meeting. He was not aware that his illustrious ancestor had been a Mason, and was highly gratified that Bro. Hughan had made so important a discovery in examining the old records of the lodge.

The W. Bro. Col. Peard (who had been duly saluted early in the evening), on rising, was most warmly greeted, and his genial, happy speech was as gratefully and fraternally received by the members, as the reception was most thorough and hearty. He had great pleasure in visiting their old lodge, and particularly on so important an occasion. In reply to the W.M., he consented to accept

the position of one of the honorary members of the lodge, the ballot, of course, proving unanimous, and he was presented with a copy of the curious history and bye-laws of the lodge.

The W. Bro. W. H. Dunstan, P.M., P. Prov. S. of W., then proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M. for his well directed efforts, and for the trouble he had taken to obtain the medal, but was brief in his remarks, so as not to make the meeting too protracted.

The W. Bro. F. Dennis seconded, and on being put to the lodge by the I.P.M., the proposition was carried most enthusiastically.

The W.M. thanked the brethren for their kindly mention of his humble services, and to have succeeded in obtaining them was a sufficient reward to him for what he had done. He, however, wished it be known that the meeting was really due to the publication of Bro. Hughan's "Masonic Register of Lodges," and he also expressed his appreciation of Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges."

The banquet was served in the spacious ball room of the Royal Hotel by "mine host," Bro. R. Carter, P. Prov. G. Org., and Sec. of the lodge, and, as becoming the time of the year, it was duly served in a most temptingly hot condition. The speeches were much above the ordinary, and, in addition to those already named, the following Past Masters and others were present at the meeting of the lodge and banquet, as well as very many of the members:—Bros. John Vivian, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B.; Timothy C. Polglase, P.M., P. Prov. A.G.D.C.; John H. Mitchell, P.M. 589; Joseph Wallace, S.W.; W. D. Rogers, J.W.; and the other officers of the lodge.

[Note by the Editor.]

As so much interest has been exhibited in this celebration we append a full list of the lodges entitled to wear the "Freemasons' Hall Medal," taken from Bro. Hughan's work.*

- Subscribers to the Hall Liquidation Fund, A.D. 1779:—
- Grand Stewards' Lodge, F.M.H., London.
 - 4 Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, London.
 - 6 Lodge of Friendship, Willis' Rooms, London.
 - 21 Lodge of Emulation, Aldersgate-street, London.
 - 26 Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis' Rooms, London.
 - 29 Lodge of Saint Alban, Aldersgate-street, London.
 - 33 Britannic Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, London.
 - 41 Royal Cumberland Lodge, F.M.H., Bath.
 - 46 Old Union Lodge, Holborn, London.
 - 75 Lodge of Love & Honour, Masonic Hall, Falmouth.
 - 99 Shakspeare Lodge, Aldersgate-street, London.
 - 108 London Lodge, Leadenhall-street, London.
 - 134 Caledonian Lodge, Leadenhall-street, London.
 - 154 Lodge of Unanimity, Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield.
 - 235 Lodge of the Nine Muses, Bond-street, London.
 - 237 Indefatigable Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, Swansea.
 - 255 Lodge of Harmony, Richmond, Surrey.

Extinct Lodges.	Erased after
102 Lodge of Prince George, Plymouth	... 1814
104 Phoenix Lodge, Stowmarket 1814
223 Lusitanian Lodge, F.M.H., London 1814
227 Gothic Lodge, Harwich, Essex 1814
311 Lodge of Virtue, Masonic Rooms, Bath 1814
291 Lodge of Jehoshaphat, Wotton-under-Edge	1792
382 Lodge of Liberty and Sincerity, Wellington	1814
414 Lodge of Honour, Kensington, London 1814
314 Royal Gloucester Lodge, Gloucester...	... 1832

FREEMASONRY IN NORWICH.

The Craft in Norwich have at length fallen upon what they consider comfortable quarters, away from the contaminating influence of hotels and taverns. The residence of the late Mr. H. Bolingbroke, situated at 23, St. Giles'-street, coming to the hammer, a couple of speculating Masons went in for the purchase thereof, and with Bro. H. A. Wooster Reeves as Secretary, and "having the cordial support of the R.W.P.G.M. (Lord Suffolk)," a Masonic Club has been started with all the usual facilities of such places. Subscription, one guinea per annum. It remains to be seen how this will succeed. Anyhow, three lodges have already located themselves at No. 23 for their usual monthly meetings—Walpole taking the initiative (with a splendid opening on Thursday evening, the 9th inst.), followed by Cabbell and Perseverance, and it is expected Social and Sincerity will come in shortly, and maybe the aristocratic Union; this latter, however, we doubt, unless his lordship smiles benignly and says yes. Provincial Grand Lodge this year is also to be held in this house, and as the ruling powers are going in strictly for economy, and do not intend to advertise in the local press, we give their announcement free, gratis, for nothing. Major Penrice, D.P.G.M., is unaccountably averse to newspaper reports of Masonic banquets, and expressed himself to that effect at the opening of the new North Walsham (Suffield) Lodge the other day, and yet half a column appeared in our non-Masonic daily contemporary—full of inaccuracies, we admit, nevertheless it must have been supplied by a brother standing well in the Craft. How was this? Here is the circular above alluded to:—

"PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORFOLK.—The Right Honourable Lord Suffolk, K.C.B., R.W.P.G.M., Major Penrice, D.P.G.M.—Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of this province, will be held at No. 23, St. Giles'-street, Norwich, on Friday, October 17th, 1879, at half-past 12 o'clock precisely, when and where the Provincial Grand Officers, Past Officers, with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens

* "Masonic Registrar of Lodges" (plates), by Bro. W. J. Hughan (12/6). London: George Kenning; Truro: of the Author.

are summoned to attend, and at which all Master Masons are invited to be present. [Here follows the agenda.] At half-past 3 o'clock the brethren will assemble in the School-room in the Cathedral Cloisters, and from thence proceed, in their Masonic clothing, to the Cathedral for Divine Service, at 4 o'clock, when the Rev. H. T. Griffith, Felmingham Rectory, P.G.C., will preach a sermon. H. G. Barwell, P.G.S. A banquet at Cooper's Restaurant, Bank-plain, Norwich, at 6 o'clock, at which the R.W.P.G.M. will preside. Tickets 11/ each (to include half a bottle of champagne), to be obtained of W. Bro. James Dunsford, P.P.G.S.D., St. Giles'-street, Norwich, and of Bro. H. A. Wooster Reeves, No. 23, St. Giles'-street, Norwich, not later than Tuesday, the 14th inst."

Touching this migration to "Cooper's," we have received a letter from "A Mason" protesting against holding a Masonic banquet "under the roof of the greatest Atheist in the Eastern Counties, when we have such respectable hotels in our midst." These hotels are many of them lodge houses, held by brethren who naturally feel aggrieved that they should be passed over in favour of one—however good a caterer—who reviles at religion, and holds Freemasonry in contempt. The matter has created much stir among the Craft in the province.—*Norwich Argus.*

PROVINCE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

In consequence of the sudden illness of Lord Carnarvon, the ceremony of laying the memorial stone of the Public Buildings in Reading, intended for Tuesday last, the 14th inst., was unavoidably postponed. Lord Carnarvon is suffering from a very severe attack of gout, which makes it absolutely impossible for him to attend. It is hoped that the ceremony may take place on or about Tuesday, the 4th November. The Provincial Grand Lodge, summoned for the 14th inst., was, therefore, not held.

[The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Robt. Bradley, desires us to state that he took every possible precaution to prevent inconvenience by sending to every Mason in the province a copy of the above notice on Friday evening, the 10th inst., having been informed of the postponement only that same evening at seven o'clock. A notice was also sent on the following day to all others whom he had reason to believe would come, and it is hoped the means taken will have prevented any brother coming.]

Masonic Notes and Queries.

ANOTHER MASONIC MS.

It is again my delight to announce the advent of another MS. which, although the latest in point of publicity, has been known to me for some little time, only I have not had the opportunity to carefully examine it until now. Some months ago it was exhibited to me by Capt. N. G. Phillips (P.G.D.), one of the illustrious Chiefs of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," it forming one of the special features of the Grand Library owned by the "Supreme Council," 33°, of England, &c. I have already alluded to the older MS. of A.D. 1686, which is a most valuable document, and carefully preserved in the archives of the Supreme Council. The junior is a transcript of the old MS. known as "Matthew Cooke's" (of the 15th century circa), and is a marvel of the calligraphic art. Its size is 6½ inches by 4, and the binding is of red morocco, gilt. The copy is likely to have been early last century, say about 1730, and a pencil note thereon entitles it the "Lord Coleraine MS." Likely enough the title refers to Lord Coleraine, who was Grand Master in 1727-8, whose name occurs on a similar transcript, now in the possession of the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A. (P.G.C.) Bro. Woodford's copy has the arms' plate of "William Cowper, Esq., Clerk to the Parliaments" (doubtless the Grand Sec. of A.D. 1723), and contains the following important note:—"This is a very ancient record of Masonry, which was copy'd for me by Wm. Reid, Secretary to the Grand Lodge 1728. Ld. Coleraine, Grd Master, Al. Choke, Depy., Nat. Blackesby and Jo. Highmore, Gd. Wardens." The original MS. was purchased of a Mrs. Caroline Baker, Oct. 14th, 1859, by the authorities of the British Museum, and was edited in 1861 by Bro. Matthew Cooke, hence its title. Evidently, in 1728, it was known to the Grand Secretary, and from it apparently several transcripts were made, two at least being still in existence. Bro. Woodford's copy was purchased a few years ago from a bookseller at Bristol. The present MS. under notice I beg to name the "Ancient and Accepted Rite MS.," and I desire to thank the R.W. Bro. Hugh David Sideman, P. District G.M. of Bengal, for the facilities afforded me to carefully examine its pages.

W. J. HUGHAN.

ANCIENT MASONIC POETRY.

The following extracts were taken from our good friend, the *Keystone*. We wish its pleasant Editor would also give us a reference whence they came:

The following is an ancient Masonic Epitaph:

The Circle's round
Is Virtue's bound.
The Perfect Square
Tell's God is there.
The Plumbet's fall
'S Heaven's grace fo' all.
Employ good tools
By Mason's rules.
Eschew all evil
And shame the Devil.

An old Masonic poem closes with this telling stanza:

Let love abound in all your ways,
That all Mankind may see
That trust in God is the Keystone
Of ancient Masonry.

THE QUATUOR CORONATI.

I hope in December number of the "Masonic Magazine" to give the Latin and English versions in Arundel MSS., British Museum, of the old legend of the four faithful Craftsmen. A. F. A. W.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Sir Charles T. Bright has been elected Master of the Needle Makers' Company.

We are happy to state that Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., who, as already stated, is suffering from a severe attack of gout, is somewhat better, although still confined to his room.

The installation meeting of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday last, the 15th inst. A report of the proceedings unavoidably stands over.

The election meeting of the Era Lodge, No. 1423, was held on Saturday last. A report will appear in our next.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction by Bro. Geo. King, P.M., Preceptor, on Tuesday evening, the 21st inst., at 7 o'clock. Brethren are kindly invited to attend.

In our report of the lecture delivered by Bro. D. Spark it was stated that it was given to the brethren and visitors of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 289, whereas it should be the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 289, Leeds. We are also informed that a practical application of this lecture was made at a ceremony of initiation in the same lodge on Thursday, the 7th inst., when both vocal and instrumental music was introduced, as advocated in the lecture.

The Fifteen Sections will (by invitation) be worked on Wednesday week, the 29th inst., in the Southwark Lodge of Instruction, No. 879, by the brethren of the St. James's Lodge, No. 765, at the Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park-road, Bermondsey. The lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock precisely.

His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M. Ireland, presided on Tuesday, at the opening of the Madeline wing of the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin. The new wing is a substantial addition to the hospital. It is named after the late Lady Madeline Crichton, wife of Colonel the Hon. C. F. Crichton, and daughter of the Marquis of Headfort.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, speaking on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the opening of a bazaar in aid of the new church of St. Luke's, Southport, said he had very high authority for saying that the heavy cloud of depression, under which we had been for a long time, was disappearing. There was a rift in the cloud, which he hoped and trusted would open until we saw the blue sky of prosperity above us once more.

The annual dinner of the Licensed Victuallers' School will take place at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday next, Baron Henry de Worms presiding. The institution maintains, clothes, and educates 200 poor children, at an annual cost of about £7,000.

The meetings of the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, will in future be held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the meeting of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, to be held at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday next, the 20th inst. Bro. Martin, of the Southwark Park Lodge, No. 879, will occupy the chair of W.M. on this occasion, and the lodge will be opened at 7 p.m.

The Rev. D. Armstrong, D.D., preaching in Holy Trinity Church, Walton Beck, on Sunday, the 14th ult., made special reference to mission work in Mexico, and said that Dr. Riley, Bishop of the Happy Valley, had told him that Freemasonry had done more to promote the extension of the Gospel in Mexico than any other thing that had ever been introduced into that country.—Rock.

The brethren within the Liverpool Masonic circle, and many besides who are beyond it, will learn with regret that Bro. Joseph Wood, who for so many years has occupied a working position in Masonry, has recently sustained a severe loss in the death of his wife, who for the long period of forty-five years had been his sharer of every-day joys and sorrows. The sad event took place on the 9th inst. at Monument-place, after a long and painful illness, which was borne by the sufferer with the greatest resignation and patience. Mrs. Wood, who had reached her seventy-second year, was universally respected and esteemed; and now that Bro. Wood, by the dispensation of T.G.A.O.T.U., has been bereft of her who was for nearly half a century his kindly helpmeet, he may fall back for some consolation on the heartfelt and universal sympathy of all who know him, both in and out of Masonry. The interment of Mrs. Wood took place on Monday afternoon at Smithdown-lane Cemetery, Liverpool, where there were gathered a number of Bro. Wood's personal friends. The funeral service was read by the Rev. Dr. Harrison, of St. Silas's Church, Liverpool.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Autumn is proverbially the season of sickness; then the blood requires purification, the digestion demands thorough and attentive regulation, and all the secretions call for correction. Holloway's remedies supply all the necessaries for securing health; the one overcomes cutaneous diseases, sores, ulcerations, abscesses, carbuncles, and all visible imperfections, the other acts most potently in cleansing the circulation, strengthening the stomach, governing the liver, regulating the bowels, and reducing the entire system to order. Thus these twin medicaments furnish the most efficient medicine chest available for family use. It is easier, through Holloway's discovery, to point out the remedy than to describe the disease; into the former no fallacy can intrude; into the latter prejudice may unwillingly creep.—[Adv.]

It will interest many of our readers to know that a complimentary benefit is in preparation at the Gaiety Theatre, to Mr. William Belford. Few actors on the stage have more claims on the sympathy of the public than Mr. Belford.

The *World* says the household at Camden Place is broken up, and Dr. Conneau and M. Pietri have virtually taken their leave of the Empress, with whose family they have been so long associated.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, October 25, 1879.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18.

- Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green, N.
" 1304, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
" 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Chap. 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton Ct.

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, Picnic.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20.

- Lodge 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 185, Tranquility, Guildhall Tav.
" 862, Whittington, F.M.H.
" 907, Royal Alfred, F.M.H.
" 1537, St. Peter, Westminster, Regent M.H.
Chap. 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Wellington, White Swan 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.C.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
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.
Royal Commemoration, 1585, Railway Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21.

- Board of Gen. Pur. at 4.
Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st., Hot.
" 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.
" 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1420, The Great City, Cannon-st., Hot.
" 1695, New Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., N.
Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.

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., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
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, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22.

- Lodge of Benevolence at 6.
" 597, United Pilgrims, S.M.H. Camberwell.
" 1017, Montefiore, 68, Regent-st., W.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., Southwark.
Chap. 13, Union, Waterloo, M.H., Wm.-st., Woolwich.

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-rd., Peckham.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Albion-rd., N.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23.

- House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.

- Lodge 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
" 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Chap. 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.

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-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsobny-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., 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-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24.

- House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1601, Ravensbourne, Dist. Board of Wks., Catford.
Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
- London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
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-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marybone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., 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-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-Hill.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND
CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 25, 1879.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20.

- Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
" 995, Furness, M.H., Ulverston.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
" 1570, Prince Arthur, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 141, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22.

- Lodge 32, St. George's Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Chap. 650, Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1052, Callendar, Public H., Rusholme.
De Grey & Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Neptune L. of I., M. H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-woods.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1570, Dec, Union Hot., Parkgate.
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24.

- Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1086, Walton Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 25, 1879.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20.

- Lodge 934, Merit, Derby Hot., Whitefield.
" 1030, Egerton, George Hot., Heaton, Norris.
" 1170, St. George, M.H., Manchester.
Chap. 374, Concord, M.H., Church Inst., Bolton.
" 210, Faith, Bowling Green Hot., Denton.
Precep., Prince of Peace, Bull Hot., Preston.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21.

- Lodge 1052, Callender, M.H., Manchester.
" 1534, Concord, George Hot., Prestwich.
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22.
- Lodge 1392, Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury.
" 1459, Ashbury, Justice Birch Hot., Ashbury.
" 1633, Avon, Denmark Hot., C. on M.
" 1723, St. George, Commercial Hot., Bolton.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23.

- Lodge 78, Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hot., Middleton.
" 348, St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton.
" 816, Royds, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle.
" 935, Harmony, M.H., Salford.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24.

- Preceptory, Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hot., Bury.