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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The January Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Saturday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, V.P., and Trustee, presiding. There were also present Bros. A. H. Tattershall, Thomas Massa, A. J. Duff Filer, S. Rawson, Arthur E. Gladwell, E. Letchworth, Joshua Nunn, J. J. Berry, F. R. W. Hodges (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the brethren confirmed the recommendation of the General Committee to declare twenty-eight candidates on the list for election in April, and fifteen vacancies.

Bro. JOSHUA NUNN then brought forward the following motion of which he had given notice: "That the following words be added to Law LXXII., after the word 'provision,' viz. 'and in cases of exceptional merit and necessity the General Committee are authorised to increase the sum to an amount not exceeding £40.'" In doing so he said it was hardly necessary for him to say many words on the subject. He believed it was through a misunderstanding at the last meeting that the motion was not carried. He had been since told by his opponents that they did not then understand it. They supposed that it was a proposition to give every girl who left the Institution £40. Now it was nothing of the sort; it was only to be given in exceptional cases. It had only been once in the last two years that the Committee had given as much as £20. There were exceptional cases in which it was desirable they should have the power of rendering assistance to girls above the amount usually given. To obtain that power he brought forward this motion. He might add that one of his strongest opponents at last meeting, Bro. Henry Smith, the Grand Secretary, representing the large and important province of West Yorkshire, had told him he thought it was intended by the motion that the Committee should have the power to give £40 per girl.

Bro. A. E. GLADWELL seconded the motion, and said that he had opposed it formerly because he misunderstood its import in the same way as Bro. H. Smith. If he had understood it he should most assuredly have voted for it, and possibly have said a few words in favour of it. It was only lost by a very small majority. He felt sure the supporters of the School would be glad such a motion was passed.

Bro. A. J. DUFF FILER did not wish the motion to pass without observation. It occurred to him when the Pupils' Assistance Fund was started that it was not wanted, but that any gifts to the children on leaving the School should be left entirely in the hands of the managers of the School, who were much better acquainted with the merits of the girls who required assistance for their future career in life than any other medium. The present motion had his most cordial support, and he hoped it would put an end to the fourth charity, which he believed would be a great detriment to the Masonic Charitable Institutions. He never had subscribed to the Pupils' Assistance Fund, and never would. He would much rather support the Institutions which gave sums of money for the benefit of the children. There was only one other observation he wished to make. He need hardly say that the men who were selected to carry out the proposed rule had the confidence of the subscribers, and the only thing to guard against was the exercising the power they had too often. They would only use it in exceptional and urgent cases.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH had much pleasure in supporting the motion. He believed it would be for the benefit of the interests of the Institution that it should be widely known throughout the Craft and supporters of the Institutions that it had such a fund as this. It would be in the recollection of the members of the Court that some short time since the Earl of Rosslyn, on the occasion of his taking the chair at one of the Charity dinners, said he found out what he thought was a great blot on the Masonic Institutions. Now it was not only desirable for the interests of the Institutions that there should be no blot, but also that there

should not be an impression that a blot existed. If the Earl of Rosslyn had been made aware, as he should have been before he had made the observations, that the House Committees of both the Boys' and Girls' Schools had the power to give the pupils as much as £20 when they left the Institutions, he would not have made the observations he did. If the £20 was increased to £40, in exceptional cases, he, Bro. Letchworth, thought that the principal supporters of the scheme which had arisen from the noble earl's observations, would be assured that the machinery at the disposal of the General Committees was adequate to meet all circumstances. As Bro. Nunn had observed, very few cases occurred in which it was necessary to make the full grant. It was not at all probable that many such cases would occur. It was a great mistake to suppose that the children who left the Schools left them friendless. No child ever got into the Schools—it was impossible for a child to get into the Boys' or Girls' School—without the assistance of numerous and influential friends; and he could not believe that a single child who had been successful in being elected would on leaving those Institutions find himself, or herself, friendless, and without the assistance of those whose aid had been necessary to secure their election.

Bro. S. RAWSON did not rise to oppose the motion; in fact, he had voted for it at the last Quarterly Court, but as the motion had been objected to by numerous friends on that occasion, and but few were present now, he thought that unless there was a case that required immediate consideration it would be a compliment to the country brethren to adjourn the consideration of the motion to the next Quarterly Court, when there would be a numerous attendance. It was evident from what had been said that some of the brethren who formerly opposed the motion would now support it, and on all grounds he thought it would be best to adjourn the motion.

Col. CREATON said, in answer to Bro. Rawson's remarks, that the motion had been advertised and communicated to the country brethren. He thought it would be a pity to postpone the motion. The country brethren would have the opportunity in April of objecting to it if they pleased. The principal brethren who had opposed the motion were now in favour of it.

Bro. JOSHUA NUNN, in reply, said he was happy to say there was no opposition on the present occasion. He was sorry that there were not more brethren present; but as all the brethren in the country had been made acquainted by circular and advertisement they had had an opportunity of attending that day if they had wished to oppose the motion. He sincerely hoped that the step now taken would put down what had been called "a fourth Charity," which, he could not but think, would be detrimental to the Institution. He had thought so all through, and had expressed himself to that effect to the movers of it. If those who were entrusted with the management of the affairs of the Institution had the power now sought to be given, they would never use it lavishly. Only once in two years had £20 be given to one girl, and the brethren might be sure from that that much money had not been expended this way. On the occasion of the £20 being given it would have been increased to £30 if the Committee had had the power. It was a most deserving case, and the remaining £10 was made up by the brethren. They did not want a fourth Masonic Charity, but they wanted the power to assist those who required assistance to the amount that was necessary. He was sorry Lord Rosslyn was not made acquainted with the facts that both the Boys' and Girls' Institutions had the power to grant as high a sum as £20 to a child leaving the Institution, for if he had he would not have made the remarks which led to the starting of a fourth Charity. If they had such a Charity he thought it would damage the Institutions materially.

The motion was put, and carried unanimously, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday last, Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair, when a large number of brethren attended, including Bros. A. J. Duff-Filer, G. Bolton, C. H. Webb, W. H. Perryman, Leopold Ruf, Jas. Freeman, H. T. Moore, H. T. Venn, J. G. Stevens, J. J. Berry, Wm. Roebuck, J. Murray, J. Terry, Wm. Mann, Richard Tyrrell, William Paas, D. M. Dewar, C. F. Matier, J. G. Chancellor, S. J. Benton, S. Dawson, A. E. Gladwell, W. F. C. Moutrie, W. H. Spaul, Chas. Sanders, S. Rosenthal, H. S. Goodall, Alf. Williams, Abner Torrington, A. Tisley, T. Cubitt, George Blythe, W. W. Morgan, jun., Edward Baxter, E. C. Woodward, Col. Peters, F. Binckes (Secretary), and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the various Boards and Committees having been read and approved, the Court proceeded to the consideration of the list of candidates from which twenty boys are to be elected on 11th April next, when the case of Arthur Harvey Collingwood excited a good deal of discussion. Bro. MATIER submitted that as the lad was entitled to something over £40 a year, applicable for educational purposes, he was not in a position to stand in need of the benefits of the Institution; and he added that if this lad was admitted he should place his own boy before the Committee as a candidate for the same advantages.

Bro. GLADWELL, following, approved of all Bro. Matier had said, and drew attention to the ages of the "children" said to be dependent on the mother, viz., a girl, aged 23;

a boy, aged 22, &c., and urged that it was fair to infer that "children" of those ages could be doing something for their own support.

The SECRETARY read a letter and various telegrams from different parts of the country, urging that [the case should be removed from the list, or that a large amount of subscriptions would be lost.

Bro. J. G. STEVENS spoke as representing several lodges in East London, which were liberal supporters of the Charities, and he endorsed all that had fallen from Bros. Matier and Gladwell.

Bro. R. STEWART supported the action of the House Committee, in recommending that the case be retained on the list; urging that this was not a pauper Institution, and that, as the widow's income was only £106, she was, after her former comparatively affluent position, so reduced in circumstances as to give her son a claim to become a candidate for election.

Bro. GIRLING said that the discussion had been carried on with spirit and animosity (an expression he declined to withdraw when asked to do so), and that it was evidently useless to expect anything but an unfavourable result. He had been supported by many influential Masons in bringing forward this case; but as their intention was evident he desired to withdraw the boy's name from the list.

The SECRETARY having explained that as the case had come before the Court as a final appeal, it would be necessary for the Court to pass a resolution.

Bro. MATIER proposed that the name of Arthur Harvey Collingwood be erased from the list of candidates; and the proposition having been seconded, was put to the vote, and carried.

The list of candidates for election as passed by the Court numbered seventy-six.

Bro. Binckes having withdrawn,

Bro. R. W. STEWART, V.P., proposed "That, to commemorate the twenty years' services of the Secretary, Bro. Binckes, and in recognition of the ability shown during that period, also having regard to the success achieved through his exertions, a grant of £200 be made to him out of the funds of the Institution," and in doing so said that, however much they had differed in the late discussion, he did not think there would be much difference of opinion upon this matter. Their Secretary had served them faithfully for twenty years. When he entered on his duties the income of the Institution was about £1800 a year; now it was £13,000, and had 250 children under its protection. The total received during those twenty years amounted to as much as £192,000.

Bro. MATIER in seconding the proposition said that he had had a number of communications, and the general expression was one of regret, either that the amount was not larger, or that it could not be received year after year.

The proposition on being put from the chair was carried unanimously, and Bro. BINCKES on being recalled and informed of the resolution returned his thanks to the Court for this mark of their approbation, which he received with the greater pleasure from the fact of its being a unanimous vote.

FREEMASONRY IN BATH, 1724-1733.

By V.W. Bro. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, P.G.D. of England, Hon. Member 41, &c., &c.

Dedicated to the W. Bro. Dr. Henry Hopkins, M.A., F.C.P., P.M. 43, W.M. 41, &c., &c., P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire.

The fact of the "Constitutions of the Freemasons" of A.D. 1738 containing no reference to a lodge at Bath before the one of A.D. 1733 (present No. 41) seems to have led many to suppose that this lodge was the first warranted for the city. There was, however, one much earlier chartered, viz., latter part of 1723, or in 1724. There is an engraved list preserved, unique of 1723, but all the lodges therein are for the London district and neighbourhood. If any list of lodges was issued for 1724, no copy is known at the present time, but of 1725 two copies are still extant. In both of the latter date is to be found a lodge at the "Queen's Head, Bath," and as it was the first warrant ever issued by the Grand Lodge of England for any part of the "country," Bath may rightly be termed the *premier Masonic provincial city of England*. At and before that year the Grand Lodge had warranted about fifty lodges, but none for a country district; and when the lodges were known by their numbers several had collapsed, so that the lodge at Bath, on the numeration of 1729-30, was numbered 28.

It was one of the most distinguished lodges, as respects the membership, of any ever warranted before or since 1724. We cannot decide exactly when it ceased to exist, but certainly not before 1736. My friend Bro. Robert Freke Gould, S.G.D. of England, and author of "The Four Old Lodges," &c., has been most kind and energetic in his researches on this point in the records of the Grand Lodge, and considers it was about the year 1737. It was left out of the engraved lists of 1738-9. On March 2nd, 1732, the Grand Lodge archives contain a notice of payment of one guinea from the lodge for "Charity." Bro. Gould agrees with me as to the possibility, and even probability, of its having been constituted in 1723. However, to be within the mark, we accept the year 1724, under the Grand Mastership of the Earl of Dalkeith or that of the Duke of Richmond. There was not another Grand Lodge in England at this period, and, indeed, the one in London was the first of its kind; the "assemblies" at York and other

cities doing any legislative work before then. There was, however, an old lodge at York meeting in 1724, but not as a Grand Lodge until 1725. It was never at enmity with the Grand Lodge of England (London), and was known as "the Grand Lodge of All England, held in the city of York." Some years later it issued warrants for lodges, but never for any part of the West of England, and mainly confined its operations to the neighbourhood of Yorkshire. There was another Grand Lodge, which sprang out of a secession from the regular Grand Lodge (or "Moderns"), and was known as the "Ancients," "York Masons," or "Athol Masons."

This body, however, never did any work that is known until 1750, and after then many lodges in England were started, such as at Bristol in 1753—all, however, long after No. 28, Bath, was formed, and years after the present No. 41 was warranted. Save then any independent old lodges not meeting by warrants from the Grand Lodge of England (and those being all north of the city of Bath or east thereof), Bath was the first city that had a regular Masonic lodge out of the London district, and was the first ever warranted in the country by the Grand Lodge.

This lodge assembled about 1836, and as the present No. 41 was constituted in 1733 by a warrant from the same Grand Lodge, it is quite clear, as the latter has regularly met as a lodge ever since, that Freemasonry has existed in the city of Bath from the year 1724 continuously to 1880, which is more than can be said for any other city or town in the country.

Bro. Gould has traced a list of members of No. 28, Bath, from 1725, with additions to 1729. Unfortunately he cannot find any later list in the returns of lodges to Grand Lodge, or doubtless we should find several brethren who belonged to No. 28, and started the present No. 41 in the year 1732. We have discovered only one so far, viz., Bro. St. John Smith (or Smyth), who is mentioned in the early records of the "Royal Cumberland Lodge." In the return of the No. 28 Lodge to the Grand Lodge, A.D. 1725, His Grace the Duke of St. Albans was Master, and the Rev. George Vesey and Erasmus Earl, Esq., Wardens. The list of members from 1725 to 1729 comprises the following brethren:—

Queen's Head, Bath.
(Copied from the Register, 19th October, 1880.)
His Grace Duke of St. Albans, Master.
* Rev. Mr. Geo. Vesey } Wardens.
* Erasmus Earl, Esq. }
* Dr. Edward Harrington. Thomas Selve.
Jam. Leake. * Charles Stone. Miloe Smith.
* Lord Viscount Cobham.
* John Lord Harvey.
Esq. { Rich. Nash. Knox Ward.
* Tho. Mee. * Wm. Bristow.
* Geo. Dashwood. * Hugh Barker.
* Tho. Gore. Wm. Chamber.
Colonel Robt. Reading.
Rev. Mr. John Boswell.
Thos. Thailer. Saml. Pye.
John Granoe. St. John Smith.
Wm. Barwell. * Saml. Bush. Edwd. Cookey.
Sir John Buckworth.
Frd. Bave. Rev. Mr. Markhall.
Mr. Tho. Short. Tho. Clark, and Ch. Boone, Esqrs.
Wriothesley, Duke of Bedford.
Wm. Aglionby. Frd. Lewis, Esqrs.
Geo. Henry Earl of Litchfield.
Wm. Lord Craven.
Sir Humphrey Monoux, Bart.
Sir Robert Walter, Bart.
Esq. { James Harrett.
* Richard Hare Chester.

NOTES.

I see that Baron and Viscount Cobham was afterwards Duke of Buckingham.

Baron Harvey—creation of 1703—was afterwards Marquess of Bristol.

Sir John Buckworth—creation of 1697—is now Buckworth—Hearne—Soame.

The Duke of St. Albans' present successor is Prov. Grand Master Nottinghamshire.

I have pleasure in stating that I have obtained the only spare copy left of a lithograph facsimile of the Engraved List of 1725 (worth more than its weight in gold) from Bro. General Albert Pike of Washington City (of the United States) to present it to the Lodge No. 41, and have sent it to the W.M. accordingly. I feel much indebted personally to Bro. R. F. Gould and Bro. General Pike for their kind and valued assistance.

Truro, 3rd December, 1880.

W. J. H.

NOTES ON THE ABOVE BY BRO. DR. H. HOPKINS.

So far as the exhaustive researches of Bros. R. F. Gould and W. J. Hughan have extended, and on careful consideration of the evidence and the results thereof, the W.M. of No. 41 fails to see on what ground the latter eminent brother arrives at the conclusion that No. 28 of the year 1723-4 "ceased to exist certainly not before 1736." In his view the evidence seems to tend to a different result. Whereas the returns to Grand Lodge had been regular up to 1729, and none later can be found, that seems to commend itself as the date of the extinction of the lodge. Naturally some time might be required for winding up its affairs; unavailing efforts were probably made to overcome the difficulties which, whatever they might be, led to so sudden a disruption; and the donation in 1732 of one guinea for "charity" might be some remaining balance in hand thus disposed of, at the very period when, without a shadow of doubt, arrangements were made to obtain the authorisation for another lodge, the Royal Cumberland, 113, which may therefore fairly be considered as the immediate successor of No. 28, formed by some of those who belonged to the latter, and of whom, as already stated, we find one name recorded, not only as a member, but as one of the petitioners for it. Bro. Hughan remarks that "unfortunately Bro. Gould cannot find any later list" of No. 28 "in the returns of lodges to the Grand Lodge" than the year 1729. It might rather be said, *fortunately*, for the argument as to the continuity of No. 113 (the present 41) in direct succession from No. 28, as it goes to prove that the latter ceased to exist at that period, giving its place to No. 113, the Royal Cumberland. The interval of two years is not an unreasonable time during which it may be presumed that repeated attempts were made to carry on the work by the original lodge. The continuance of the

insertion of No. 28 on the Engraved List somewhat later than 1732 hardly seems to afford proof of actual working beyond that date. Even in the present day there are many instances of the names of lodges remaining on the calendar which have for some years been in abeyance, and have neglected to make returns to Grand Lodge, possibly in the hope of revival; such was much more likely to be the case at a period when communication was more difficult, and the irregularities and scantiness of records were far greater than they now are, some of which are noted by Bro. Gould on p. 571 of the *Freemason* of December 25th.

The list of members of the Bath Lodge in 1725 is very remarkable, as it contains the names of so many persons of high rank. It must be remembered that at that period "The Bath" was the fashionable place of resort for the nobility and members of the Royal family during a considerable portion of each year. Hence the early formation of a lodge here by those who took an active part in Masonic proceedings in London was but natural. At the same time there must have been a large proportion of local members of the lodge, for on examination of the list by an old resident in Bath, he recognises the names of more than a fourth, who still have their representatives in gentlemen of repute in the city or its neighbourhood.

H. H.

14, Belvedere, Bath, December 28th, 1880.

CONSECRATION OF THE EARL OF CARNARVON CHAPTER, No. 1642.

The chapter attached to the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, was consecrated on Saturday, the 8th inst., at Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, by Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E., who was assisted by Comp. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, acting as H., and Comp. Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.A.S., acting as J., and Comp. W. Stephens, P.Z., G. Soj. Kent, &c., acting as Director of Ceremonies. The musical portion of the ceremony was conducted by Comp. Prof. Lott, assisted by Comps. J. L. Hodges, Alfred Kenningham, and E. J. Hoare. The chapter room presented a very tasteful appearance, the handsome and costly robes of the Principals and the banners and other appointments being much admired.

The ceremony commenced soon after four o'clock, and there were present besides the companions named above, Comps. George Penn, M.E.Z. designate; S. H. Parkhouse, H. designate; W. J. Murlis, P.Z. 862, J. designate; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.N.; R. H. Pearson, 112; J. Michael, J. J. Cattle, H. J. Johnson, J. E. Carpenter, P.Z. 1196; Major M. Thomson, 753; E. K. Kendall, 10; E. F. Hoare, 257; J. Hodges, 19; Alfred Kenningham, 19; J. Williams, 176; W. Williams, 176; W. Side, 1507; G. Davis, P.S. 185; J. S. Adkins, 733; F. G. Baker, P.Z. 753; T. J. Heath, 19; F. E. Pocock, 1498; S. Elborn, 185; H. Sadler, Z. 169, Grand Janitor; and W. Lake, P.G. Reg. Cornwall (*Freemason*).

After the formal opening of the convocation Comp. Shadwell Clerke addressed the companions and paid a high compliment to the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. The good ship, Lodge 1642, he said, well manned, had steered her way with such great credit, that the chapter which was about to be launched with the same crew as founders &c., could not fail to be prosperous; he had no doubt whatever about the result and wished them every success.

After the usual formalities of the address of the acting Scribe E., the Consecrating Z.'s reply and directions, the reading of the petitions for the charter, the demand for the approval of the companions of the Principals named, and the assent of the companions, an able address was delivered by Comp. Rev. C. W. Arnold.

After the address the Consecrating Officers proceeded with the remainder of the ceremony, and Comp. Shadwell Clerke then installed Comp. Penn as M.E.Z.; Comp. D. H. Parkhouse as H.; and Comp. Murlis as J. The ballot was then taken for the Treasurer and other officers, and the following were duly elected and invested: Comps. E. M. Lander, Treas.; R. C. Green, Scribe E.; S. Smout, Scribe N.; F. C. Frye, Prin. Soj.; James Bartle, 1st Asst. Soj.; Comp. Marsh acted as Janitor.

The M.E.Z. then proposed that Comp. Colonel Shadwell Clerke, G.S.E., &c., be elected a honorary companion of the chapter. This was seconded by Comp. PARKHOUSE, and carried with acclamation.

The M.E.Z. then proposed that E. Comps. Col. Creaton, Rev. C. W. Arnold, W. Stephens, and Prof. M. Lott be also elected honorary members, which was carried unanimously.

Comp. COL. CREATON, on behalf of himself and the other companions, thanked them for the honour conferred on them.

The names of several brethren were proposed for membership, and a Committee was formed, composed of the founders, to prepare the bye-laws.

Communications from Comp. Sir Albert Woods and others, regretting their inability to be present, were then read, and the chapter was closed.

The companions then adjourned to an excellent banquet, prepared by Comp. Linscott, which was of the choicest description. The usual toasts followed.

In proposing the toast of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," the M.E.Z. said that Royal Arch Masons prided themselves especially on their loyalty.

In giving the toast of "The Prince of Wales, the M.E.Z. of the Order," Comp. PENN said that in Royal Arch Masonry, as in the Craft, H.R.H. fulfilled his duties in an admirable manner, considering the many and pressing claims upon his time.

The toast of "The Rest of the Grand Principals, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and Lord De Tabley," followed, the M.E.Z. remarking that they were that evening honoured with the presence of two Grand Officers, Comps. Col. Clerke and Col. Creaton. It was well known to the companions how well the Grand Officers performed their duties. Some of them were called on to fill high offices of State, but this did not lessen their Masonic zeal.

Comp. Col. CREATON, in responding, thanked the companions for so warmly receiving the toast of the Grand Officers. With regard to the Earls of Carnarvon and Lathom, no words of his could add to the esteem and regard in which they were held by the entire Craft. The M.E.Z. had alluded to his connection with our noble Charities. Since he first had the pleasure and honour of being so connected they had made wonderful progress. Several years ago, when he was a Steward of the Boys' School,

they raised about £1600. Now they raised £14,000, but the Craft was now vastly larger, and it was to be expected that the subscriptions to the Charities would increase in proportion. Nevertheless, more ought to be done. In looking over the list of contributions the same names would be found again and again. Many do not give at all; everyone should give their mite—he said mite advisedly—and then a large sum would be collected without necessitating the continual visiting of lodges by the Secretaries of the Institutions.

Comp. PENN next proposed "The Consecrating Officers," which, he said, was the most important toast of the evening. The companions would be pleased to hear that the warrant was granted on the first application, so well did the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge stand at headquarters. They were honoured by the presence of the Grand Scribe E., Col. Clerke, which reminded him of the consecration of the lodge by the then Grand Secretary, our lamented Bro. J. Hervey. He hoped that among his many pressing duties Col. Clerke would still find time to look in on them now and then.

Col. CLERKE, in reply, said that it had given him much pleasure to attend and perform the ceremony of consecration. He was very sorry that the reverend and eloquent Comp. Arnold had to leave at an early hour. He had come specially from Woking to take part in the ceremony, and they all thoroughly appreciated and valued his services. He thanked them on behalf of his colleagues, and for himself personally, he would say that when asked to be present he felt honoured by the request, and readily acquiesced. The lodge had been in existence four years, and as the same officers were going to pilot the new ship, there was no fear of their being anything but successful, and he was glad to come and help to bring them into existence. It was usual for the First Principal to instal his successor, but as there was actually no P.Z., he might be considered the P.Z. Their companion, the First Principal, had had a most stupendous jump; he had got through the work of about three years in as many hours. It must have been a great trial to his nerves, but if he had quite recovered his equanimity he would ask him to respond.

Comp. PENN, in replying, thanked Comp. Col. Clerke for the kind remarks he had made; he felt at a loss to express himself, but since he had heard that he had satisfactorily performed the work of three years, during their present meeting it had given him confidence, and been a source of much gratification. He did not feel equal to the position, but had been much pressed to occupy the chair of First Principal, and trusted he should fulfil the duties with satisfaction to the chapter. He had taken great interest in the lodge, which although a very young one, had been heard of in connection with the Charities, and had sent up a Steward each year; he hoped the chapter would follow in the steps of the lodge in this respect.

The M.E.Z. then proposed "The Health of the Second and Third Principals, Comps. Parkhouse and Murlis." But for them, he said, he should not be in the position he then occupied. They were most energetic members of the lodge, and he felt sure that they would be equally so in the chapter.

Comp. PARKHOUSE, in reply, heartily thanked the M.E.Z. for his kind expressions. Like his highly esteemed First Principal, it was after a great deal of pressure he undertook the duties of Second Principal, but having done so he would do his best to carry them out satisfactorily.

Comp. MURLIS also returned thanks for the proud position they had placed him in. Comp. Parkhouse had certainly prejudged his modesty. By some inadvertence he had dropped into the chair of J., but as he was so placed he would go forward and do his duty. He was thought to be an ambitious man in Kensington; he certainly was ambitious to do all he could for the benefit of Masonry and to promote the interests of the Craft. He would make one request to the members of the Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, and that was that they would come out every year and contribute what they could to the three great Charities; this would be all the reward he wanted. He trusted the chapter, so auspiciously started, would flourish, and that it would have as good a name at the Grand Chapter as the "Earl of Carnarvon" had at Grand Lodge. Perfect unanimity had always existed in the lodge, and he felt sure it would be the same in the chapter. If ever a spark of dissension had appeared it had always been extinguished by that remedy called brotherly love. No black ball had ever been placed in the ballot box of the lodge, and he trusted that the same fraternal feeling would animate the companions of the chapter.

The M.E.Z. then said that he had a toast to propose which was not down in the list, but, to his mind, it was one that should be received with all the honours. It was that of "Comp. Stephens," who had so ably assisted the Consecrating Officers as Director of Ceremonies. It was not only on that day that he had given his valuable services; from the first he had always been ready with his advice. They had scarcely moved a step without consulting Comp. Stephens, and he trusted he would always continue to take the same interest in their welfare.

Comp. STEPHENS, in thanking the M.E.Z., said that as modesty seemed to be the characteristic of that night's proceedings, he too would claim a share of their virtue. He thanked the M.E.Z. for associating his name with a special toast that evening. He had been associated in Masonry with many around that table, nearly all, he believed, he had introduced into Arch Masonry, in the Whittington Chapter. He would always endeavour to do his duty in the Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, as he trusted he had done in the lodge.

The toast of "The Officers" was next given, and duly responded to by Comps. LANDER, Treasurer; GREEN, Scribe E.; and SMOUT, Scribe N.

The Janitor's toast brought a very pleasant and successful meeting to a close.

We must not omit to notice the excellence of the musical arrangements, both at the consecration and at the banquet table they were admirably carried out. Professor Lott was ably seconded by Comps. Hodges, Kenningham, and Hoare; while Comp. Cattle very kindly contributed to the pleasure of the evening by his inimitable rendering of the popular song, "The Midshipmite."

Bro. H. A. Isaacs, C.C., Master of the Loriners' Company, with Bro. Alderman Knight and the Court of Assistants, have issued invitations to the Lord Mayor, and Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., and Sheriff Waterlow, to a banquet to be held on Monday week, the 24th inst.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Lieut.-Col. Creaton, V.P., Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, John G. Stevens, Raynham W. Stewart, Edgar Bowyer, R. Warner Wheeler, C. H. Webb, S. Rawson, F. Adlard, Wm. Stephens, John Henry Leggott, John Palmer, James Brett, Charles G. Hill, Thomas Cubitt, Wm. Clarke, James Kench, Charles Daniel, Wm. Hilton, Charles Atkins, James Terry (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*.)

After the minutes of the meeting of Dec. 8th, 1880, had been read and verified, Bro. TERRY reported the deaths of three brethren and one widow; also that he had repaid the bankers the sum of £26. The report of the Warden (Bro. Norris) for the past month was read.

The Secretary was directed to acknowledge the kind gifts, mentioned in the Warden's report, from Bros. Cutbush, Bowyer, Ellis, and Goode, consisting of bulbs, books, and fruit, wine and cards respectively.

The SECRETARY also mentioned that, through the kindness of some friends, he had been enabled to purchase a pianoforte for the residents in the Institution at Croydon.

The report of the Finance Committee was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, and the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for the several amounts named therein.

Applications were made by two widows to be allowed half of their late husbands' annuities. Both applications were granted. The petitions of fifteen brethren and fifteen widows, together with one which was deferred from last meeting, were examined and accepted, and the names of the petitioners were ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for election in May next. The Secretary stated that this would make the list of candidates for that election one of the heaviest, if not the heaviest, there had been since the formation of the Institution, there being thirty-seven males and sixty-two widows, in all ninety-nine, while the vacancies would be thirteen males and seven widows only. He also added that unless the ensuing festival was a successful one no increase in the number of annuitants to be elected could, he feared, be made. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. DAVIS.

The remains of our lamented brother were interred on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Finchley Cemetery, in the presence of a large concourse of brethren, whose presence attested the high esteem in which he was held by them. The service was feelingly and impressively read by the vicar of his Church at Kentish Town, who also addressed the assembly on the good opinions and excellent character in which deceased was held by all with whom he came in contact.

The late Bro. Chas. J. W. Davis was a Past Master and Treasurer of the Royal Union, Uxbridge, Immediate Past Master of the Unity Lodge, Great Stanmore, Middlesex, and at the last Provincial Grand Lodge was appointed by Sir Frances Burdett Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies. He was also a Royal Arch Mason, and member of the Prudent Brethren Chapter.

EXPLORATION OF EASTERN PALESTINE.

Bro. Glaisher has forwarded the following letter to the Daily Press:

Sir.—Will you allow me through the medium of your columns to announce to your readers that the Committee of this Society have decided upon undertaking the survey of Palestine east of the Jordan? The success with which our survey of Western Palestine has been completed—the general interest which has been aroused on the subject; the valuable results which have been obtained; the satisfaction with which our great map of Palestine has been received by all classes and in all countries, make us confident that we shall receive ample support in the extension of our work. The present condition of our knowledge as regards this great district (which includes Bashan, Golanitis, the Hauran, the Lejah Batanea, Gilead, and Moab), resembles very much that of Western Palestine when the survey was first commenced. That is reconnaissance sketch maps had been made of parts of the country, but every successive traveller was able to point out the deficiencies, errors, and unexplored tracts on the maps. From a Biblical point of view the associations of the country are extremely interesting. Among these are the places connected with the stories of Balaam and Balak, Gideon, Jephthah, the wars of Moab, the siege of Rabbath Ammon, the Fortress of Kerak, the refuge of the early Christian Church, the events connected with Cæsarea, Philippi, Ramoth Gilead, Bethsaida, Julius Gadara, Heshbon, Machverus, Callirhoe, and many others. The country is covered with ruins, many of them in a wonderful state of preservation, and it differs from the West in this important respect—that, whereas Christian, Jew, Saracen, Crusader, and Turk have one after the other contributed to the demolition of the monuments of Western Palestine, in the East there has been one period of destruction, and one only, and since then the land has been left to the tribes who wander over it with their cattle, but neither build nor destroy. As the survey of Western Palestine has been executed, so we promise, as far as a committee can promise, shall be executed that of the East; the same trained skill will be employed upon it, the same thoroughness and earnest, conscientious work will be devoted to it.

I remain, your obedient servant,
JAMES GLAISHER, F.R.S.,
Chairman of the Executive Committee.
Palestine Exploration Fund,
1, Adam-street, Adelphi, January 5th.

Bro. Walter Gompertz, Sec. 869, was presented with a testimonial in the form of a handsome and well-lined purse, at the usual Christmas dinner of the Gresham Lodge, No. 869, held on the 5th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. T. Perry, P.G.D.C. Herts. The testimonial was presented as a slight acknowledgement of the many and valued services rendered to the lodge.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE (No. 72).—The installation meeting of this ancient lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. F. Dunn, assisted by Bros. Augustus Darch, S.W., W.M. elect.; F. Thurston, J.W.; H. Webb, P.M., Treas.; Joseph Nunn, P.M., Sec.; Watson Carr, P.M.; Jas. Dann, P.M.; E. Dodson, P.M.; Thomas Hines, P.M.; J. J. Laskey, P.M.; J. N. Bate, S.D.; E. Walker, I.G.; H. Salter, Steward; and J. Rawles, Tyler. The members present were Bros. C. R. Williams, E. Williams, J. D. Simmonds, W. Whiffell, Alfred Curry, N. Fraser, W. J. Morris, J. Stanford, W. E. Abraham, A. J. Cox, J. Millhouse, Boyton, and many others. The visitors present included: Bros. R. Allison, W.M. 186; R. J. Voisey, 1641; J. Foxall, P.M. 742; C. Wise, P.M. 1158; James C. Ring, P.M. 1260; J. M. Klenck, P.M. 1338, 1686; R. Foster, S.W. 1441; Bedford Lemere, J.W., W.M. elect 193; W. C. Page, S.D. 1475; B. Haynes, 27; H. Crabtree, 87; W. H. Bird, 130; H. Evans, 144 and 1309; James Burford, 173; G. R. Freeling, 181; W. Smith, 228; T. W. Long, 507; W. D. Woodward, 548; W. J. Green, 879; J. E. Brook, 975; Alex. J. Bellis, 1297; A. Campbell, 1329; L. Brock, 1426; W. Green, 1475; W. C. Davy, 1512; E. Pentreath, 1558; J. H. Morris, 1564; R. Pear, 1567; K. Clewov, 1744; J. W. Russell, 1790; A. E. Woodward, 1820; and F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to raise Bros. J. M. Rooney, V. Espinet, and J. D. Simmonds to the Degree of Master Mason, and afterwards initiated Mr. Joseph Seth Kitchen into the mysteries of Freemasonry, both ceremonies being performed by Bro. Dunn in a masterly manner. Bro. Augustus Darch, S.W. and W.M. elect, was then presented for installation, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was duly installed in the chair of K.S., and on the return of the brethren, was proclaimed and saluted in the usual form. Bro. Darch appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. F. Thurston, S.W.; J. N. Bate, J.W.; H. Webb, P.M., Treas.; J. Nunn, P.M., Sec.; T. Brevort, S.D.; E. Walker, J.D.; H. Salter, I.G.; F. Dodson, P.M., D. of C.; H. Webb, Stwd.; Turner, A.S.; and J. Rawles, Tyler. Bro. Joseph Nunn, P.M., who officiated as Installing Master, went through the ceremony in a highly impressive and efficient manner. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Pillar Room to an excellent banquet, admirably served under the superintendence of the proprietor, Bro. F. H. Clewov. At its conclusion grace was said, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, in proposing which, owing to the lateness of the hour, Bro. Darch was creditably brief. The first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," was followed by the National Anthem, given by Bro. H. Webb, loyally and heartily assisted by the brethren. The next toast was that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," which was, as usual, very warmly received, as also was the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The I.P.M., Bro. Dunn, in proposing the next toast—that of "The W.M."—said that he was sure Bro. Darch would have extended to him the same cordial support from the officers as he (the I.P.M.) had received, and that during his year of office he would fulfil his duties in such a manner as to reflect credit on the lodge and perfect satisfaction to the brethren. The W.M., in replying, thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast, also for the honourable position in which they had placed him, and which he fully appreciated. He had the welfare of the Royal Jubilee Lodge at heart, and assured them that his endeavours should always be for the best interests of the lodge. Bro. Darch then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and, in doing so, said that it was quite evident he could not say too much of Bro. Dunn. He had held the office of W.M. two years, having to take charge of the lodge the second year in consequence of the death of Bro. Chesterton, to whom the W.M. referred in feeling terms. During the two years of Mastership Bro. Dunn had conducted his duties in a most satisfactory manner; and to the credit of the lodge and unanimous approval of the brethren. It was customary, the W.M. continued, to present the I.P.M. with a jewel, but Bro. Dunn had elected to receive, in place of that adornment, a Life Subscribership to one of the Masonic Institutions. The I.P.M. returned his thanks for the kind remarks of the W.M., and, in the course of his remarks, made a stirring appeal on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at the festival of which he represents the lodge as Steward. It was, he said, his ambition to excel all his predecessors, and his hope to receive from the brethren such assistance in the form of subscriptions as would reflect credit to the lodge for their support of the Charities. He had already £50 on his list, and he sincerely hoped to have at least three figures on the day of the festival. Several other toasts, including "The Visitors"—acknowledged in able terms by Bro. R. Allison, W.M. 186—were proposed and responded to. During the evening Bro. Dunn's list reached the satisfactory amount of £79.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The January meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. There were present Bros. W. T. Rickwood, W.M.; Charles Arkell, I.P.M.; S. T. Lucas, S.W.; James Lorkin, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treasurer; George Abbott, P.M., Hon. Sec.; George Newman, P.M.; Thomas Cohu, P.M.; H. A. Pratt, T. M. Coleman, W. Hampton, Dr. W. Waring, W. H. Dowland, John Quy, Wm. Fox, W. Williams, W. J. Cobb, J. Cook, Chas. Cann, J. S. Fraser, S. West, John Kent, and Barclay Perkins. The visitors were Bros. Edward C. Kilsby, Royal Oak Lodge, 871; Edward Gasson, West Middlesex Lodge, 1612; and Joseph B. Williams, Justice Lodge, 147.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. H. Dowland was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in an able manner by the I.P.M. Bro. George Kenning proposed, and Bro. S. T. Lucas seconded, that ten guineas be voted from the lodge funds to be placed on the list of Bro. George Abbott, P.M., who will represent the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming festival of the

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This proposition was carried unanimously. The brethren then retired to dinner.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1288).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday week, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, Bro. Frank S. Rothschild presiding. Among the brethren present were noticed Bros. A. Mullord, S.W., W.M. elect.; J. Pigot, J.W.; F. Barker, P.M.; J. W. Simmonds, P.M.; S. Price, P.M., Treas.; Thomas Goode, P.M. Sec.; W. Prest, J.D.; T. Upward, Org.; J. J. Hough, W. Wells, W. Fysh, John Oldis, W. J. Thompson, J. Brander, J. G. W. Guyer, H. Huggins, Charles Adams, J. Rothschild, E. Hartshorn, George Searle, and others. The following were the visitors present Bros. Henry Lovegrove, Grand Steward Middlesex, P.M. 1777; T. Hyland, W.M. 201; J. G. Defriez, W.M. 1278, P.M. 45, Sec. 1677; T. J. Barrett, P.M. 95; A. G. Dodson, P.M. 188; John H. Southwood, P.M. 1260; P. Dickinson, P.M. 1278; W. J. Hunter, P.M. 1777; T. Press, P.M. 1695; W. Cook, S.D. 1744; T. Hall, J.D. 157; L. Jacobs, J.D. 732; A. J. Berry, Sec., 1695; W. Snowdon, 157; R. Peace, 179; E. Wolf, 223; J. W. Huxtable, 1135; W. Abraham, 1178; W. B. Trick, 1366; G. Ferrar, 1524; E. Woodman, 1524; H. D. Field, 1602; James Bellamy, 1625; R. D. Cumming, 1677; G. Fletcher, 1677; W. C. Gay, 1677; U. J. Upton, 1677; and F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*). The business of the evening was commenced with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved and confirmed. The report of the audit committee having been received and adopted, Bro. Frank S. Rothschild proceeded to instal Bro. Mullord, into the chair. This was the first occasion of Bro. Rothschild's performance of the duties of Installing Master and the manner in which he executed his task, thoroughly deserved the praise that was showered upon him. In due course the following brethren were appointed to office: Bro. J. Pigot, S.W.; Hill, J.W.; S. Price, P.M., Treas.; T. Goode, P.M., Sec.; W. Prest, S.D.; J. Guyer, J.D.; W. Fysh, I.G.; T. Upward, Org.; R. V. Davies, P.M., D.C.; John Oldis, A.D.C.; Thos. Meekham, P.M., W.S.; Warr, A.W.S.; and J. Verry, Tyler. The newly-installed Master at once proved his ability for the office by the very able and impressive manner in which he performed the next ceremony, that of initiating Mr. Thomas Hodges Mullord, a ceremony more particularly interesting from the fact that the Master and Apprentice were natural brothers. On the proposition of Bro. Goode, Sec., seconded by Bro. Pigot, S.W., the usual seasonal present was unanimously voted to the Tyler. Bro. F. S. Rothschild then rose, and announced to the brethren that the third annual united Masonic ball in connection with this lodge and the Crusaders Lodge, No. 1677, would take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Monday, the 31st inst., and that, owing to the success of the ball on previous occasions, it had been found necessary to limit the number of tickets. He would be, therefore, glad if early application for tickets was made. Bro. Rothschild also announced his intention of standing as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, the festival of which takes place on the 23rd proximo. He would not, he said, ask for a grant from the lodge, notwithstanding the good financial position of the funds, but he would ask the members individually to support his list, and he doubted not but that a very creditable sum to the Finsbury Park Lodge would be subscribed. The Secretary then read the special dispensation received from Grand Lodge permitting the wearing of Craft clothing and Craft jewels at the forthcoming ball. Before the closing of the lodge the W.M. took occasion to refer to the absence of Bro. Davies, P.M., who, we regret to learn, has been for some little time seriously indisposed.

The lodge was then closed in due and solemn form, and the brethren, after a brief interval, sat down to an elegant banquet, admirably served by the Messrs. Baker. At its conclusion grace was sung by the Organist of the lodge, Bro. Upward, and others, followed by a pianoforte and harmonium duet, exceedingly well played by Bros. Bellamy and Upward. In proposing the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," the W. Master remarked that Her Majesty's health was drunk at Masonic meetings with extra enthusiasm, she being the daughter of a Mason, and the mother of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. The Worshipful Master in giving the next toast, that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," said he thought it spoke well for Freemasonry, when the heir to the throne of the greatest empire in the world thought it not out of place to take the leading office among them. The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Pro. Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," remarking that without them we should lack that feeling of union and concord which is now the prevailing feeling. Bro. Rothschild, in rising, said he had a very pleasing duty to perform in proposing "The Health of the W.M." He (the speaker) had always found him as an officer a most willing one, and he was sure during his year of office he would perform his duties in such a manner as to gain the admiration of them all. He had already proved his efficiency for the office by the excellent manner in which he had initiated his brother. The W.M. in his reply, said that he had always thought it a great honour to be W.M. of the Finsbury Park Lodge, more especially as this lodge was noted for such unanimity of feeling. His chief wish was that he might prove as good a master as his predecessors. The next toast was that of "The I.P.M. and I.M.," proposed by the W.M., who said, the brethren all knew the worth of Bro. Rothschild, and prided themselves that no lodge had a Master to excel him. He had performed the installation ceremony in a most marvellous manner, and by so doing held a position in the lodge that no other member could lay claim to, as he was the first Master of this lodge who had installed his successor. A better officer, a better Master, a better Past Master the lodge could not possibly have. The W.M. then, in graceful terms, presented Bro. Rothschild with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, remarking that whatever W.M. might rule the lodge they could not be presided over by a better, more popular, or esteemed brother. The toast was heartily received, the cheers being renewed on the rising of Bro. Rothschild to reply, which he did in brief terms. He assured the brethren that he felt highly honoured when elected W.M. of the lodge. If the performance of his duties had given satisfaction to the lodge he was amply repaid. The toast that followed was that of "The Past Masters," in introducing which, the W.M. said the lodge had been blessed with th

best. The absence of one (Bro. Davies) they all regretted, as it was the first meeting since the consecration that he had not attended. The feeling of regret was intensified when they knew his absence was caused by illness. The services of Bros. Goode and Simmonds were so well-known that it would be superfluous for him to recapitulate them. Bro. Simmonds facetiously replied on behalf of "The Past Masters," after which, "The Health of the Initiate" was proposed, that newly enlightened brother expressing his thanks in neat and appropriate terms. Bros. Henry Lovegrove, Hunter, Hyland, and J. G. Defriez replied on behalf of "The Visitors," each congratulating the I.P.M. on the excellent manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. The remaining toasts were "The Officers of the Lodge" and the Tyler's, which were in turn given and duly acknowledged. The intervals between the toasts were enlivened with some excellent singing, one capital song in particular, the "Spirit of the Nightingale," composed by the Organist of the lodge, Bro. T. Upward, being exceedingly well sung.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, the 8th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel; Bro. Thomas Hamer, W.M., in the chair, supported by his officers and several visitors. The minutes of the December meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot took place for Mr. James Lodge, who was a candidate for admission, and it being unanimous in his favour, he was at once initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the ceremony being most ably performed by the W. Master. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, the Chaplain of the lodge, thanked the W. Master for again in his absence appointing him as their Chaplain, and the brethren for the kindly vote they had recently passed to him on account of a domestic bereavement. A distressed Scotch brother was relieved, and after some other business had been disposed of the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the "Coffee Room," where dinner was served up, and was very well served, and the waiting at the tables was excellent.

At the conclusion of the repast, and grace having been said, the W. Master rose, and said: Brethren, it is again my pleasing duty to ask you to join with me in drinking "The Health of the Queen," and with that I will couple "The Craft." The W. Master, in giving the next toast, made it a very comprehensive one, as it was "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master; the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; the Earl of Lathom, Dep. Grand Master; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." In giving this toast, he said he had nothing more to say than he trusted they all did their duty, and as long as they did so they would always have great pleasure in drinking their health. The toast was, of course, heartily responded to. Bro. Blackie, I.P.M., said: Brethren, the duty devolves upon me again to propose "The Health of the W. Master," and I do so with a great deal of pleasure. The ceremonies he has gone through so far, especially in the initiation of a gentleman to-night, must have given satisfaction to all. I am sure you will all unite with me in wishing he may enjoy a happy new year and a prosperous one. (Hear, hear.) The W. Master, in replying, said: I return my best thanks for the manner in which the Immediate Past Master has proposed my health, and to you, brethren, for the very cordial way in which you have received it. It is a difficult thing to speak of one's self, but I am deeply grateful to the Immediate Past Master for proposing it, and you for receiving it, thanking me for any little service I have been able to render to the lodge, but I hope to do better, and I will continue to do so to the best of my ability. The W. Master said the next toast he had to ask them to drink on that occasion was an important one, and it was one not only important to the lodge, but to Masonry at large, as it was to be hoped that every initiate would be faithful to his vows, and perform all that he had undertaken to do. It was also important to the initiate, and in his selection of The Great City Lodge for admission into Freemasonry, he thought that they were very fortunate in that respect, for the tongue of good report had been heard in his favour, and he had endeared himself to all by his kind and genial character. He, therefore, congratulated the lodge on so good a man having joined them in the great brotherhood of Freemasonry, and he felt assured that he would never regret having entered their Order, and the more he saw of it the more he would be pleased with it. He begged to propose "The Initiate's Health." The toast was well received. Bro. Lodge said as he was only an initiate in Freemasonry he could do no more than thank the W. Master for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and he thanked the brethren for the equally kind way in which they had received it. He could assure them that he had not entered the lodge without due regard and consideration of the step he had taken; but as he had heard that a good Mason could not be a bad man, he would try to be a good Mason, and in no way would he be a disgrace to the lodge. The W. Master said that the next toast he had to give was "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and it was one that he gave with pleasure, as he was well supported by them. He did not expect them to be present on all occasions, but he always had a good attendance of them. They knew what they had done for the lodge—they had made its reputation, and they had always endeavoured to maintain the prestige of the lodge in the great cause of Freemasonry. Bro. Shaw, as usual, highly amused the members with his song "Pat of Mullingar." Bro. Blackie, I.P.M., said he begged most sincerely for himself and Past Masters to thank the W.M. and the brethren for the toast which had been proposed and responded to. It was to him a great pleasure to meet the lodge on every occasion, and he would do his utmost to help the W.M. in anything that was required of him. Bro. Stevens also returned thanks, and referred to a Masonic map he had introduced to the notice of the brethren, and said that although the production of it had cost him upwards of £300 it had been appreciated by the Craft at large. Bro. Headon, Treasurer, thanked them for the kind manner with which they had drunk the toast of the Past Masters. Bro. Seex said the affable manner in which the W.M. had introduced the toast was duly appreciated by the Past Masters. Bro. Freeman said he did not expect to have been called upon, but all he could say was "Happy have we met, happy have we been, happy may we part, and happy meet again, and it is closed accordingly." (Loud laughter.) The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Visitors." They were not quite so numerous as usual, but those who were present were of

the first class, and he could say of the selected few that they had quality if not quantity (laughter), and he gave them a hearty welcome. Having enumerated them, he called upon Bro. Allison, W.M. of the Industry Lodge, No. 186, to respond to the toast. Bro. Allison, in responding, said as the Industry Lodge was the recommending lodge for the Great City Lodge to obtain its warrant of constitution, they naturally felt great interest in its prosperity, and he felt exceedingly grateful to the W.M. for having associated his name with the toast. Bro. Eastgate, of the City of Westminster Lodge, also briefly acknowledged the toast. The W.M. next gave "The Health of Bros. Headon and Blackie, the Treasurer and Secretary of the lodge," and remarked that they were two most excellent officers, and as such they should always treat them, for the work they did for the lodge few had any idea of. They were always at their post, and willing to do any duty. Bro. Headon, P.M. and Treasurer, thanked the W.M. for the very kind manner in which he had proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, but he had nothing fresh to add to what he had said before, as he had frequently to thank them for the way in which they had responded to this toast. He might, however, inform them that he was engaged in a great Masonic work, which he intended to furnish them with gratis. (Laughter.) He had been so much engaged with Christmas festivities that he had not lately made much progress with it, and he might tell that it was still in the press, and also that he was frequently pressed by the printer to get out of the press as soon as possible. (Laughter.) As they were not aware of what was the work about to be published, for the satisfaction of the printer, he hoped to put it into their hands with their next summons, and it would be so plain that "he who runs may read" (renewed laughter), and he might also tell them that there would be no advertisements on the back of it. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) When it was published they would find it was a *resumé* of the doings of The Great City Lodge during the past six years, and the contributions they had made to different objects during that period. Having said so much he had no doubt he had excited their curiosity to see this work, and especially when he informed them that it would be issued to them gratis. (Laughter.) Bro. Blackie also very briefly returned thanks. The W.M. gave "The Officers of the Lodge," for which Bro. Taylor, S.W., responded, and took occasion to offer some excellent practical observations on the necessity of members attending The Great City Lodge of Instruction if they wished to qualify themselves for the duties they might hereafter be called upon to perform. The Tyler's toast brought a very successful meeting to a close at an early hour.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1714).—The installation of W.M., and appointment and investment of officers of this lodge, took place on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Criterion. The ceremony was impressively performed by the I.P.M., Bro. Wm. Bourne, after which the officers were invested as follows: Bros. Charles Kedgley, W.M.; Simeon Jacobs, S.W.; W. H. Gulliford, J.W.; The Rev. P. M. Holden, Chaplain; John Coutts, P.M., P.G.P., Treasurer; W. Bourne, P.M., Secretary; George Stacey, P.M., Organist; George Coleman, S.D.; J. E. Collins, J.D.; John Jacobs, I.G.; H. W. Kedgley, D.C.; T. A. Dickson, W.S.; R. Bridger, Asst. W.S.; and R. F. Potter, Tyler.

The banquet was in every way a success, a very pleasing feature being the beautiful show of choice flowers which adorned the table. The first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," was received with musical honours, and that of "The M.W. Grand Master" was also loyally responded to, the "fire" being very warm. The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," expressed the hope that one and all would feel they had got the right man in the right place. He wished the W.M. a very happy and successful year of office, and he felt sure that he would have it, for "he is a good one, and his worthiness does challenge much respect." A long list of visitors received most cordial welcome from the W.M. and brethren all. In responding to the toast of "The Secretary," Bro. Bourne, I.P.M., referred very feelingly to the absence of the father of the lodge, Bro. John Coutts, P.M., P.P.G. Treasurer, who was unable to be present through ill-health, but they were not forgotten, for he had received a telegram from Bournemouth from their much respected brother, in which he greeted his brethren, and wished them all prosperity. The officers of the lodge, with their blushing honours thick upon them, next received "good fire," and with the Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 1827).—The January meeting of this very prosperous City lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Wednesday, the 5th inst. The lodge was opened shortly after five o'clock by the W.M. (Bro. L. F. Littell, P.M. 1860), who was ably supported by the following officers: Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.M., P.Z., President of the Board of General Purposes, I.P.M.; Noah Johnson (C.C.), P.M. 1, P.G.S., P.M.; Frank Green (C.C.), P.M. 8, S.W.; J. H. Ashford, 1441, J.W.; R. J. Pawley, 181, Treas.; J. E. Turner, P.M. 181, Sec.; J. P. Godfrey, P.M., acting S.D.; Willey Wright, S.D., acting J.D. (for Bro. W. Handel Cannon, who was unfortunately laid up with a severe attack of rheumatic gout); C. W. Bowley, I.G.; W. W. Brown, Org.; Henry Wright, Steward; and A. B. Church, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Mr. Frank S. Jackson, which having proved unanimous, that gentleman was duly initiated into the Craft according to ancient custom. The lodge then voted £10 10s. to the "Hervey Memorial Fund," and it may be here worthy to note that the last public appearance of the late Grand Secretary in the Masonic world was at the consecration of this lodge in July, 1879. A beautiful tessellated carpet was presented to the lodge by Bro. Edwin Frederick Fitch, which was much admired by the members during the evening. This is the second presentation by Bro. Fitch to the lodge since his initiation, the first being a set of tracing boards; and a vote of thanks was unanimously agreed to, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, a copy of which was ordered to be signed and forwarded to Bro. Fitch, he being unavoidably absent from the lodge that evening.

The following brethren were also present: Bros. Perkins, C.C.; Pearce Morrison, C.C.; Pannell, C.C.; Henry Clarke, Peter Ashcroft, E. G. Man, F. A. Jewson, Cooper, Squire, and others. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a most pleasant evening was spent.

CHICHESTER.—Lodge of Union (No. 38).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Council Chamber, on Thursday, the 6th inst., when Bro. R. G. Raper, P.P.G.J.W., was for the second time installed as W.M. of the lodge. The ceremony was most impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Arthur Smith, Prov. Grand Steward. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Arthur Smith, I.P.M.; the Earl of March, M.P., S.W.; F. W. Gruggen, J.W.; Rev. H. M. Davey, P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. St. Clair, P.P.G.W., Treas.; C. H. R. Ballard, Sec.; W. H. Barrett, S.D.; Wm. Dean, J.D.; G. Smith, P.P.G.D., D.C.; H. N. Travers, I.G.; O. Lloyd and J. L. Priestwell, Stewards; and R. Smith, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a sumptuous banquet at the Dolphin Hotel, about fifty being present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured after dinner. "The Health of the W.M.," was proposed by W. Bro. J. Henderson Scott, J.G.D. England, D. Prov. Grand Master for Sussex, who expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present on the occasion of Bro. Raper being installed a second time as W.M. of the old Union Lodge. He observed that to elect a brother a second time to the Master's chair was sometimes a sign of weakness in a lodge, at another time it was a mark of distinction conferred upon a brother to whom the lodge wished to do honour. There could be no doubt that the latter was the case in that instance. It would be superfluous in him to indulge in panegyrics of Bro. Raper in Chichester. They all knew what a good and excellent Mason he was; how honoured a citizen, for he had been six times their mayor, and how kind and generous a friend to all. It would be sufficient, therefore, to propose his health, and wish him a happy and prosperous year of office, to ensure a hearty response from them. In the course of some further remarks, the R.W. Prov. G.M. also alluded to the cheering prospects under which the new year was commenced, from the circumstances that a worthy branch of an old Masonic tree was again engrafted in the lodge by the acceptance of office of the Earl of March, whose ancestors had for so many years been associated with Freemasonry in England, in the province, and in that particular lodge. Later in the evening the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," and referred to the circumstance of the Earl of March accepting office that day in the lodge, and to the fact that in due course his lordship would succeed to the chair. He rejoiced in this, not simply from the acknowledged high position of the noble lord, but because he was keeping up the traditions of his house in thus associating his name again with Masonry. For nearly 200 years the Dukes of Richmond had been connected with Masonry. In 1675 a Duke of Richmond was Grand Master of England; and a few years later a lodge was held on St. Roque's-hill, near to Goodwood, under the auspices of the noble duke, who also obtained permission to hold a lodge at his seat at Aubigny, in France, in consequence of which Masonry was much extended in foreign countries. Successive Dukes of Richmond and Earls of March had held high office in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex. That evening they had another Earl of March enrolled in their lodge, holding office in it, and in full prospect of the highest post therein. Under his kind and genial shelter they might with confidence hope to see their lodge in Chichester, and Masonry generally, flourish and increase.

Among the brethren present were the R.W. Bro. Scott, J.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M. of Sussex; Bros. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; G. Moleworth, P.P.G.D.; G. Gatehouse, P.P.G.D.; C. P. Henty, P.P.G.W.; C. Goodeve, P.P.G.S.B.; J. F. Capon, W.M. 732; J. A. Swornborne, P.M. 1726; R. J. Murrell, P.M. 1776; A. R. Bortish, P.M. 38; Bond, P.M. 38; Percival, P.M. 38; Gambling, P.M. 38; the Rev. Prebendary Burnett; Collins (Mayor of Chichester); and others.

Bros. Kenningham, Kempton, and Dean, J.D., gave an excellent selection of vocal music during the intervals between the toasts.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The last regular meeting under the present W.M. and officers was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 6th inst. The Director of Ceremonies marshalled the procession of P.M.'s and officers, and led them into the hall punctually at 7.30, when the W.M., Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, at once took the chair, supported by Bros. Braham, I.P.M.; Hunt, S.W.; Radway, J.W.; Cater, Secretary; T. Wilton, P.M., Dir. of Cers., P.P.G.J.W.; F. Wilkinson, P.M., P.P.G. Sup. Wks.; T. B. Moutrie, P.M. and P.P. G.S.W.; J. Rubie, P.M. and P.P.G.J.W.; Jas. Clark, P.M.; C. Wilkinson, P.J.W.; J. Maggs, P.M. 335; E. B. Mercer, S.D.; A. Holmes, J.D.; T. Ames, I.G.; W. L. Baldwin, Organist; Peach and T. E. Wilton, Stewards; and many members. Visitors: Bros. W. Williamson, P.M. 906 and P.P.G.D. Cers.; Dill, P.M. 906 and P.P.G.P.; B. A. Dyer, 53; and N. Jacob, 960.

The lodge having been opened the Secretary read the minutes of last meeting, which were read and confirmed. Bro. Mercer read those of the lodge of instruction. The W.M. read a note from Bro. Ashley, P.M. and Treasurer, expressive of regret at his most unusual but unavoidable absence. He also explained that the candidate for the Second Degree was unable to attend. The W.M. then read a most interesting paper by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., on the early history of the lodge, as a sequel to previous similar ones, and this was supplemented by another written by himself as a commentary thereon. A vote of thanks to these two brethren was carried by acclamation. The W.M. having narrated the great services rendered to the lodge by Bros. R. F. Gould, G.S.D., and General A. Pike in the recent investigations into its history, proposed votes of thanks to them in the following terms, which were seconded by Bro. T. P. Moutrie, P.M., &c., and carried, and the Secretary was directed to send copies to those brethren: "Royal Cumberland Lodge of Freemasons, No. 41, Bath, January 6th, 1881. Resolved, that the best thanks of the lodge are due, and are hereby most fraternally tendered, to Bro. Robert Freke Gould, Premier G.S.D. of England, for the great trouble he has taken in examining the archives of the Grand Lodge of England, with a view to assist Bro. W. J. Hughan in tracing out the early history of Freemasonry in relation to the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, the results of which have proved so important.

"At a regular meeting of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, Bath, January 6th, 1881:—

"Resolved, that the best thanks of the lodge are due, and are hereby most fraternally tendered, to the illustrious

Bro. General Albert Pike, U.S.A., for his kindness in presenting to it, through Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.S.D. England, a lithographed fac-simile of the Engraved List of Lodges in 1723, which, on account of its rarity and great value, the brethren highly appreciate and most gratefully accept."

These were ordered to be signed by the W.M., Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, and Director of Ceremonies. The W.M. presented to the lodge library a MS. book containing a full record of all the recent proceedings resulting from the researches of these distinguished brethren, and Bro. W. J. Hughan, with copies of the papers on the subject drawn up and read to the lodge by the last-named brother and himself. He also presented another copy to be placed with the lodge archives in the iron chest. The W.M. reminded the brethren that at the centenary celebration on the 7th of last October, Bro. Hughan had informed them of the discovery of a medal in America, commemorative of the dedication of a Masonic Hall in Bath, in 1819, by the Duke of Sussex, of which he produced a rubbing, received only on that morning. This was quite new to all present, and such being the case, it was supposed that it was unique, no other specimen being known. The publicity thus given led subsequently to the discovery of another in the possession of Bro. E. L. Hill, P.M. of 906, who was unavoidably absent from the meeting. The W.M. concluded by reading the following letter, and handing the medal to the Treasurer to be deposited with the archives in the iron chest:—

4, Wood Street, Bath,
January 4th.

Dear Dr. Hopkins,

I have very much pleasure in presenting to the Royal Cumberland Lodge a medal, in which I am informed the lodge has interest, as making one link in the records of the past. It is my happiness to have had the power of contributing, in however small a degree, to the great interest which will ever surround the memories of No. 41, and I pray that the G.A.O.T.U. may give the W.M.'s of the future energy and ability to carry the grand old lodge safely through all the vicissitudes of time. The medal originally belonged to Bro. Jones, who was formerly a saddler in Bridge-street, and I believe a member of the Sussex Lodge. He had it at the laying of the corner stone of Freemasons' Hall, York-street. Many years since, he gave it to his son-in-law, Bro. Appleby, P.M. 906. At the death of my highly esteemed friend Bro. Appleby, his widow presented it to me, in memory of a friendship which had existed between her husband and myself for over fifty years. I need scarcely say that Mrs. Appleby most cheerfully gave her consent to my parting with the medal.

Believe me, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,
E. L. HILL, P.M. 906, P.P.G.P., P.Z. 41.

Naturally a most cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed, and the Secretary was directed to copy Bro. Hill's letter into the minute book. Several other communications having been read and disposed of, the lodge was opened in the Second, and afterwards in the Third Degree, when the W.M. gave a special lecture on the third tracing board to Bros. T. Brown and Reynolds, who had been recently raised. The lodge was again lowered to the First Degree. The names of three candidates for initiation, and of one brother who was formerly a member for joining, appearing on the circular of summons, a ballot was taken separately for each, which proved favourable in all the cases. The lodge was now called off for refreshment. On return to labour, the W.M. addressed the brethren on the election of a Master for the ensuing year, announcing the desire of the S.W. not to go into the chair at present, but to postpone his elevation for a year or two. This having been communicated to the Past Masters at a recent meeting, they had determined to recommend Bro. Charles Radway, J.W., to the favourable notice of the brethren, assured that his conduct in subordinate offices had been such to secure a unanimous election. The ballot box was then taken round, and on examination it was found that the recommendation of the P.M.'s had been acted upon without exception. Bro. Radway briefly acknowledged the honour conferred upon him. Bro. T. P. Ashley, P.M., &c., was again elected Treasurer, and Bro. Bigwood, Tyler.

Other arrangements rendered necessary by a change of officers were made, the W.M. announced his intention to instal his successor on February 3rd, and the lodge was closed soon after ten o'clock.

BLACKBURN.—Fidelity Lodge (No. 269).—

A meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst., at the Old Bull Hotel. There were present Bros. Samuel Buckley, W.M.; James Heap, S.W. and W.M. elect; Wm. Fletcher, J.W.; William Woodhouse, Treas.; Thomas Parkinson, Sec.; Joseph Pollard, S.D.; Nathaniel Jones, J.D.; William H. Cunliffe, D.C., P.M., &c.; John Tomlinson, I.G.; Samuel Preston, Steward; Nicholas Gillett, Tyler; John Troop, P.M.; James Bortwistle, P.M.; John W. Walsh, P.M.; Allen Blenkhorn, P.M.; William Frederick Townley, P.M.; William C. Beattie, Richard Bradshaw, William Blenkhorn, West John Lucas, J. Ellis Abbott, William Livesey, William T. Holland, Thomas Cunliffe, William Barton, John Hart, Samuel Preston, T. B. Parker, Thomas Bradshaw, and Charles Aspden.

Visitors: Bros. John Chadwick, P.M. 44, P.G. Sec.; T. F. Collins, S.W. 1775; Franklin Thomas, P.M. 345; P.P.G.J.D. E.L.; R. C. Duckworth, P.M. 345, P.P.G.A.P.; R. H. Hutchinson, P.M. 345, P.P.G.S.W. E.L.; W. D. Holbrook, 163; Peter H. Walsh, 78; and J. M. Smythe, S.D. 98 (Belfast).

The lodge having been opened, the installation of W.M. was proceeded with, the ceremony being performed by Bro. John Troop, P.M.; the officers were invested by Bro. John William Walsh, P.M.—both performing the ceremonies in a very impressive and eloquent manner. The brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet, and a choir composed of Bros. Thompson, Shaw, Tomlinson, and Parkinson, rendered a choice selection of glees, songs, &c., much to the admiration of the brethren present. The Provincial Grand Secretary complimented in his speech the Installing Masters, and also the Secretary of the lodge, for the excellent manner in which they performed their duties.

BATH.—Lodge of Honour (No. 379).—The first regular meeting under the new W.M. and his officers was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 10th inst. At 8.15 the lodge was opened by Bro. Rev. H. E. Sanderson, W.M., assisted by Bros. Loder, P.M. and S.W.; H. Gore, P.M. and J.W.; Dr. Henry Hopkins, P.M. 41, &c., as I.P.M.; H. Culliford Hopkins, P.M.;

Fuller, D.C.; Berry, Sec.; Ingle, S.D.; Bernard, I.G.; and Bigwood, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. C. Collins, P.M. 53, and W. F. Collins, Sec. 53. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. H. Byne, and this being unanimous in his favour, he was initiated by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, who also explained the working tools and gave the charge. Bro. Byne expressed his gratification at having been received into the Order. A careful report of the Audit Committee was read by the W.M., and other business was transacted before the lodge was closed at ten o'clock p.m.

FOWEY.—Fowey Lodge (No. 977).—

The annual festival and installation of W.M. for the ensuing year was held on Monday, the 3rd inst. The lodge was opened at the Masonic Rooms, Church-street, in due form by the W.M., Bro. Chris. Slade, and there was a very large attendance of brethren and visitors, amongst whom were Bros. A. Luke, S.W.; H. W. Durant, acting J.W.; W. Tonkin, P.P.G.S. of W., Sec.; J. Richards, S.D.; P. Davis, P.M.; A. A. Davis, P.P.G.J.W.; F. B. Williams, P.P.G.S.B.; Emra Holmes, P.P.G.R. and P.P.G.D.C. Suffolk; G. T. Treffry, J. de C. Treffry, A. S. Clunes, and others. Visiting brethren Bros. W. Mason, P.M.; T. Smith, P.M.; C. Truscott, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. H. Lukes, P.M. of Peace and Harmony Lodge, St. Anstell; J. Bassett, W. M. Lean and R. Whittin, of Restormel Lodge, Lostwithiel; R. C. Pearce, T. C. Stephens, P.P.G.S.W.; and J. Stephens, P.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, Tywardreath; W. L. Bere, R. Rowe, and J. H. Hanley, of Fort Lodge, Newquay. The W.M. having resigned the gavel into the hands of Bro. Mason, that brother initiated Mr. Jas. Clunes into the mysteries of Masonry and passed Bro. E. Rillston to the Second Degree. Bro. Truscott afterwards installed Bro. Alfred Luke into the chair of K.S. as W.M. of Fowey Lodge for the ensuing year with his customary ability, and the following officers were invested: Bros. C. Slade, I.P.M.; Geo. S. Treffry, S.W.; S. Varcoe, J.W.; C. K. Stevens, S.D.; J. de C. Treffry, J.D.; A. Clunes, D.C.; H. Durant, Treas.; R. Parsons, I.G.; J. Sweet and J. Williams, Stewds.; and J. Clunes, Organist.

The other business of the lodge having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and a capital banquet was served at the Commercial Hotel by Bro. Richards, to which about forty sat down. Before the brethren were called off to refreshment, the W.M. in the name of the lodge presented Bro. H. W. Durant with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, as the legend on the back stated, "in appreciation of his valuable services to Lodge Fowey." Bro. Durant, who was a very popular P.M., has left the town for Penzance, where the "Hearty good wishes" of the members of the lodge follow him.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was observed by the members of this lodge on Tuesday, the 4th inst. The brethren assembled in the Masonic Hall, Station-street, at five o'clock p.m., when there were present Bros. T. Bird, W.M.; T. C. Robinson, W.M. elect, as S.W.; H. Peacock, J.W.; Dr. Dodgson, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; W. Shilton, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas., P.P.G.S.D.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org., P.P.G. Org.; Capt. Sewell, P.M., P.G. Steward; W. F. Lamony, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; R. W. Robinson, Sec.; W. Paisley, S.D.; T. Mason, J.D.; J. Borrowscale and H. Carruthers, Stewards; I. Evening, as I.G.; J. Hewson, Tyler; F. Smith, D. Sinclair, J. Towers, J. Bolton, S. Thwaite, H. Dent, and others.

The deputations from other lodges mustered in good force, there being the following:—From Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371: Bros. G. W. Thompson, W.M.; T. Weatherston, S.D.; J. H. Banks, J. Brough, J. Scott, and J. B. Paisley; Lewis Lodge, No. 872: Bro. J. McGill, S.D.; Sun and Sector Lodge, No. 962: Bros. J. J. Coverdale, W.M.; J. Wood, P.M.; H. Irving, P.M.; J. Thompson, Sec.; Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., Chap., P.G.A. Chap.; and J. Lewthwaite; Arlecdon Lodge, No. 1660: Bro. G. Dalrymple, W.M., P.G. Stwd.; St. Abb's Lodge, No. 70 (Scotland): Bro. W. Fraser.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. T. C. Robinson was presented for installation, and duly placed in the chair by Bro. Bird, the retiring W.M., who performed his portion of the work most efficiently. The Board of Installed Masters having been closed in complete form, as it had been opened, the general body of the brethren were readmitted, and the remainder of the ceremony, inclusive of the addresses, was taken up by Bro. W. F. Lamony, P.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. T. Bird, I.P.M.; H. Peacock, S.D.; R. W. Robinson, J.W.; Rev. Canon Hoskins, M.A., Chaplain; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M., Treasurer and Organist; T. Mason, Secretary; J. Borrowscale, S.D.; J. Towers, J.D.; D. Sinclair and F. Smith, Stewards; H. Carruthers, I.G.; and J. Hewson, Tyler. After "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in form.

The brethren then adjourned to the Rampant Bull Hotel, where Bro. and Mrs. Peacock placed before them a most beautiful repast, which, as is always the rule here, was well served. Bro. T. C. Robinson, W.M., presided, faced by his Wardens, and supported right and left by the Past Masters present. The customary loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, and these were followed by the routine Craft toasts. A feature of the post-prandial proceedings, however, was "The Memory of Bro. John Whitwell, M.P., R.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master," proposed by Bro. R. Robinson, P.M., in an eloquent and feeling speech, and drunk in solemn silence. An excellent programme of music agreeably diversified the proceedings, Bro. W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org., being pianist, while the vocalists were Bros. J. B. Paisley, J. Hewson, the W.M., and Bro. Lamony. Thus the hours were pleasantly and harmoniously whiled away, and one of the most enjoyable St. John's Festivals in connection with Skiddaw Lodge was brought to a reluctant close at midnight, with Bro. Robert Burns' inspiring chorus, "Auld Lang Syne."

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on the 3rd inst., Bro. George Taylor, W.M., occupying the chair of K.S. The usual formal business having been transacted, the ballot was taken for Mr. J. H. Irvin, and proving unanimous, he was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., the

working tools being presented by the J.W. The usual proclamations being made, the lodge was closed with peace, love, and harmony.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held in the same rooms on the 4th inst. There was a fair attendance. The lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, Bro. Aldous, S.W., the W.M. elect, was presented for installation by Bro. H. Longman, P.M. and Sec., Prov. G.S. of W.W. Lanc., and the ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Geo. Taylor, the Worshipful Master. The newly-installed Master appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. George Taylor, I.P.M.; J. E. Hannah, S.W. and Treasurer; John Cutts, J.W.; H. Longman, P.M., &c., Secretary; A. W. Kershaw, S.D.; A. Stanley, J.D.; H. C. Moore, I.G.; and A. K. Allinson, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the County Hotel, where an excellent banquet, capably served, was partaken of. The newly-installed Master, Bro. Aldous, presided, supported by Bros. P.M.'s Geo. Taylor, Henry Longman, A. Sheriff, J. Fenton, and others, and the visitors, amongst whom were Bros. the Rev. J. Kirby Turner, Chap. Hesketh Lodge, Fleetwood; J. Atkinson, W.M. 281 (Freemason); Edward Simpson, P.M., P. Prov. G. Purs.; and John Hatch, P.M. and Sec. 281. The duties pertaining to the vice-chair were ably and efficiently discharged by Bro. Hannah, S.W. and Treasurer. On the conclusion of the banquet the Chairman gave "The Health of the Queen," and "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," in succession, and which were received with the usual honours. Bro. Sheriff gave the toast of "The Officers of Grand Lodge," and in the course of his remarks regretted that Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of E., &c., was unable on account of illness to be present on that occasion, and respond to the toast, as had been his custom for some years back. Before the toast was honoured the Chairman read a letter bearing Bro. Moore's signature, in which he "congratulated Bro. Aldous on his accession to the Master's chair, and wished him to convey to the lodge his best wishes for its continued success." The Chairman added they must all regret Bro. Dr. Moore's absence, and especially the cause, for they might feel well assured that if it had been possible Bro. Dr. Moore would have been amongst them. Every brother in that lodge who had the pleasure of his acquaintance could not but appreciate the kindness always shown towards them, and they must all sympathise with him in his severe and protracted illness. If he was not with them in person he would be in thought. Bro. Hannah said he had seen Bro. Moore just before coming to the lodge, and he wished him to state to the brethren that he felt a little better. He regretted his inability to be amongst them, and above all, that it was almost the first time since he passed the chair that he had been unable to officiate as Installing Master. Bros. Fenton and Longman also paid a warm tribute to Bro. Moore, and spoke of the active interest he had taken in Masonry. The toast was then received with the customary honours. Bro. Fenton gave the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," speaking in unqualified terms of the ability and courtesy of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Prov. G.M., and coupling therewith the names of Bros. Edmund Simpson, Prov. G. Purs., and Bro. H. Longman, Prov. G.S. of W., both of whom responded. In proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," Bro. Sheriff said it required few words from him, but carried with it its own commendation. During the past year, as S.W., his newly-installed Master had evinced such an interest in the working of the lodge as induced them to think that in the future he would maintain the good name which the Rowley Lodge had hitherto held in the town, and that at the end of his year of office he would hand it over to his successor in the same efficient state in which he found it. The toast was received with musical honours. Bro. Aldous met with a hearty reception on rising to respond, and thanked the brethren for their kind reception of the toast, which had been so well proposed by Bro. Sheriff. He confessed that he accepted the office of Worshipful Master with some degree of hesitation, especially of such a lodge as the Rowley Lodge, where everything was done decently and in order, and as it should be. The office was not to be lightly entered upon, for, like most other offices, it entailed a certain amount of responsibility, and which brought with it a certain amount of work. He should be sorry if he had not some work—not too much, of course—as he should like his year of office to bear some fruit. They must excuse any shortcomings, and bear in mind their late Master had been anything but a Master in name, but one who had qualified himself to fulfil all his duties. He (the Chairman) could not hope to, and did not promise, the same excellence as Bro. Taylor, but he would try to follow closely in his footsteps, and emulate him as much as possible. To do so entirely was too much to hope. This much he would promise them—that he would do his best. He thought he had good officers to aid him, and had every confidence in their support; so that with their assistance he hoped the working of the lodge would go as smoothly as possible. In conclusion the Chairman gave "The Health of the Immediate Past Master as Installing Officer," complimenting him highly on the efficiency he had displayed in going through the ceremony, and speaking of him as one of the very few Past Masters of the Rowley Lodge who had installed their successors. The toast was enthusiastically received. Bro. Taylor briefly replied, and said he should have been much better pleased if Bro. Moore had been able to perform it. Seeing he was not, he thought they ought not to go outside the lodge for assistance in that respect, and, under the circumstances, thinking it was a portion of his duties, he had endeavoured to fulfil it to the best of his ability. He knew he had not gone through the ceremony so well as they had been accustomed to hear it, but they must take the will for the deed. Bro. Hatch gave "The Healths of the Wardens," to which Bros. Hannah and Cutts briefly responded. Bro. Fenton proposed "The Healths of the Treasurer and Secretary," and referred to the admirable way in which the duties pertaining to these two offices were carried out. Bro. Hannah, in responding, spoke of the lodge being in a favourable and improving financial position; and Bro. Longman gave a resumé of the chief business which had been before the lodge during the past year. The toast of "The Newly-installed Officers, the Junior Officers," was ably given by Bro. Simpson, who gave them some good advice as to their working in the lodge, and which was acknowledged by Bros. Kershaw, Stanley, and H. C. Moore. The toast of "The Visitors" was entrusted to Bro. Hannah, who gave them a hearty welcome, coupling

with it the name of Bro. the Rev. J. Kirby Turner, Hesketh Lodge, Fleetwood. Bro. Fenton supported the toast by a few remarks expressive of his pleasure at meeting an old friend in a Masonic lodge—an old friend who was son of one of the most respected of the vicars of Lancaster—and the mention of whose name brought up such pleasant reminiscences of former years. Bro. Turner, in responding, thanked the brethren for their courteous invitation to be present on such an interesting occasion. He had a particular pleasure in being present, not only because it afforded him an opportunity of meeting with old friends, but also because everything connected with the good old town recalled, in one way or another, agreeable remembrances of his late dear father, and of the many happy days spent in Lancaster. He had only recently entered the ranks of Masonry, but what he had seen of it met with his cordial approval, and he had hopes at some future day of attaining to the same rank which had that day been bestowed on their Chairman. Bro. Cutts, in a few brief sentences, gave the toast of "The Sister Lodges," which was acknowledged by Bro. Atkinson, W.M. 281, who expressed the hope that the good feeling which existed between the Masonic lodges in the town would continue. The toast of "The Newly Initiated" was given by Bro. Taylor, and acknowledged by Bro. Irvin, and the proceedings terminated with Bro. Allinson giving the Tyler's toast. There was some capital singing by the brethren in the course of the evening.

LIVERPOOL.—Walton Lodge (No. 1086).—The brethren of this prosperous North-end lodge met on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Skelmersdale Hall, for installation purposes. The chair was taken by Bro. Isaac Leece, W.M., and amongst his chief supporters were Bros. G. J. Townsend, I.P.M.; John Lunt, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Ellis, P.M.; G. E. Hanmer, P.M.; J. J. Savage, S.W.; J. D. Reader, J.W.; John P. McArthur, P.M., Ex Mayor of Bootle, Treasurer; R. Beckett, Sec.; Dr. D. Parry, S.D.; W. Wilkinson, J.D.; W. W. Thomas, I.G.; W. Roberts, S.S.; R. E. Roberts, J.S.; and M. Williams, Tyler. The members present were Bros. M. Pearson, H. Walker, F. F. Frost, E. Woods, R. Copeland, G. Riley, Richard Parry, E. Atkinson, G. Reeves, J. E. Beer, B. Leatherbarrow, W. Williams, W. Templeton, W. Stooke, Robert Davidson, Francis Ewart, T. Mansley, T. Haslam, Hargreaves Gill, Rev. Dr. Hyde, E. Watson, T. Balshaw, J. Fowler, and others.

The visitors included Bros. J. D. Skeaf, P.G.O.; W. T. Warhurst, 1756; J. T. Brown, 1505; J. Grierson, S.W. 1756; E. S. Hall, 241; S. E. Ibbis, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Prescott, 1713; T. Chesworth, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Brammell, 1609; T. Singleton, 1264; J. Thornton, 1261; J. Wells, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Burgess, Treas. 1756; R. Leslie, 1513; G. H. Edis, 228; W. W. Sandbrook, W.M. 1609; John Hoult, 216; T. Bolshaw, S.W. 079; C. H. Buchanan, 1609; W. Geardley, P.P.G.D.C. (Cheshire); R. T. Leslie, W.M. 1713; R. W. Heckson, S.W. 1713; M. Hill, J.W. 1713; J. Millikin, 1035; J. H. Gregory, W.M. 667; W. Lunt, S.D. 879; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S.W.; A. T. Shore, W.M. 816; F. Barnett, P.M. 249; T. Fozzard, 1035; J. Holden, S23; J. C. Paterson, W.M. 1473; J. P. Bryan, 1035 and 203; J. F. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; and J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249 (*Freemason*).

The W.M. elect, Bro. J. J. Savage, was presented by Bros. J. Lunt and J. P. McArthur, and very impressively installed by Bro. Leece. After the usual salutations, the following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Bros. J. D. Reader, S.W.; Dr. D. Parry, J.W.; J. P. McArthur, P.M., Treasurer (*re-elected*); William Wilkinson, Secretary; W. W. Thomas, S.D.; William Roberts, J.D.; R. E. Roberts, I.G.; Rev. Dr. Hyde, Chaplain; John Lunt, P.M., M.C. (*re-appointed*); Matthew Pearson and Henry Walker, sen., Stewards. Bro. M. Williamson was *re-elected* Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined in the banqueting hall, under the presidency of the newly-chaired W.M., when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of the W.M., in particular, being enthusiastically received. During the course of a very enjoyable evening the I.P.M. was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel by the members of the lodge, accompanied by a beautifully-bound illuminated Church service for Mrs. Leece. The musical accompaniments were played by Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., with his usual good taste, and Bro. Hargreaves Gill (fairy bells), and Bro. Brammell added to the enjoyment of the brethren.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Shirley Lodge (No. 1112).—The installation of Bro. Charles Crew as W.M. for the year ensuing took place last week, the ceremony being performed by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. Hickman, J.P., and the following brethren being appointed to the respective offices in the lodge: Bros. Venables, S.W.; Brooks, J.W.; Greenslade, Sec.; Rolfe, Treas.; Mayoss, S.D.; J. Sharp, J.D.; Mortimer, I.G.; and Fletcher, D.C. The usual charges following the installation were delivered with his customary ability by P.M. Bro. T. P. Payne, the father-in-law of the new W.M., and before the lodge separated a P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring Master, Bro. Parkinson.

BRIGG.—Ancholme Lodge (No. 1282).—On Monday evening, the 3rd inst., the brethren of this lodge assembled in their new rooms, which have recently been most beautifully fitted up, for the purpose of installing Bro. J. R. Dudding as W.M. for the ensuing year, which ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. W. W. Coupland, P.M. 792, P.P.G.S.D. Line. The following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. T. Cleugh, I.P.M.; H. W. Dalston, S.W.; W. Hall, J.W.; J. Spring, S.D.; G. Sower, J.D.; W. O. Nicholson, Sec.; C. L. Hett, I.G., and others. At the close of the business Bro. T. Cleugh, the retiring W.M., was presented with a very handsome and valuable gold P.M.'s jewel, and invited to a grand banquet held at the New Angel Hotel Assembly Rooms, as a recognition of his services to the lodge during his year of office.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The vitality and popularity of this lodge was perhaps never more clearly exemplified than in connection with an "emergency" meeting on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when there was an attendance of not fewer than ninety brethren. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. W. Sandbrook, W.M., and supported by a full complement of officers, amongst the visitors being a large

number of professional brethren and provincial chiefs. The ballot proved unanimous in favour of Mr. J. L. Shine, Mr. John Pew, Mr. Charles Godfrey, Mr. Frederick Smith, Mr. W. Lunt, and Mr. T. P. Pigot. The four first named candidates being in attendance were duly initiated, and at the banquet which followed a choice musical programme (acknowledged to be the best on record) was furnished by Bros. Glover, Gough, Rudersdorff, Van den Berg, Rawlings, Goodhart, Roberts, Professor Grant, and others.

LIVERPOOL.—Marlborough Lodge (No. 1620).—The annual celebration of the festival of St. John in connection with the above lodge took place at Derby Hall, Tuebrook, on Wednesday, the 5th inst. Bro. Charles Tyrer, the retiring W.M., occupied the chair at the commencement of the proceedings, three o'clock, and he was supported by Bros. William Woods, P.M.; Dr. H. Y. Pitts, S.W., W.M. elect; L. Bagnall, Treasurer; H. J. Blackbourne, Secretary; J. Henderson, S.D.; P. Asberry, J.D.; T. Delamere, I.G.; E. T. Ingham and J. C. Salmon, Stewards; R. Sellkirk, Organist; and R. Neville, Tyler. The list of members included the names of Bros. Dr. C. B. Limerick, J. Pievey, J. McFall, W. Wright, R. Armitage, T. Fletcher, T. J. Newman, B. Titterton, T. Cooper, W. Siddle, J. Graham, J. W. Ashman, W. Balcock, T. Jones, J. Asbery, C. Hare, A. D. Falconer, J. Hughes, J. Lyon, J. C. Sharp, W. P. Hughes, F. Kitchen, W. King, R. Stirzaker, T. Daniel, W. H. Kavanagh, P. P. Dunne, J. Pierce, R. Benmon, and others. The visitors present were Bros. E. Ford, P.M. 1380; W. G. Veale, F. W. Francis, J. Pendleton, Sec. 241; P. Lowndes, 1609; R. H. Evans, P.P.G.S.; J. Bell, P.P.G. J.D.; R. Leeson, P.M. 1393; Thomas Carr, 1094; John Houlding, P.G. Registrar; T. Armstrong, P.P.G. Treasurer; F. J. Pentin, P.M. 1713; J. B. Mackenzie, I.P.M. 1609; and others.

After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the chair was taken by Bro. W. Woods, P.M., who proceeded to instal Bro. Dr. A. Y. Pitts as the W.M. for the ensuing year, valuable assistance being given by Bro. John Houlding, Prov. Grand Registrar. The following were the officers invested for the coming year: Bros. C. Tyrer, I.P.M.; John Henderson, S.W.; P. C. Asberry, J.W.; L. Bagnall, Treasurer; T. Delamere, Secretary; R. Armitage, S.D.; R. Sellkirk, J.D.; Dr. Limerick, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Organist; R. Stirzaker, S.S.; W. Dixon, J.S.; and R. Neville, Tyler.

At the close of the day's business the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet under the presidency of the W.M., and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and cordially responded to. Bro. R. H. Evans, P.P.G.S.D., and John Houlding, P.G. Registrar, replied for the toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge Officers," in most felicitous terms. "The W.M.," admirably given by Bro. Tyrer, I.P.M., was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Dr. Pitts; and "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Leeson, Ford, Pentin, and Mackenzie. During the evening a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. C. Tyrer, as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren, and the W.M. announced that a very artistic tracing board had been presented to the lodge by Bro. J. C. Salmon, whose reputation in the world of art has been long known and cordially recognised.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1780).—Last week Bro. J. S. Pearce, sheriff of the borough of Southampton, was installed W.M. of this lodge for the year by the W. Bro. W. Hickman, J.P., D.P.G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, in the presence of about fifty brethren, including some ten Past Masters. The following were the officers invested by Bro. Pearce: Bros. Berry, S.W.; Grant, J.W.; Algar, Sec.; S. S. Pearce, Treas.; Walton, S.D.; Furner, J.D.; Jos. Stevens, I.G.; Tanner, D.C.; Biggs, Tyler; and Scorey and Grinver, Stewards. Before the lodge separated a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented by the brethren to Bro. Irvine Harle, the retiring W.M., and Bro. Hickman, who was one of the founders of the lodge, was elected an honorary member of it in recognition of the interest he has always shown in its prosperity.

Royal Arch.

EZRA CHAPTER (No. 1489).—The regular convocation of this chapter took place on Friday, the 7th inst., at the hall of the Metropolitan Asylum, Balls Pond-road, Dalston. Comps. Thos. H. Miller, M.E.Z.; Wm. Stephens, P.Z., as H.; and Jno. Dixon, as J.; James Glastin, Scribe E.; Ed. Bishop, Scribe N.; Alf. Dottridge, a P. Soj.; and Mash, Janitor. Bros. Hanney, George, and Ed. Dottridge, were duly exalted to the rank of Royal Arch Masons, the ceremony being most impressively rendered by the Principals. At the dinner which followed, the usual toasts were proposed, and honoured, Comp. Stevens presiding in the absence of the M.E.Z., who had to attend another festive gathering.

MIDDLESEX.—Burdett Chapter (No. 1293).—The members of this chapter were convoked at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 8th inst., when the M.E.Z., Comp. Pearce, P.P.G. Reg. Middx., installed his successor, Comp. Massa, in the First Principal's chair. Comp. Massa then proceeded to instal Comps. Maple and Gray as Second and Third Principals, and invested Comp. Pearce as E., he having been unanimously elected to fill that office on the retirement of the Prov. G. H., Comp. Levander, M.A., who desired to be relieved from the work on account of his numerous engagements. Most cordial "thanks" were voted to Comp. Levander for his long and valuable services as Scribe E., in responding to which he stated "that having filled the office of E. since the foundation of the chapter, except during the year when the companions had placed him in the chair of the First Principal, though he could no longer devote the time required by the work of E., he should be as constant in his attendance at the meetings and happy and willing to give assistance whenever called upon." Comp. Sanders, I.M., was then invested as N., and Comp. Buss re-invested as Treasurer. A letter was read from Comp. Gordon, P.S., appointing Comps. Kentish and Dawson as his assistants, and Comp. Gilbert was re-invested Janitor. The M.E.Z. then presented in the name of the chapter to Comp. Pearce the P.Z. jewel voted to him in recognition of his services. The recipient acknowledged the compliment in appropriate

terms. Letters from the Grand Superintendent Col. Sir Francis Burdett, P.Z., and from Comp. Pythian, P.Z., were read, regretting inability to attend. The companions then adjourned to the banquet, which was pleasantly superintended by Bro. Sadler, in *propria persona*, and in responding to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Superintendent and Officers," the Prov. Grand H., Comp. Levander, promised, as his previous original lecture had been so well appreciated, to deliver a second on a similar subject. The companions present were: Comps. D. W. Pearce, I.P.Z.; T. Massa, M.E.Z.; W. Maple, H.; C. W. Gray, J.; H. C. Levander (M.A.), E.; H. G. Buss, Treasurer; J. W. Sanders, N.; W. C. Kentish, First Asst. Soj.; W. A. Dawson, Second Asst. Soj.; T. Cubitt, W. Kirby, H. Dicketts, G. Wigglesworth, H. Venn, A. W. Duret, H. W. Roberts, M.R.C.S., and the following visitors: Comps. John Green, M.E.Z. 973; W. Dodd, P.Z. 1194; J. T. Briggs, 177; F. Brown, J. 538; and G. Turner, 1395.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.—A meeting of this chapter of improvement was held on Tuesday evening, the 11th inst., at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, and, as usual, was very well attended by Royal Arch Masons. Comps. Bloomfield occupied the position of Z.; Payne H.; Moss, J.; Lardner, S.N.; Swain, P.S.; and Brown (Preceptor), S.E. There were also present Comps. Kirke, H. Thompson, N. Green, Edmunds, Storr, J. Payne, Walker, Abell, Tomkins, and others. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Webb being the candidate. The ceremony was most ably performed. Comp. Tomkins, 1328, was unanimously elected a member of this chapter of improvement. This being election night the following were appointed: Comps. Bloomfield, Z.; Edmunds, H.; Lardner, J.; R. Payne, N.; and J. Payne, P.S. On Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., at six o'clock, the ceremony of installation of the Principals will be performed by Comp. W. Stephens, P.M., Grand Assistant P.S. Kent, P.Z. 862, 874, 1365, and 1489. As this ceremony is seldom performed in a chapter of improvement a numerous attendance is anticipated.

North Africa.

TUNIS.—Ancient Carthage Lodge (No. 177).—The fourth St. John's festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 30th December, 1880. The lodge was opened at 5.30 p.m. by W. Bro. Souiller (officer d'Academie). Present W. Bros. Dr. Perini, I.P.M.; Broadley, P.M.; Clement, S.W.; Le Gallais, J.W.; Barsotti, Treas.; Andry, Sec.; Puliga, LL.D. Interpreter; Sessing, S.D.; Gessel, as J.D.; Carriglio, D. of C.; Delsol, as A.C. of C.; Captain Bridger, Org.; Fogetta, Cassuto and Memmi, Stewards; I. Boccaro, I.G.; and S. Bsis, Tyler. Members W. Bros. Reade, P.M. 1068, (P.D.D.G.M. Egypt); Bros. Blanch, A. Lumbroso, Enriquez, Morana, Bigneance, Babrian, Michael and many others. Visitors: W. Bros. Ayra, W.M.; Italian Lodge; Risorgimento, Vass, 33, M.V.S. of the Risorgimento Chapter, Maignani, 32, P.M. Lodge Carthage and Utica, Tunis; Sulema, 30, P.M. Lodge Concordia e Progresso, Tunis; Funaro, P.M. Risorgimento; Provenzal, Maltesepolo, Vais and Cittanova officers of the Italian Lodge; Curletto, S.W.; and Ayra, Sec. 1835; *Disegni, L. Disegni, D. Attai, Caillat, Forti*, and others; Lodge Risorgimento; E. Allegro, and P. Caillat, Lodge Belisaire at Algiers. After a successful ballot the W.M. initiated into Freemasonry Mr. John Claud Turck, Locomotive Superintendent of the Tunis and Bone Railway. After the usual congratulations had been presented to the W.M. Bro. Broadley, P.M., read a telegram from Bro. Polinelly then at Marseilles, and a letter containing fraternal greetings from Bro. J. E. Stevens, the late S.W., now H.B.M.'s Consul for Pomerania at Stettin. A beautiful engraving of R.W. Bro. Montague Guest, M.P. (hon. member) was then presented to the lodge on behalf of that eminent brother. It was resolved that a vote of thanks be recorded and duly transmitted to Bro. Guest. After a satisfactory charitable collection the brethren and visitors adjourned to the Grand Hotel, where an elaborate banquet was served in the principal hall by the host, Bro. Michel (member 1717). Bro. Michel may fairly be said to have surpassed himself on this occasion, and it is to be hoped that his commodious, well ordered, and finely situated hotel, will attract many visitors to the site of Ancient Carthage. After the removal of the cloth several excellent speeches were made by the W.M., P.M., and Bro. Reade, Her Britannic Majesty's Agent and Consul General, while the W.M. of the Italian Lodge warmly congratulated the first W.M. and founder on the prosperity the lodge had attained, and its continued vigour after an existence of four years.

Red Cross of Constantine.

YORK.—Eboracum Conclave (No. 137).—A meeting of this conclave was held on Thursday, the 6th inst. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, M.P.S., presided, and amongst those present were Bros. C. G. Padel, V.E.; T. B. Whythead, P.S., as Prelate; T. Humphries, as S.G.; M. Millington, J.G.; A. T. B. Turner, Prefect; W. B. Dyson, Recorder; R. Walker, Herald; and others. Letters of apology were read from Bro. G. Simpson, Treas., absent from York, G. Balmford, Rev. W. Valentine, and others. The resignation of Bro. W. P. Husband, who had sailed for South Africa, was announced. Bro. C. G. Padel was elected M.P.S., and Bro. G. Simpson was elected Viceroy. Auditors were appointed, and the conclave was closed. Subsequently the St. Peter Sanctuary and Commandery of St. John were successively opened, and those Degrees were conferred upon Bros. W. B. Dyson and R. Walker by Bro. T. B. Whythead, In. Gen. unattached, after which the commandery was closed.

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Scotland.

KELSO.—Kelso Lodge (No. 58).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 27th ult., St. John's Day, at the Masonic Hall, when there was a numerous attendance. The lodge having been opened and raised by Bro. A. Bulman, jun., the retiring R.W.M., Bro. the Rev. T. N. Wannop (St. John's, Haddington, 57), Senior Grand Chaplain of Scotland, who had kindly consented to officiate as Installing Master on the occasion, assumed the chair. The reverend brother having expressed the gratification he experienced in assisting on this occasion, and especially in having to place a brother minister in the Master's chair of the lodge, then proceeded in due form and very impressively to instal Bro. the Rev. Peter McKerron, of the North Parish Church, Kelso, as Right Worshipful Master, the retiring Master delivering the usual charges, after which the new R.W.M. was duly invested with the insignia of his office, and conducted to the chair by the Installing Master. The other office-bearers were then duly installed, invested, and conducted to their respective stations. The following is a complete list of the new office-bearers: Bros. Rev. Peter McKerron, R.W.M. and Chap.; A. Bulman, jun., I.P.M.; R. Swan, Dep. M.; James Steel, Sub. M.; J. B. Innes (Edinburgh), Proxy M.; J. Shearer, S.W.; W. Conlan, J.W.; J. Smith, Secretary; J. W. Plummer, Treasurer; A. Steel, S.D.; T. Laing, J.D.; A. Heap, Organist; T. Laing, Jeweller; W. F. Vernon, Bard; John Burden, Architect; R. Rodger, S.S.; T. Murray, J.S.; G. Crease, I.G.; and James Allan, Tyler.

The new R.W.M. conveyed his thanks to the brethren for electing him to the chair, and to the Installing Master for his valuable services. Bro. Bulman, I.P.M., then said he had great pleasure in formally handing over to the lodge a set of tracing boards which had been prepared for presentation to the lodge by Bro. John Burden, to whom he paid a high compliment for the taste and skill he had shown in their execution. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Burden for his valuable gift. Bro. Burden, in acknowledging the compliment, mentioned that Bro. Bulman, who had supplied the handsome oak frames, and Bro. A. Hogarth, who had furnished other necessary materials, were also entitled to the thanks of the brethren. The Rev. George Gunn, minister of Stichill and Hume, and Mr. William Murray, Ednam, were then initiated, the ceremony being performed by the new Master and his officers in a most admirable manner. The lodge was then closed in due form.

Immediately after the closing of the lodge the brethren, to the number of about forty, dined together in the Town Hall, the chair being occupied by the new R.W.M., Bro. the Rev. P. McKerron, and Bros. Burden and Conlan, J.W., in the absence of Bro. Shearer, S.W., discharged the duties of Croupiers. After dinner, which was purveyed by Bro. Rodger of the Black Swan, the toasts usual on such occasions were proposed by the R.W.M. These included "The Holy Lodge of St. John," "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales, and the other Members of the Royal Family," "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," Bro. Mills responding. Bro. A. Bulman, jun., P.M., proposed "The Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland." Bro. the Rev. T. N. Wannop responded on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and in doing so remarked that Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, whom the Grand Lodge had for the eighth time placed upon the throne, was one of the best Masters they had ever had. He gave his attention to the affairs of Grand Lodge in a way that no previous Master had done since it came into existence. He had conducted the Masonic barque through stormy water indeed, and the brethren were now anxious to keep him until they were able to do something in the way of instituting charities, and of extending the usefulness of the Craft as a benefit society, in the way in which the English Masons had done so much good. The Grand Secretary had also worked hard and successfully for the same object. Bro. Wannop proposed "The Lodge Kelso, No. 58," and expressed the great pleasure he had felt at once more visiting the lodge, and the still greater pleasure he had had in installing his reverend brother a Master of the lodge. He had also seen their new Master in harness, and had paid the greatest attention to the manner in which he had acquitted himself, and he had not been able to discern a single mistake. They had got a Master who was, as far as it was possible to be, perfect, and from what he had seen there was no doubt that under the new Mastership the whole lodge in all respects would very soon be equally perfect. Bro. McKerron responded, and said that he and the other office-bearers were determined to do their best to promote the interests of the lodge, and if they did not succeed it would be from want of ability, and not from want of will. He had got a number of most willing workers around him, and they meant to work. Bro. Conlan proposed "The Past Master of Lodge No. 58," and in doing so he said he was happy to have that opportunity of paying a tribute of respect to Bro. Bulman, I.P.M., who, while in the chair, had discharged all the arduous and important duties of his office in a most efficient and gentlemanly manner, and who he hoped would continue to take an energetic interest in the affairs of the lodge. Bro. Bulman returned thanks. Among the other toasts were "Visiting Brethren," proposed by the R.W.M., and responded to by Bro. A. McDougall, of Tweed Lodge, 261; "The Office-Bearers of Lodge 58," proposed by Bro. T. Hunter, and responded to by Bro. Plummer, Treasurer, and Bro. Conlan, J.W.; "The Last Laid Stone," proposed by the R.W.M., and responded to by the Rev. Bro. Gunn. The proceedings, though brief on account of the time for the ball approaching, were pleasant.

A ball in connection with the lodge was held in the Town Hall at night. The hall had previously been tastefully decorated for the occasion with wreaths of evergreens, and other emblems of the season, and of the Craft, while a portion of the area had been partitioned off as a supper-room, which was under the charge of Bro. and Mrs. Rodgers. Dancing began about ten o'clock, at which time there would be seventy ladies and gentlemen present. An excellent programme had been arranged, and good music was provided by the Kelso Quadrille Band, under the leadership of Mr. Lamb. The dancing was kept up till about five o'clock on Tuesday morning. Some excellent vocal music was contributed by different members of the company during the night, and the ball on the whole was a highly successful and pleasant one. The greater portion of

the arrangements was carried out by Bro. Plummer, jun., who deserves no small thanks for the anxiety and care he bestowed upon the work.

JEDBURGH.—St. John's Lodge (No. 104).—On Friday night, the 24th ult., the usual installation of the office-bearers of the above lodge was held within their lodge-room. Brother Andrew Sword, Installing Master, officiated. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Bros. J. T. S. Elliot, R.W.M. jr. of Wolfelee; Andrew Sword, P.M.; W. Murray, D.M.; W. Veitch, S.M.; M. Laidlaw, S.W.; J. C. Wallace, J.W.; Robert Fair, Treas.; B. McCall, Sec.; S. G. Dunbar, S.D.; J. F. Haig, J.D.; G. Aitken, I.G.; W. Aitken, Tyler. Immediately thereafter the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, purveyed by Bro. Andrew Turnbull, Black Bull Hotel, the collation being of the most recherche description. Bro. Andrew Sword ably discharged the duties of the chair, the Croupiers being Bros. W. Laidlaw and J. C. Wallace. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed and responded to, as also those pertaining to the Order of Freemasonry. Songs were given throughout the evening by Bros. Clement Robson, Halliday, Wright, Clark, Mackenzie, M. Laidlaw, and McCall. The proceedings were brought to a close by the company singing the National Anthem. Deputations were present from Lodge Kelso, No. 58, the gentlemen representing this lodge being Bros. W. F. Vernon, G. Crease, A. Steel, T. Laing, and W. Conlan; Lodge Tweed, No. 261, W. Dickson, J. Maxwell, D. S. Mackenzie, and J. H. Clarke. Thereafter the brethren adjourned to the ball room, which had been nicely decorated for the occasion with wreaths of evergreens, flags and devices being also displayed with fine effect throughout the room. At ten o'clock the Grand March (Masonic) and "Triumph" was led off to the inspiring strains of music supplied by a string band from Hawick. The dance was kept up till a late hour on Saturday morning, when, before separating, the company sang "Auld Lang Syne," all seemingly well satisfied with their evening's entertainment.

Amusements.

ROYAL CONNAUGHT THEATRE.—When Bro. Charles Morton decided to open the Connaught Theatre with the "Fille du Tambour Major," he displayed great faith in his own powers of management, and good judgment in the appreciative faculties of the British public. There is a certain class of audience who go frequently and habitually to the Alhambra. This audience loves good dressing, grand spectacular effects, gorgeous ballets and processions, and fascinating music. When a company with years of prestige at its back caters for these habitués it knows their requirements to a nicety, and is able to satisfy them. But it is altogether a different matter when a theatre is opened as a private speculation, and starts, as it were, anew, and very much handicapped by the prejudices in favour of its more wealthy predecessor. Nothing but an importation of all the good management which has prevailed at the Alhambra for so many years back could have created in this new theatre a school of music which has at once made its mark with genuine success. Instead of being regarded as a rival of the Alhambra, the Connaught must be considered as its child. Not only has Bro. Morton given his great talents in the undertaking, but we have reason to believe that Mr. Mansel, and others on the Alhambra staff, have given a friendly hint or two during the rehearsals of this important opera. The house has been tastefully decorated by Messrs. Lyon, of Holborn, and the evening commenced brightly with the overture, which was conducted by Mr. Goossens, and played with great effect by the able staff of musicians under his command. The opening chorus, "At the call of duty," showed careful rehearsal, and brought out the fresh young voices of the choir to great advantage. Miss Rose Fleury, as *Lorenza*, proved a useful leader, and she, moreover, did not trespass on the part of the prima donna, which many less experienced singers might have been tempted to do. Miss Hemming filled the part of *The Abbess* with dignity and ability. Of course Miss Jennie Lee, as *Griolel*, was received with much applause. This was, indeed, an ordeal, for the part had been already so efficiently played by Miss Leslie and Miss St. Quentin, that even a lady of Miss Lee's experience must have felt there might be some prejudice in the minds of the audience on this point. Nothing could have been better. In addition to Miss Lee's perfect appreciation of the part, and her excellent acting and singing, she was able to play the drum, which added much to the effect at the proper times. Mr. Woodfield, as *Captain Robert*, sang his part very well, and has a fine tenor voice. Mr. Aynsley Cook, as the *Tambour Major*, received quite an ovation. He acted the part with great spirit, but it appeared to us that his get-up was almost unnecessarily exaggerated. We preferred Mr. Mervin's more simple and less burlesque arrangement of the moustache. Miss Inman looked charmingly piquante as the vivandière. The part of the duchesse was filled by Miss Fanny Edwards, who quite proved to the audience that the training of 150 nights at the Alhambra in this same part had not been wasted on her. Miss Amy Grundy, the prima, looked exceedingly pretty as *Stella*, and sang charmingly, with evidently a great familiarity with the music. Mr. Collini took the difficult part of the *Marquis de Bambini*, the business of which has been mainly created by Mr. Kelleher at the Alhambra. Mr. Sweetman as the *Duc della Volta*, proved an able successor to Mr. Leslie, and had, moreover, the advantage of obtaining some hints in the business from his duchess, which materially assisted the interpretation of the part. Mr. Bradshaw, as *Gregorio*, proved an excellent comic servant, and Mr. Meesams, as the innkeeper, performed his small rôle with appropriate energy. The minuet in Act IV. was gracefully danced by an efficient corps. The music of this dance is quite a gem in its way. It was composed, we are told, by Sully as far back as 1659. The entry of the French army into Milan was capitally done, considering the size of the stage as compared with the one in Leicester-square. All the dresses were new, and reflect great credit upon Mrs. May, the costumier, engaged for the piece. The house was tastefully furnished with plants from Mr. Maitland's floral gallery. The box-keeperesses were all neatly got up in black dresses and caps, and, in fact, from the refreshment department to the drum major's stick, every detail had been carefully attended to, showing that Bro. Morton had already had an immense

experience in such matters. We recommend our brethren to look in at the Connaught, and heartily wish Bro. Morton the success he so fully deserves.

Literary, Art, and Antiquarian Notes.

Many of Hesba Stretton's stories have been translated into German, chiefly for circulation in the United States.

Herr Alois Brandl has edited the old English text of Thomas of Ercecloune for the series now being issued by Weidmann.

A complete mineralogical museum and laboratory is, we learn, an essential part of the plan of the Owens College extension scheme.

Amongst the deaths recently recorded is that of M. Felix Baumaine, who, in conjunction with M. Ch. Blondelet, was the author of more than 1300 songs.

The *Publisher's Weekly* states that Osgood's edition of Tennyson's Ballads was printed and bound within 26 hours after the advance copy was received from London.

The Early English Text Society has issued in its extra series two more of the Charlemagne romances under the editorial care of Mr. S. J. Hertridge. In the regular series the Bickling Homilies are concluded. Of greater interest is the volume containing the English works of Wyclif, hitherto unpublished. This has been edited by F. D. Matthew, and shows Wyclif both as a Church reformer and as a writer of vigorous and homely English.

The *Athenæum* state that Professor R. K. Douglas, in addition to his functions as Chinese Librarian of the British Museum, has for some time past been entrusted with the superintendence of the new printed catalogue, the colossal work which Mr. Bond, the present principal librarian, has undertaken to carry through, and which, when completed, will prove an inestimable boon to readers.

The *New York World* is responsible for the following rhyme for musicians by Elizabeth Lemke:—

- Hændel, Bendel, Mendelssohn,
- Brendel, Wendel, Jadassohn,
- Müller, Hiller, Heller, Franz,
- Plotow, Flotow, Burtow, Gantz.
- Meyer, Beyer, Meyerbeer,
- Heyer, Weyer, Beyer, Beer,
- Lichner, Lachner, Schachner, Dietz,
- Hill, Will, Bruell, Grill, Drill, Riess, Rietz.
- Hansen, Jansen, Jensen, Kiehl,
- Stade, Gade, Laade, Stiehl,
- Naumann, Niemann, Hühnerfürst,
- Niemann, Riemann, Diener, Würst.
- Kochler, Dochler, Rubenstein,
- Himmel, Hummel, Rosenkeyn,
- Lauer, Bauer, Klenicke,
- Romberg, Plomberg, Reinecke.

The *Athenæum* states that an interesting MS., containing an account of the conquest of Siberia by Yermak, has been preserved for more than a hundred years in the library of the St. Petersburg Academy of Sciences. Attributed to a certain Remezof of Tobolsk, it was discovered in that city, in 1740, by Professor Miller. Each of the 154 pages of the MS. contains a picture accompanied by a few lines of text, and the whole has been reproduced in fac-simile by means of photo-lithography. The editor, Mr. A. Zost, states that he has been induced to undertake the work just now by the fact that next year (1882) will bring with it the three hundredth anniversary of the annexation of Siberia to Russia.

Mr. William Smith, F.S.A. Scot., the author of several local histories, proposes to issue by subscription a work entitled, "Old Yorkshire, being historical notes relating to the people, customs, and traditions of the county."

In the current number of the *Philosophical Magazine* Dr. Connelly and Mr. L. T. O'Shea, of Firth College, Sheffield, and both late of Owens College, describe a relation which they have detected between the melting points of the elements and their more simple solid compounds and the heats of formation of the latter. A large number of chemical reactions have been examined, and the authors come to the conclusion that the heat of formation may be predicted from the melting points, with an error very little greater than follows when the direct experimental method itself is used. In the same periodical is a communication on the "Specific volumes of oxide," by Dr. Bohuslar Brauner, Prague, and Mr. John I. Watts, of Owens College, in which there are also some interesting deductions.

Nature announces the welcome fact that Dr. W. Feddersen, of Leipzig, is preparing a supplement to Poggendorff's well-known biographical dictionary. *Nature* appeals to English men of science to respond to the circular asking for information as to their scientific life and labour. "As the great utility of such a work lies in the completeness of the information it supplies, we trust that every one will fill up the answers to the questions as completely as is in his power, and that neither false modesty nor carelessness will create a gap in the work."

The *Athenæum* states that Messrs Macmillan and Co. will publish next week in book form the interesting letters on "Disturbed Ireland," recently contributed to the *Daily News* by their special commissioner, Mr. Bernard H. Becker.

According to the *Academy*, Professor C. T. Newton began his lectures on Greek Art in the Age of Pericles, at University College, London, on Friday, the 7th inst., at 4 p.m. The first lecture, on "The Sculptors who immediately preceded the Age of Phidias," was open to the public without payment or tickets.

The *Athenæum* says that, as far as it knows, there are only two portraits of George Eliot, one by Mr. Burton, which was familiar to visitors to the Priory, and the other an admirable drawing by Mr. Samuel Lawrence, which is in the possession of Messrs. Blackwood. Among the papers left behind by George Eliot is a complete translation of Spinoza's "Ethics," executed during the Strauss and Feuerbach period.

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W.M.—Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Lodge.

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Lodge of Amity, No. 137.
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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Sundry Times," "Broad Arrow," "Citizen," "The Jewish Chronicle," "Light," "Hull Packet," "Croydon Guardian," "Official Report of the Proceedings at the last Grand Priory," "The Spirit of the Nightingale"—A Song and Chorus, by Bro. T. Upwood, Organist 1288, "Mystic Tie," "Baühutte," "New York Dispatch," "Building and Engineering Times," "British Mercantile Gazette," "Proceedings of the Chicago Masonic Collector's Association," "The Liberal Freemason," "Allen's Indian Mail," "DerLong Islaender."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 1881.

WE call attention to the recent proceedings at the annual New Year's Entertainment to our aged Brethren and Widows at the Asylum at Croydon, mentioned in our last. The report is pleasant to note and read, and we feel sure that we are expressing the opinions of all our readers when we say, that such little "festivals" are most gratifying incidents in the yearly progress of our great Charitable Institutions.

WE have read the proceedings in re COLLINGWOOD, and we think that it would be an act of moral cowardice on our part if we hesitated any longer to express our opinion clearly and fully on this somewhat delicate and dangerous question. Of course we feel strongly for the poor boy COLLINGWOOD himself, but we equally feel as strongly, that his case is not one which comes within the scope really and properly of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The mother has now £130 a year, and in two years will have £180; the boy has £1170 of his own, and £40 a year is to be allowed for his education. There is another child with the same amount of absolute property. There is no doubt something in the idea of having a class of pupils, as in most of the great educational establishments, who pay for their education; but such an idea is entirely contrary to the whole con-

stitution and history of the Boys' School, which has always professed, and still professes, to give a gratuitous education to those children of our brethren whom death or disability have rendered it necessary for them to appeal by themselves or survivors to the large-hearted charity of the subscribers to the Boys' School. Knowing how many distressing cases there are before us, and how many of the applicants are absolutely penniless, we cannot but think that the Quarterly Court will adopt the view of the majority of the General Committee.

OUR readers will note Bro. TUDOR TREVOR'S letter in our last. There is a difficulty in the case which we deem it right to put before him, as he does not seem to realize it. We all of us probably agree as to the abstract impropriety of the proceedings which led to Bro. TREVOR'S original troubles, but many of us strongly feel, that the whole case is such a scandal to Freemasonry, that it ought to have been "put down" by authority in the first instance. This fact and this opinion indispose many brethren from subscribing. We are very sorry ourselves personally for Bro. TUDOR TREVOR, but we know that there is a very strong feeling on the subject in many quarters, and we are somewhat afraid that, as in many other similar cases, litigation outside of Freemasonry, however really justifiable, will fail to enlist the sympathies or move the liberality of our brethren.

WHAT a gratifying spectacle is that which English Freemasonry, at the opening of 1881, under the Grand Mastership of H.R.H. the PRINCE OF WALES, presents to the Order and the world. At peace in itself, active, numerous, and well esteemed, it has, indeed, reached a point in its history which it is well and wise for us to note and realize. No doubt its prevailing prosperity and its numerical increase afford some considerations of anxiety and caution. But yet, allowing for everything that can be said in this respect, how very striking is its "outcome," as exhibited in the New Year which has come to this warring and distracted world of ours. English Freemasonry has given to its great Charities alone £49,762 11s. 5d., and if to this you add the amount given by the Board of Benevolence, we find that, as it has voted £9223, we have the very large total of £58,985 11s. 5d. Surely this is a better and truer expression of Freemasonry than idle discussions and hurtful innovations; surely this does more to prove the reality of Freemasonry before the world, than loud professions and little practice, much talking and little doing; the vagaries of some foreign jurisdictions, and that affectation of Freemasonry which appears to puzzle itself and astound its contemporaries by mixing itself up unseasonably and un-Masonically with the most abstruse social and political questions. All honour, therefore, we venture to say, to our good old-fashioned English Craft, which never forgets its sacred duty of genuine and beneficent Charity.

THE following extract from the *Athenæum*, to which our contemporary, the *Manchester Guardian*, calls attention, deserves the notice and consideration of Masonic Students. It would almost seem to point to the fact that Christian Masons had entered the Roman Building Guilds: "The Rev. EDWARD VENABLES writes to the *Athenæum* to say that the well-known Christian monogram, or Labarum, which is of extreme rarity in England, has been found cut in one of the stones of Carlisle Cathedral. The materials of which the nave and transept are built came from the Roman wall, which served the Roman builders as a quarry. Mr. VENABLES considers that among legionaries, by whom Luguwallum was manned a century after the erection of the wall by SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS, there were Christians who inscribed upon the stones they were called to defend the symbol of the faith which CONSTANTINE had adopted as the Imperial ensign of Rome, and that this stone was, eight centuries afterwards, unconsciously built into the mother church of now Christian Carlisle."

It is amusing sometimes to the more philosophic student to note the pertinacity and peremptoriness which some writers display in the support or overthrow, as the case may be, of favoured "vanities" or unwelcome theories. Unless all who treat Masonic subjects agree with their special "fad" or preconceived opinions, they are at once treated as incompetent critics, unsound historians, and unsafe guides. And yet, "à priori," we should have thought that it was the especial duty of Masonic writers to be fair and considerate, impartial, and unimpassioned. Their object should be "Truth," and "Truth" alone, and all fellow-seekers and fellow-students should be welcomed heartily, and listened to courteously, whether we agree with them or not, whether we go with them in the journey a long distance or a short. We always regret to read, for it is, indeed, a pure waste of time, effusions which are only animated apparently by a rude spirit of utter destructiveness, and which, in no sense whatever, can be said to represent the culture or the carefulness, the modesty or the moderation, of true Masonic students. Partisanship and personality may, indeed, be advanced by Masonic "high falutin'" to use an American phrase, but Masonic criticism and Masonic literature are kept down, thrown back, and even degraded by assertions in which nothing is asserted, and by discoveries in which nothing is discovered.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

Can an Irish P.M. act as Installing Master in England? Yes, we think, on the invitation of the W.M., if he has been regularly installed as a W.M. of a lodge and served twelve months. The Book of Constitutions, strictly speaking, only deals with members of the English jurisdiction.

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.]

OUR BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

During the holidays, when brothers and sisters meet, an opportunity is presented of comparing their respective Schools. Some of "our boys" and "our girls" from the Masonic Schools are thus brought under the observation of relatives and sympathising friends; and I regret to say that the comparison is not favourable to our Boys' School. The girls appear well taught, and well mannered: gentle, courteous, and, in the best sense of the word, ladylike. But the boys—their own brothers—are too often vulgar in speech and manner, greatly to the grief of many a widowed mother, who is compelled to see her boys lose any refinement they once had. What is the reason of this difference?—are the masters quite of the right stamp?—is the head a public school and university man? These are important questions; but the clue to this needless and unfortunate difference may perhaps lie in the question—*Is there a lady*, in any capacity, over the boys? If neither in matron, or master's wife, the boys can find a lady of good manners and culture, who will be a *presiding spirit* over them in their out-of-school life, and take a controlling interest in them, no further explanation is needed. Will some of our Committee look to it, that our Charity be expended to the best advantage? I write as an experienced public schoolmaster and a P.W.M.

AN IMPOSTOR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having been myself a victim, may I be permitted through your columns to caution the W.M.'s of lodges particularly, and the brethren generally, against a fraud which, I fear, having been once successful, may be again attempted, by a brother styling himself Capt. Wm. M., of Bedford.

The way in which, I am sorry to say, I was successfully practised upon was as follows:—

A stranger, of military bearing, middle height, short, sandy beard, and with decidedly a good address, called upon me on the 31st of August last (as the W.M. of my lodge at that time), and, after introducing himself, and, I may also add (though with regret), satisfying me that he was a brother, stated that he had arrived in Cheltenham with his wife and family that morning, with a quantity of luggage, for the purpose of looking for and taking a house, with a view to placing his sons at the College here, they having recently left Lancing College; that he now found upon enquiry that there were no particular advantages to be gained by taking a house in the town, and that, therefore, he had decided not to do so, but to send his sons to one of the College boarding houses, and this he intended to do; that he was most anxious to return to Bedford that evening, but, unfortunately, was some two or three pounds short of the required amount to enable him to do so, and did not wish to remain in the town until he could get a remittance from home. He stated that he was then stopping at the Queen's Hotel (which is one of the leading hotels here), and produced tickets for his luggage, some of which was remaining at the station, but said, as he did not know a single individual in the town, he appealed to me as a brother Mason to advance him a pound or two to enable him to get back that evening, and thus save him very great inconvenience and expense.

Such was my friend's very plausible statement, and being, as I have before said, of very gentlemanly appearance and demeanour, and having been, as I then thought, in the army, I unhesitatingly (though, I will now admit, very foolishly) advanced him £5 upon his I O U. For this I received most profuse thanks and oft repeated promises to return

every penny of it "most religiously" when he arrived at Bedford, adding, in a jocular way, that he had frequently relieved poor and distressed Masons, but had never thought that he himself should have so soon been in that position.

Perhaps, Sir, it is hardly necessary for me to say that from that time to this I have heard nothing of my military friend, and a letter quickly despatched to Bedford as quickly came back to me through the "Dead Letter Office." I then communicated with the Rev. Principal of Lancing College, who very kindly and courteously replied to my letter by stating that he feared I may consider my loan to Captain M. as a positive gift, inasmuch as it was in the highest degree improbable that I would ever hear of him again; that he some short time since had sons at the Lancing College, but in consequence of the authorities being unable to obtain payment of fees they were not permitted to return; also adding that Capt. M. when in that neighbourhood had very successfully succeeded in practising upon the credulity of the tradesmen all round, who would be equally pleased to learn his whereabouts.

Before exposing the foregoing imposition I have waited, Sir, I think, a reasonable time, in the hope that after all I may have been mistaken in my supposition of the fraud; but I think now, Sir, I am only discharging a public duty to my brethren by placing them on their guard against a brother whose manner and appearance I have described; and you may rely, Sir, upon the verification of the old truism, in my case at least, that "once bitten is twice shy."

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

I.P.M. No. 82.

Cheltenham, Jan. 8th.

HERVEY MEMORIAL FUND.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On behalf of the Committee which has been formed to raise a fund in order to perpetuate the memory of the late Bro. John Hervey, P.G.D. and Past Grand Secretary, I ask you to be kind enough to print in your columns a circular (now enclosed) which is about to be sent to every lodge and Royal Arch Chapter under the English Constitution, and I also venture to hope that you will kindly permit me to acknowledge, with the like publicity, all sums which may be received in response to this appeal.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

R. R. DAVIS, P.M. 256,

Hon. Sec. "Hervey Memorial Fund."

Melville Lodge, Manor-road, Wallington, Surrey,
January 11th.

Sir and Brother,—

A general feeling exists among the Masonic friends of the late Bro. John Hervey, P.G.D. of England, and Past Grand Secretary, that it would be a graceful and becoming act on the part of those who have been associated with him to commemorate in some fitting and permanent manner his unceasing endeavours, for a period of nearly forty years, to promote the interest and to extend the usefulness of our Order.

With this object in view a Committee has been formed, consisting of five members of the late Bro. Hervey's mother lodge, the Royal York, No. 7, and five members of the Lodge of Unions, No. 256, which he joined very shortly after his initiation into Masonry, who have invited Bro. Sir John Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, to be their Chairman, to which he has acceded: in both of the above lodges Bro. Hervey was on three several occasions elected to the Chair, and to both he continued a subscribing member until his death.

I am desired, Worshipful Master, to solicit your co-operation with the Committee in furtherance of this end—

1st.—By causing this communication to be read in open lodge.

2nd.—By suggesting, if circumstances permit, a donation from the funds of your lodge.

3rd.—By kindly receiving any subscriptions which individual members may be disposed to give.

It is proposed that the amount received in answer to this appeal shall be invested in the names of Trustees, to be hereafter appointed, and that the interest arising from such fund be applied in granting donations of £10 each, subject to increase, or decrease, if thought desirable, to the highest unsuccessful candidates (male and female) at each annual election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—an Institution in which Bro. Hervey took the deepest interest—and that such donations be known as "The Hervey Benefactions."

It is felt that such a mode of perpetuating the memory of our late friend and brother will commend itself to all Masons who knew him and appreciated his great services to the lodges and chapters under the English Constitution.

I shall be obliged if you will cause any sums received by you to be entered on the enclosed form; also, by your returning it to me, together with a remittance for the amount, by a cheque crossed "London and Westminster Bank, account of Hervey Memorial Fund," which account is opened in the joint names of Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, F. Adlard, P.M. and Treasurer, No. 7 and myself.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

R. R. DAVIS, P.M. 256,

Hon. Secretary Hervey Memorial Fund.

ROYAL MASONIC BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Remarks made at the General Committee of the above Institution I duly notice in the *Freemason* of the 8th inst., respecting the son of the late Bro. Collingwood, and regret that brethren should advance a proposition as Bros. Chancellor and Stewart in support of such a case. I believe our aim is to support worthy and necessitous cases at all times. Surely a brother who has been in the habit of spending eight or nine hundred pounds per year should be able to provide ample provision for his small family at his decease. I, for one, fail to see any hardship the widow of the late Bro. Collingwood has to endure.

If it is imperative that the child should be admitted into the School, I think the £40 per annum left by the parent for his maintenance and education should be periodically forwarded to the Institution. I fully endorse the sentiments of Bros. Matier and Gladwell, and with every wish to support the three grand principles, believe me to remain,

Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

A LIFE SUBSCRIBER.

Birmingham, Jan. 11th.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

STEPHEN MORIN.

The following particulars concerning Stephen Morin are translated from Dr. George Kloss's "History of Freemasonry in France" (Geschichte der Freimaurerei in Frankreich, Vol. I., pp. 88-9). The established repute of this indefatigable author gives due weight to what he says, and requires no comment from me. "In the course of the year 1758, another system appeared at Paris bearing the pompous title of 'Empereurs d'Orient et d'Occident.' Its members styled themselves Sovereign Prince Mâsons, Substitutes General of the Royal Art, Grand Wardens (Surveillants) and Officers of the Grand and Sovereign Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem. The system was composed of the following twenty-five Degrees: I. Class. Apprentice, Companion, Master. II. Class. Secret Master, Perfect Master, Intimate Secretary, Provost and Judge, Intendant. III. Class. Master Elect of Nine, Illustrious Elect of Fifteen, Sublime Knight Elect. IV. Class. Grand Master Architect, Knight of the Royal Arch, Grand Elect. V. Class. Knight of the Orient, Prince of Jerusalem, Knight of the Orient and Occident, Sovereign Prince Rose Croix, Grand Pontiff Master *ad vitam*. VI. Class. Grand Roachite Patriarch, Grand Master of the Key of Masonry, Prince of Lebanon or Knight of the Royal Axe. VII. Class. Sovereign Prince Adepts, Grand Commander of the Black Eagle, Sovereign Prince of the Royal Secret. These Grades were conferred under the designation of Degrees of Instruction (Degrés d'Instruction)."

I would here remark that in this passage we already find the term "Royal Art" employed at a period long anterior to the supposed assumption of the Chieftainship of Masonry by the King Frederick II. of Prussia. It is also worthy of notice that these Degrees were termed Degrees of Instruction, in that tallying with the later pretensions of the Ancient and Primitive Rite to be an educational system. But allow Kloss to proceed:

"These emperors have bequeathed an inheritance to Masonry in France, the irremediable consequences of which it was impossible for any one at that time to foresee. To these we owe the delivery of a patent, not specifying these High Degrees by name, on the 27th August, 1761, to Bro. Stephen Morin on his departure for America. On account of its importance it was first completely printed in 1812, in Bazard's Memorial for the Chapter at Angers, then in Thory's History, and in other places. In any case an extract of the most important part will give a deep insight into the position and pretensions of the High Degrees at that time. 'To the glory of the G.A.O.T.U. in the Grand Orient of France, and by virtue of the pleasure of His Serene Highness and Very Illustrious Brother Louis de Bourbon, Count of Clermont, Prince of the Blood, Grand Master and Protector of all regular Lodges, &c., on the 27th of August, 1761: We, the Subscribed General Substitute of the Royal Arch, Grand Wardens and members of the Grand and Sovereign Lodge of St. John at Jerusalem in the Orient of Paris; and we, Princes Grand Masters of the Grand Council of Regular Lodges, under the protection of the Grand and Sovereign Lodge, in the holy and mysterious numbers, declare, announce, and command all beloved Brethren, Knights, and Princes in both hemispheres, that in our Convention, held by command of the General Substitute, the President of the Grand Council, it has been communicated to us through the Worshipful Bro. Lacorne the Substitute of our Very Illustrious Grand Master an: Prince Mason, that during the session a petition was presented in order that our beloved Brother Stephan (Stephen) Morin, Grand Elect Perfect, and Past Sublime Master, Prince Mason, Knight and Sublime Prince of all Orders of High Masonry, a member of the Royal Lodge of the Trinity, is on the point of voyaging to America, and for the dissemination of the Royal Art in its superior Degrees, desiring to proceed with regularity, desires our good will that we should issue to him a patent for the constitution of such Degrees.'

"He received the permission to establish in the place of his destination a St. John's Lodge, to be denominated Perfect Harmony (*la Parfaite Harmonie*), with power to choose his officers at will, and we depute him in the capacity of our Deputy Grand Inspector for all parts of the New World to reform the observation of our laws in general, and we constitute, by these presents, our beloved Bro. Stephan (Stephen) Morin, our Grand Master Inspector, and empower him, and give him authority in all parts of the world, to found perfect and exalted Masonry. We, therefore, request all the brethren in general to give to the said Bro. Morin every assistance and aid within their power, and require similar aid and assistance towards all brethren belonging to his lodge, or those whom he may have received and constituted, or such as he may hereafter so receive and constitute, in the exalted Degree of Perfection, with which we invest him, together with full and perfect authority to nominate Inspectors in all places wherein there are not any graduated substitutes, inasmuch as we are well acquainted with his great acquirements and faculties. In testimony whereof we have given him these presents, signed by the General Substitute of the Order, Grand Commander of the White and Black Eagle, Sovereign Exalted Princes of the Royal Secret and Chief of the Exalted Degree of the Royal Art, and by us Exalted Grand Inspectors and members of the Grand Council and of the Grand Lodge erected in this metropolis, and we have sealed it with the great seal of our Illustrious Grand Master—His Serene Highness—together with that of our Grand Lodge and Sovereign Grand Council in the Grand Orient of Paris in the year of light 5761, or of the ordinary reckoning on the 27th August, 1761. Signed by Chaillou de Jonville, General Substitute of the Order, Worshipful Master of the first lodge in France, called St. Antoine, Chief of the Exalted Degree, Commandant and Exalted Prince of the Royal Secret; Prince de Rohan, Master of the Grand Lodge of Intelligence, Sovereign Prince of Masonry; Lacorne, Substitute of the Grand Master, Worshipful Deputy Master of the Lodge of the Trinity, Grand Elect, Knight and Prince Mason; Savalette de Bucoly, Grand Gardiari of the Seals, &c.; Taubin, Grand Ambassador; the Count de Choiseul; Boucher de Lenoncourt, Master of the Lodge of Virtue; Brest de la Chaussée, Master of the Lodge of Exactitude, Grand Elect Perfect Mason, Knight Prince Mason. As representatives of the Grand Lodge: Daubantin, Grand Elect Prince Mason and Knight Prince Mason, Master of the Lodge St. Alphonse, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge and of the Sublime Council of Prince Masons in France and Bordeaux."

It would be taking up too much space to continue the pre-

sent record; so—without any comment—I will conclude this statement on another occasion and then give the text of Stephen Morin's suspension and subsequent career.

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE, IX^o.

THE CHEVALIER RAMSAY.

Bro. Gould's authenticated dates of Dermott's birth and initiation quite settle the question as to any direct communication between the latter and Ramsay, who must, if his biographers are correct, have returned to France before the time the Grand Secretary of the Ancients saw the light. Can Bro. Neilson inform us whether any evidence exists of Ramsay having visited or held any communication with lodges in Ireland early in the last century? All the Masonic works of reference give the date of Ramsay's birth as 1668 and his death as 1743, one year before the publication of Dassigny's pamphlet containing the unaccountable allusion to the Royal Arch at York. According to this the chevalier must have lived seventy-five years, although Mackey and Mackenzie have both made the extraordinary error of placing his age at fifty-six years.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

RAMSAY'S TRAVELS OF CYRUS.

I cannot find my authority as yet, but feel almost certain of seeing once an edition of the "Travels of Cyrus" for the year 1726 (English). I know the 2nd English edition was published as follows: "The Travels of Cyrus," in two volumes. To which is annexed a discourse upon the Theology and Mythology of the Ancients, by the Chevalier Ramsay. Vol. 1. The second edition London, &c., MDCCXXVII. (1727), frontispiece, &c. Dedicated to Lord Landsdown, by Andrew Ramsay (pp. viii, 312). Vol. 2. Frontispiece MDCCXXVIII. (1728), pp. 106. 17 pp. each French and English, &c., Chronology, and a discourse (pp. 144).

I anticipate that the edition referred to by Bro. T. B. Whytehead is a reprint of the foregoing. Our brother for once has gone "too far ahead" in his suggestions respecting Dermott and Ramsay, as the former was not born, according to Bro. Gould (as also Grand Lodge Records) until A.D. 1720. It is not at all clear what Ramsay had to do with the English "Royal Arch," or with the *Scottish or Irish, R.A.*, as Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., has pointed out. The matter is still as difficult of elucidation as ever, but one fact appears clear to me, viz., that Masonic Degrees (*separate and distinct*, for the favoured few or those selected, only), were unknown before the last century.

W. J. HUGHAN.

With respect to Dermott and Ramsay, with Bro. Hughan, I have always thought that the connection between them Masonically, as often alleged, was very doubtful. It is perfectly clear that Ramsay could not, from his Jacobite tendencies, have had anything to do with the English Grand Lodge, and his connection with Dermott is also, as I said before, dubious. Where Dermott got the words Royal Arch now is the "Crux;" they certainly are, one must admit, a literal rendering of "Arche Royale." It is very possible that there was some intercourse between Ramsay and Ireland. The book which was burnt at Rome said to have been written by Ramsay, though this fact is not quite clear, was published at Dublin by Patrice O'Duik, is a point worth considering. Some recent discoveries of Ramsay's correspondence with Cardinal Fleury seem to show that his interest in Freemasonry ceased in 1736, in consequence of the displeasure of Louis XV with the Freemasons. The earliest connection of the Royal Arch with the Antient Masons is not earlier than 1752. The whole subject relating to Ramsay deserves more careful investigation than it has yet received, and I am glad to see the "Notes" thereon.

MASONIC STUDENT.

Reviews.

HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN MALTA. London George Kenning.

We do not remember ever to have entered upon the task of reviewing a Masonic work with more confidence than that with which we approach the book before us. Bro. A. M. Broadley, though still far short of the meridian of life, has achieved such a reputation as a Masonic worker and a Mason of erudition, and is, moreover, a brother of such high mental attainments, that we have looked forward to the results of his researches in the district in which he exercises so salutary an influence with no small anticipations of pleasure as well as instruction; and we are pleased to find that we have not been in the least degree disappointed. Not only is the "History of Freemasonry in Malta" written in a scholarly manner, but, as far as can be judged by those who have not had Bro. Broadley's opportunities for investigation, it is thoroughly exhaustive, and leaves little or nothing to be desired. The author has collected a very large mass of reliable facts, and has then compiled and arranged them in an intelligible and comprehensive form, and we feel sure that every student of Masonic History will agree with us that a debt of gratitude is due to our brother for his labours in the construction of his "History," and for the large amount of valuable information thereby placed within the reach of members of the Craft in general. Bro. Broadley has divided his book into convenient sections, and naturally opens with a "History of Masonry in Malta" in early years. Malta appears not to be very much more fortunate than other Masonic centres in its archives, but it is interesting to know that before the extinction of the Ancient Order of the Knights of Malta Masonry was very active in the island, and that the Knights themselves were its great patrons. The Roman Church being strongly opposed to our Order, some vexatious proceedings seem to have arisen between the Knights and the Pontificate on this question, but in spite of everything Masonry held its ground, and now has lived to see the destruction of the temporal power of its old opponent and its own renewal of youth. The author quotes Bro. W. R. Wright, formerly P.G.M. of Malta, who said he had no reason to think that the Order of Malta had any connection with Masonry, further than its general patronage of the speculative working, but he saw points of singularly close resemblance between the two and with other orders of chivalry, "which in their gradations and principles of union bore such a striking resemblance to our Institution as, combined with the Oriental origin of those institutions, may fairly induce

us to presume that they sprang originally from this root." Some curious examples of certificates issued by the only authorised English lodge in existence before 1815 are still in existence. They are in French, the language then used in the lodge ritual, and are endorsed in some cases with certificates of membership of some Masonic Grades, unrecognised by the Grand Lodge of England. The latest of these were issued in 1820, and of the thirteen officers of the lodge who sign it, four describe themselves as "Knights of the Templar and Malta." The author gives us a drawing of a tomb of one of the old Knights of Malta (Thomas de Villages), which bears an escutcheon of a shield, with supporters and the emblems of his Knightly Order, the shield charged with the interlaced triangles surrounding a heart; and he tells us that "many of the tombs of the Knights bear such emblems as compasses, squares, triangles, mallets, &c." The tomb of which we have a sketch dates 1689. It would be interesting to know from Bro. Broadley what is the earliest date at which Masonic emblems appear on the tombs of the Knights. The second section of the book consists of a Masonic biography of Bro. Walter Rodwell Wright, who was one of the most active Masons in this country at the beginning of the present century, and was especially prominent in the Orders of the Temple and of the Red Cross. He was also one of those who took a leading part in the formation of the United Grand Lodge in 1813, and was a brother not only of high social position, but of considerable talent and of energetic and business-like disposition. In the year 1814 Bro. W. Rodwell Wright was appointed to an important public office in Malta, and our author says that "with the advent of Bro. Wright the reliable history of modern Masonry in Malta may be said to begin." Bro. Wright was appointed Prov. Grand Master for Malta and Gozo in 1815, and in the same year the Lodge of St. John and St. Paul, now numbered 349, commenced its operations. This lodge, in spite of many vicissitudes, and through some troublous times, has maintained its honourable career until the present day, and is now in an exceedingly prosperous state. Its history is well and succinctly told by Bro. Broadley in the work before us. One of the distinguishing features of its career is the great number of distinguished Masons who have first seen the light under its auspices. The situation of Malta, as "the half-way house of the Mediterranean," has conducted to this circumstance, and the list of notable initiates and joining members is probably unrivalled. It would occupy too much space even to give a bare list of names; but when we mention those of the Right Hon. J. Hockham Frere, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec. of England, who was W.M. in 1860; Col. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, W.M. in 1850; the Earl of Limerick, and Capt. N. G. Philips, it will be seen how important a place the Lodge of St. John and St. Paul has held in Masonic history. This lodge erected a monument to Bro. W. R. Wright, in 1840, in the cemetery at Floriana, and several noteworthy matters are recorded in its minutes, ably investigated and arranged by our author who traces the lodge's history to the present day. We must, however, pass on to notice the next division of the "History," which gives us a close sketch of the history of the Union of Malta Lodge, No. 407, constituted in 1832, and only second to the last named lodge in its records of distinguished members and visitors. In the list of its Worshipful Masters we find the name of Bro. W. Kingston, now District Grand Master of Malta, who ruled the lodge from 1862 to 1865, and again in 1868. This lodge has also suffered vicissitudes, and has experienced alternate terms of prosperity and adversity. Many military and naval officers of celebrity and several titled brethren learned their earliest Masonic lessons under its banner; and during March and April, 1854, many of the Brigade of Guards, who were on their way to the Crimea, were admitted. On their return to England these brethren presented to their mother lodge a beautiful memorial Bible. The Zetland Lodge, No. 515, next occupies our attention. This lodge was inaugurated in 1846. Bro. N. G. Philips, who was a P.M. of Lodge 313, joined in 1856, and in that year proposed our present Grand Secretary, then Captain Clerke, of the 21st Fusiliers, as a candidate. He was initiated in April of that year. It appears from the minutes that in 1851 a scheme was propounded for forming all three lodges into one, and it would seem that the plan was acceptable to the members of the several lodges, for application was made to Grand Lodge to give effect to the idea. No reply from Grand Lodge is recorded, and Bro. Broadley adds that "the matter is barely hinted at in the minutes of the other lodges." One item in the minutes of this lodge is especially worthy of record—"A visiting Bro. Tristram, P.M. of the Atlantic Phoenix Lodge, No. 271, begged to call the attention of the brethren to an event which had recently happened to himself, forcibly showing the general diffusion of Masonry and its benefits. In the south of the Djereed (south of the Tunisian frontier) his party was brought to a stand for the want of fresh camels as well as provisions. This perplexity was increased by falling in with a hostile tribe, and Bro. Tristram, on being conducted to the seat of the chief, perceiving the personal danger they were in, and finding all other means fail, tried to communicate with him by one of the higher Degrees of Masonry, which was immediately responded to, and although in their interchanges some differences were found, chiefly arising from the difficulty of language, yet sufficient was made known to engage the hospitality of the Arab Sheikh, who not only furnished them with the means of fresh transport, but entertained them for some days free of expense." This incident is recorded in 1858. The Leinster Lodge, No. 387 (under the Irish Constitution), next receives the attention of Bro. Broadley. It was founded in 1851, and appears to have done good work, without neglecting the claims of charity. Referring back to the English lodges it may be noticed that "the Degree of P.M." was granted under their banners to brethren other than candidates for the chair. In the Lodge of St. John and St. Paul this was done in 1852, in the Union Lodge in 1843, and in the Zetland Lodge in 1848. It may be that this was done (as in the American system) as a preliminary for the Royal Arch, for Bro. Broadley tells us that from the charter granted for a Royal Arch chapter in 1819 "it is evident that the Past Master's Degree was considered to be a necessary preliminary for the R.A." The names of many eminent Masons of the present day are to be found as taking part in the transactions of the Melita Chapter, 349, amongst them being that of the well-known Masonic historian, Bro. Robert Freke Gould, Grand Deacon, who was exalted in 1857 under its banner. It was from the loins of this chapter that the Ancient

Carthage Chapter, No. 1717, sprang in 1878. There are also Royal Arch Chapters attached to the Union of Malta and Leinster Lodges. In 1847 one was chartered for the Zetland Lodge, since become extinct; this last named chapter would seem, after the Scottish, Irish, and American methods, to have chartered a Mark lodge between 1850 and 1858. This brings Bro. Broadley to the subject of Mark Masonry, which under his beneficent sway as Prov. Grand Master for Tunis and Malta has made extraordinary progress. The Degree seems to have been worked with great success by the Mark lodge under the Zetland Chapter, and Bros. N. G. Philips and Shadwell H. Clerke were both advanced in it. In 1857 it ceased to work, and the Degree was continued under the wing of the Leinster Chapter, until in 1870 the Keystone Lodge, No. 107, was warranted by the Grand Mark Lodge of England. In 1878 the Kingston Mark Lodge was warranted at Tunis, and the following year Bro. A. M. Broadley was installed Provincial Grand Master, another Mark Lodge, the Broadley, No. 248, being warranted the same year. Last year the Lodge of St. Louis, No. 254, was warranted at Goletta, being the fourth Mark lodge in that province. One of the most interesting chapters in the book is that on Christian Masonry, the foundation of which is due to Bro. W. Rodwell Wright, who had been Grand Master of the Templar Order in England as well as of the Red Cross. Bro. Wright appears to have entertained very exalted aims as to the ultimate destiny of these Orders, aims which he did not succeed in carrying out. Bro. Broadley has been fortunate in discovering many Masonic memoranda of Bro. Wright, and he gives excerpts from these of more or less value, as showing something of the design contemplated, as well as the views of Bro. Wright in the Templar Order. For these matters we must refer those interested to Bro. Broadley's book. The Melita Grand Preceptory and Priory is the successor of the body founded by Bro. Wright. It was warranted in 1848, and its first Preceptor was Col. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, now Great Prior of Canada. Capt. N. G. Philips was its Preceptor in 1857. In 1860 Admiral Hobart was installed under its banner, and our present Provincial Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon, was dubbed a Knight of the Order in the same asylum in 1860. Bro. Broadley was its Preceptor in 1878, and now occupies the distinguished office of Grand Chancellor of the Mediterranean. We have already exceeded greatly the space at our disposal, but we have been imperceptibly drawn on from one point to another by a perusal of this really valuable contribution to Masonic literature. We have, therefore, no room left to speak of the sketch of Freemasonry in Tunis, which is very ably done. We all know what a power in himself Bro. Broadley has been, and how much of the present prosperity of the Craft in Tunis and Malta is due to his perseverance, capabilities, and determination. He has added by this little work another honour to those he has already earned. It only remains to say that the book is embellished with several woodcuts and photographs, and that the appendix contains some unpublished MSS. of Bro. W. R. Wright, copies of lodge warrants, and lists of Past Masters and Past Principals. The printing and binding are in every respect excellent and appropriate. We must add that the profits of the sale are to be devoted to the Benevolent Fund of the district.

STEVENS'S; MASONIC MAP AND DIRECTORY FOR 1881. London: Edward Stanford, 55, Charing Cross, S.W.

The readiness with which a map can be adapted to the requirements of those seeking to convey useful information at a glance has long been recognised. We may instance the newspaper map of Messrs. Mitchell and Co., and others, to say nothing of numerous advertising houses who have set forth their numerous agencies dotted over the United Kingdom. The idea of a Masonic Map showing the towns in which lodges and chapters are held was first suggested, to us by Bro. H. A. Dubois some three years since, and we are bound to say that Messrs. Stanford have carried out their part of the work in a very excellent manner. All the towns in which lodges and chapters are held are clearly marked, and the numbers added. In some provinces, such as Lancashire, the numbers are so thickly crowded that it has been found necessary to transfer the lodges in Manchester and neighbourhood to the margin on an enlarged scale. The London district and the neighbourhood within the radius of one and a quarter mile from Freemasons' Hall, have also separate maps on a larger scale. To a stranger visiting the provinces it will be valuable as showing at a glance the places at which lodges are held in the immediate locality, but for all other purposes the "Freemasons' Calendar and the Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar" readily supply all necessary information.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The thirty-second annual Grand Masonic Ball in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution took place at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on Tuesday evening, under most distinguished patronage. A full report of the pleasant gathering will be given next week.

MARRIAGE OF SIR T. HESKETH, BART.—Sir Thomas Hesketh, Bart., of Rufford, Lancashire, son of the late Sir T. Fermor Hesketh, P.G.M. West Lancashire, was married at San Francisco a short time since to Flora, daughter of the well-known Senator Sharon. The bride, who is a piquante beauty, is a great favourite in Californian society. The reception was a most brilliant affair.

The Annuitants of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution belonging to and resident in the province of East Lancashire were entertained with a sumptuous tea, music, &c., on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Freemasons, Hall, Manchester. A full report will appear in our next issue.

Bro. John W. Watts, P.M. 507, asks us to announce that the annual festival of the United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction, No. 507, will be held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Friday, the 4th proximo, when Three Sections from the First Lecture will be worked by Bro. Latham, P.M. A preliminary meeting will be held on the 22nd inst. at 7.30.

West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, will in future be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.

The meetings of the Grand Metropolitan Rose Croix Chapter, No. 1, are now held at the Criterion, Piccadilly.

CRUSADERS LODGE, No. 1677.—The meetings of this lodge are now held at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.

ROYAL HANOVER LODGE, No. 1777.—The regular meetings of this lodge are now held on the fourth Saturday in March, May, July, and October.

Bro. Fradelle, No. 246, Regent-street, has published a portrait of General Sir Evelyn Wood, K.C.B., V.C., the second officer in command in the Transvaal, which has been much admired for its truthfulness of likeness.

Bro. Goodenough asks us to state that the meetings of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction are now held at the Cathedral Hotel (Bro. Sweeting's), St. Paul's Churchyard, having removed from the New Market Hotel, King-street.

Bro. F. Pritchard Davies, M.D., Superintendent of the Kent County Asylum, Barming Heath, near Maidstone, has been elected a member of the Black Prince Preceptory, No. 146, meeting at the Masonic Hall, St. Peter-street, Canterbury.

Bro. W. Smalley's will and two codicils were proved on the 23rd ult., by Miss Martha Elt, Mr. Robert Turnham, and Mr. Charles Walker, the executors, the personal estate being sworn under £25,000. The testator gives to Miss Elt £1000; to his executors, Mr. Turnham and Mr. Walker, £100 each; to his coachman, William Hobbs, and to his servant, Jane Phipps, £50 each; and the residue of his real and personal estate upon trust for his daughter, Edith Smalley. He appoints Miss Elt guardian of his daughter during her minority.

Bro. Captain T. Davies Sewell, who has been connected with the auxiliary forces since 1850, has just been gazetted major in the Royal London Militia, in which latter regiment he has held a commissions for fifteen years.

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., has returned to town in perfect health, and is much invigorated by the rest he has taken after the arduous Parliamentary work last session.

THE CAXTON MEMORIAL.—About £250 has been subscribed for the memorial stained glass window proposed to be placed in the Church of St. Margaret, Westminster, in commemoration of William Caxton, and a number of leading printers and publishers of the Metropolis have been invited to join the General Committee.

Bro. C. W. Thompson's (P.M. 961, 1601, of the City Lands Office, Guildhall) health, we are pleased to learn, is improving. Bro. Thompson has been staying, for some little time, at the Hydropathic Establishment, at Llandudno, where he has derived much benefit from the change of air and scene.

Bro. Edgar Bowyer and Mrs. Bowyer, of Goswell House, gave their annual entertainment to their employés and old friends at Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday last, the 7th inst. Among the toasts was that of "Bro. and Mrs. Bowyer," which was responded to most heartily by Bro. James Terry, and responded to most heartily.

Bro. George Penn, P.M., has, we are informed, paid to the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution the sum of fifty guineas, the proceeds of the successful ball in connection with the Earl of Carnarvon, No. 1642, given at the Town Hall, Kensington, on the 4th November, 1880, a report of which appeared in the *Freemason* of Nov. 20th. Another ball in connection with this lodge takes place on the 17th proximo, when it is hoped, double the above amount will be derived, which in this case will be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The *Building and Engineering Times* has commenced a new series under the editorship of Mr. George Chaloner, F.C.S., formerly editor of *Iron*, with a staff of assistants well versed in the technical knowledge of the trades this journal seeks to represent. The new proprietor intends to make this journal a thoroughly representative organ of the building and engineering trades. Illustrated supplements are given with each number, the last issue being an excellent portrait of Sir J. Bazalgette, C.B. It is published by Messrs. W. H. and L. Collingridge, of the *City Press*, at the price of twopence.

Although the members of our Craft are more speculative Masons than practical, still our readers will always have a kindly feeling towards those grand old Craftsmen who helped to rear the stately cathedrals which still adorn the face of Europe, not forgetting modern structures, such as Cologne and Truro, and will have sympathy with any combinations connected with building and builders. We note, therefore, with pleasure the refinements of modern commerce are readily recognised by an enterprising society which has opened at 205-G, High Holborn, an exchange and subscription rooms for the use of builders and manufacturers. Although the professional classes are well supplied with current information through the various trade journals representing their interests, yet gentlemen and private families, for the want of practical acquaintance with domestic architecture, suffer severely in health and pocket from a lack of a common knowledge connected with the construction of a dwelling-place. This want will be largely remedied by the rooms referred to. The managers being practical engineers, specially devoted to sanitary science, have arranged the drainage and water supply of the premises in a manner that will enable occupiers of town or country residences to readily understand how a house can be made healthy and kept clean. As the various builders of the country will doubtless use these rooms as a place for exhibiting sanitary appliances, and the materials of use in the construction and decoration of houses, it will be readily understood that a visit to the Builders' Exchange will repay, in many ways, the trouble taken. To those of our readers who are engaged in business it will be sufficient to state that this new exchange will be on the basis of the Baltic, Lloyds, the Corn Exchange, &c., and supplied with reading, writing, consultation, and smoking rooms, postal, telegraph, and money order conveniences, private desks, with the use of messengers and other attendants. We have pleasure in drawing the attention of our readers to the fuller particulars of this important movement, which appear in our advertising columns.

Bro. Charles E. Keyser, Hon. Sec. of the St. Alban's Cathedral Masonic Restoration Fund, announces a Committee meeting for Monday next, at the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall, at four o'clock.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER ON PAUPERISM.
—Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., P. G.M. West Lancashire, was present at the Christmas tree entertainment given to the inmates of the Ormskirk Workhouse. In the course of a short address, his lordship said no doubt many of the aged people before him would feel deeply the fact of being in that house, but he assured them that he considered them fortunate in having such an asylum and such a home found for them in their old age. It was no disgrace to them that they were there; it was their right, for no doubt when they were young they had paid for the assistance of others in the shape of rates. It was no disgrace to them; he knew such a feeling was abroad in the country, but he wished it were not so. He wanted them to understand that, if by any untoward circumstances they were compelled to come into the workhouse, it was only their right, for they had paid for it in their younger days.

The Directors of the Bank of England met on Thursday last and advanced the rate of discount to 3½ per cent.

Bro. Bedford Lemere's installation as W.M. of the Confidence Lodge, No. 193, took place on Monday last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Bro. W. Kuhe, P.G.O., we learn, has decided to give only one week's festival in Brighton this year.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, R.W. G.M. Cheshire, and Lady De Tabley have left Tabley House for Algiers, Knutsford, where they are expected to remain about three months.

H.R.H. Prince Leopold, P.G.W., has promised to be present at the festival of the Royal Musicians, to be held under the presidency of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.W., on February 10th, at St. James's Hall.

The fifth annual select private Masonic ball of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, will be held at the Town Hall, Kensington (opposite Kensington High-street Railway Station), on Thursday, the 17th prox., the whole of the proceeds accruing therefrom to be devoted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The string band of the Royal Horse Guards will attend, by permission of Col. Cecil Ives, and perform under the direction of Mr. Charles Godfrey.

The next meeting of the Crusaders' Lodge, No. 1677, takes place on Wednesday next, at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct. A report of the proceedings will duly appear.

Bro. Alderman Nottage has been elected Chairman of the Visiting Committee of Her Majesty's Prison at Holloway.

A report of the meeting of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, which was held on Thursday last, at the Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, will appear in our next.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, January 21, 1881.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st., Hot.
- " 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old T.H., Hackney.
- " 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot.
- " 1767, Kensington, Courtfield House, Earl's Court Station, S.W.
- Chap. 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
- Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
- " 211, Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hot., West Hammersmith.

Metropolitan Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
- Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd., at 7.
- Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
- Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
- Sphinx, Stirling Castle, Camberwell.
- Alexandra Palace, Masonic Club, Loughborough, at 7.30.
- King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17.

- St. Alban's Cathedral Restoration Fund, at 4.
- Lodge 1, Grand Master's, F.M. Tavern.
- " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav.
- " 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
- " 862, Whittington, F.M.H.
- " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav.
- " 907, Royal Albert, F.M.H.
- " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
- " 1537, St. Peter's, Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.
- Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
- Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-rd., Dalston, S. London Masonic Club.
- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
- St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 to 10.
- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7.
- Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
- Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
- St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.
- Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
- Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amhurst-rd., Hackney, S.
- Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
- Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
- West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul's Church-yard.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.
- Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
- Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
- British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tav., Mile End
- Eastern Star, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., 7.30.

- St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
- John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
- New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
- Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
- Strong Man, George Hot., Australian Av., Barbican, at 8.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18.

- Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.
- Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav.
- " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
- " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 162, Cadogan, F.M. Hall.
- " 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.
- " 704, Camden, Guildhall Tav.
- " 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea.
- Chap. 46, Old Union, Albion Tav.
- " 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot.
- " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
- Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot.
- " 244, Trinity College, 61, Weymouth-st., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
- Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
- Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
- Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
- Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
- Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
- Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
- Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
- Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
- Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
- St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.
- Islington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.
- Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Brompton, at 8.
- Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8.
- St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
- Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
- Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
- Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
- Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19.

- Gen. Com. G. Chapter, at 3.
- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
- Lodge Grand Stewards, F.M.H.
- " 140, St. George's Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
- " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav.
- " 190, Oak, F.M.H.
- " 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.
- " 700, Nelson, M.H., Woolwich.
- " 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot.
- " 1044, Wandsworth, Lec. Hall, New Wandsworth.
- " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
- " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town.
- " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot.
- " 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-sq.
- " 1673, Langton, 102, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
- Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot.
- " 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
- Mark 144, Grosvenor, Regent M.H., Air-st., W.
- K.T. Precep. 135, Bosbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
- New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
- Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, S.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
- Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn.
- La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
- Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
- Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
- Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, S.
- United Strength, Hope & Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W., S.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
- Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at 8.
- Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
- Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
- Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.
- Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
- Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith-rd., at 8.
- Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
- Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
- Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, S.
- Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20.

- House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.
- " 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
- " 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.
- " 169, Temperance, White Swan Hot., Deptford.
- " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 181, Universal, F.M.H.
- " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav.
- " 1139, South Norwood, P.H., S. Norwood.
- " 1278, Burdett-Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria-pk.
- " 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
- " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.
- " 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.
- " 1623, West Smithfield, F.M.H.
- " 1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hot.
- Chap. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot.
- " 834, Andrew, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith.
- " 1216, Macdonald, Head Quarters, 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
- Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
- Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
- The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
- Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
- Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
- Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
- Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
- High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
- Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd., at 8.

- Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
- Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
- Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
- Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
- United Mariners, Three Cranes Tav., Mile End-rd., at 8.
- Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
- Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
- Capper, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.
- Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amhurst-rd., Hackney, 7.30.
- Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
- Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
- West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
- St. Michael's, The Moorgate, 28, Finsbury-pavement, at 8.
- Guelph, Oliver Twist, Church-rd., Leyton.
- Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21.

- House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
 - Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 - " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 - " 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
 - " 1704, Anchor, Cannon-st. Hot.
 - Chap. 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
 - Mark 176, Era, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 - K. T. Precep. 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-sq., W.
- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**
- Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 - Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
 - Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
 - Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
 - Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 - St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 - Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
 - United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
 - St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
 - Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.
 - Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 - Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
 - St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
 - Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 - Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.
 - William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
 - Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Golborne-rd., Notting-hill.
 - Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
 - St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
 - Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
 - Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.
 - Stability, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons' Avenue, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 17.

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
- " 1276, Warren, Concert H., Liscard.
- " 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., 80, N. Hill-st., L'pool.
- Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19.

- Lodge 128, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
- " 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
- " 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.
- " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
- " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
- " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
- " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
- " 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
- " 1730, Urnston, Lord Nelson, N. Urnston.
- Chap. 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
- De Grey and Ripon, M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
- Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20.

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 343, Concord, M.R., Preston.
- " 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
- " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
- " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
- " 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
- St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21.

- Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Jacques de Molay Encampment, M.H., Liverpool.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

GIBBS.—On the 9th inst., at Arrandale, Mount Ephraim-road, Streatham, S.W., the wife of Mr. H. I. Gibbs, of a daughter.

SEYMOUR.—On the 10th inst., the wife of Mr. Horace Seymour, 49, St. George's-square, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

CHANNER—CRAMP.—On the 5th inst., at St. Bartholomews Church, Sydenham, by the Rev. Huyche Yeatman, assisted by the Rev. T. L. Phillips, Captain Bernard Channer, Bengal Staff Corps, to Alice Bovill, daughter of the late Mr. Francis Cramp, of Oakwood, Beckenham, Kent.

FENN—TOWNSEND.—On the 6th inst., Thomas Edward, son of Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., of Bedford-square and the Stock Exchange, to Jane, daughter of R. Towhensend, of Pollokshields, Glasgow.

DEATHS.

HYDE.—On the 9th inst., at Argyle Lodge, Tulse-hill, S.W., Mr. John Hyde, in his 75th year.

TAYLOR.—On the 5th inst., at 78, Bishopsgate-street Without, Mr. George Taylor, aged 87.

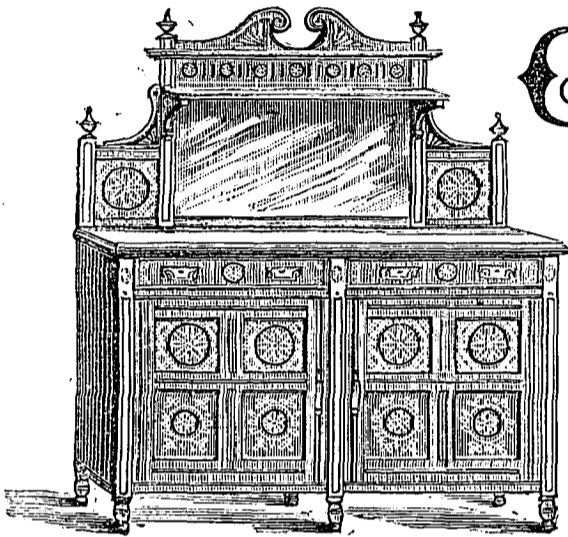
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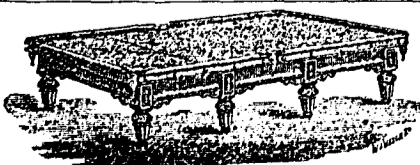
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