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THE assassination of the EMPEROR OF RUSSIA is an event disgraceful to humanity, and a dark stain on the annals of our own generation. All over the civilized world, whether amid ancient Monarchies or modern Republics, this hateful consummation of wickedness will be repudiated with indignant horror, as an act of the most dastard cruelty, and of the direst criminality. No one less deserved such a fate, or merited such an end. The EMPEROR ALEXANDER II. died as he lived, "doing his duty," and it is touching to remember that had he only thought of his own safety he might have escaped the deadly blow. But, solicitous for the fate of his poor wounded soldiers, he was ruthlessly sacrificed to the fearful insanity and wickedness of Nihilism. The sympathy for his distressed and bereaved family is alike universal and intense, and will be warmly and loyally shared in by the whole body of the Craft.

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WE rejoice in being able to state that we understand a proposition will be made at the Annual Meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to increase the number of candidates to be elected, in consequence of the recent most successful Festival. The number varies from ten to twelve. Those of our readers who heard Bro. TERRY's energetic speech at the Aldersgate Lodge banquet will remember how happily he made the number of candidates to be eventually elected depend in some measure on the "returns of the Festival," and now that he can regard with just competency the result of twelve months' zealous exertions, so far unprecedented in the annals of our Charity Festivals, we feel strongly that it is both the duty and the privilege of the authorities and the subscribers materially to increase the number to be elected, as a fitting recognition of the sympathy, liberality, and charitable energy of the Craft at large.

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BRO. TERRY reported at the monthly meeting of the Managing Committee that the sum received for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Festival was £14,380, with two lists still to come in.

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THE list of the candidates for the Girls' School is before us, twenty-eight in number, and of which, after the custom of former years, we think it well to give a short analysis. Of the twenty-eight candidates two have made six applications, one four, three three, five two, and seventeen come up for the first time. Two of the candidates have no parents living, twenty-four have lost their father, and two have both in existence. Fourteen of the parents died in Masonry, two remained until incapacity or lunacy, three died one year out of Masonry, one two years, two three years, two two, and one four. Of those who have passed away the longest term of subscription is thirty-four years, the lowest five. The average subscription of the twenty-seven whose subscription is given is eight years. Though it is difficult to classify, we note in the list one landed proprietor, one manufacturer, four merchants, one farmer, one architect, one builder, four tradesmen, two commercial travellers, one auctioneer, one organ builder, one licensed victualler, two serjeants in the army, one borough treasurer, two clerks, one railway sub-contractor, one master mariner, one ship's steward, one sheriff's officer.

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THERE are seventy-five cases in the Boys' list, GOSDEN's name having been withdrawn. There are only, however, twenty vacancies. Of these seventy-five cases sixty-seven have a mother living, three have a father living, two have both parents living, and three are total orphans. Thirty-one of the fathers of the candidates subscribed until death, and of the forty-four who either died out of or gave up subscribing to Masonry, the highest subscription is twenty-three and a half, the lowest two. The average of the subscription of all the seventy-five cases is eight and a half years, while of the forty-four who died out of Masonry, or resigned their lodges, no less than

seven died one year out of Masonry, twelve two years, three three years, four four years, five five years, two six years, two seven years, two eight years, two nine years, and one ten years. The others, for various reasons, we need not mention. The conditions of the parents may be thus classified: trading class nineteen, clerks seven, licensed victuallers four, solicitors three, commercial travellers three, contractors and builders three, master mariners three, farmers and yeomen two, cotton spinners two, pilots two, surveyors two, surgeon one, clerk in holy orders one, underwriter one, iron master one, merchant one, civil engineer one, gas engineer one, accountant one, auctioneer one, superintendent of police one, quarry manager one, district auditor one, serjeant in the army one, superintendent (?) of Marines one, steward (R.N.) one, furrier one, collector of rates one, chief carpenter (R.N.) one, riding master Life Guards one, commission agent one, woolstapler one, commissionaire one. Do we not, must we not, see in these "contrasted classes" the great "crux" in respect of the special needs and "status" of our Masonic Schools?

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SINCE we wrote last week it has been suggested to us that Bro. MATIER's motion would be a stronger one, needful as we believe it to be, if he inserted these words: "And in all these cases, except in the case of sudden death, the petitioner's father must have subscribed three years to a lodge." It seems as if it would not be right for us as Masons in any way to provide for the case of any of the mysterious and often startling visitations of the Most High. We think there is something in this grave point. As regards blindness, paralysis, and incapacity of gaining a livelihood there is no hardship or harshness in requiring that the petitioner's father should have paid three years' subscription to a lodge.

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WE note Bro. MASSA's letter in our last, 'but, with due deference to him, cannot think it right for him or any one else to make a needless motion merely to ventilate certain personal grievances, and thus take up the time of the meeting. It is perfectly clear that, for obvious reasons, without need or notice of the subject, Bro. MASSA, from his professional position, is not the proper person to bring forward a proposal to enlarge the School at very considerable expense, a proposal, moreover which no one else thinks reasonable or seasonable, or in any sense desirable to entertain. It can only be as a means of introducing other and personal matters. If Bro. MASSA has any claim on the House Committee, as he conceives, or any cause to complain of their decision, the proper course is personally to bring it before the General Committee, and if not satisfied, he has the power of appealing to the Quarterly Court, But the notices of motion he has given are simply abstract propositions, which no Quarterly Court would entertain under any circumstances, as two points are a priori incontestably clear, that, 1st, the House Committee has a right to employ such architect or builder who does his "work" in the most efficient and economical way, and 2ndly, that to propose fresh building expenses when a house has just been fitted up for a junior school, and is not full, is both improper in itself and unfair to the subscribers. We again urge on Bro. MASSA the propriety of withdrawing such unprecedented notices of motion.

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WE noticed last week Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART's proposal to enlarge the Hall at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon. We hardly know upon what grounds our brother has given notice of this proposition, which, we confess, comes with a little surprise upon us. We think that we are expressing the feelings of a large number of the subscribers to that excellent Institution, when we say, that in common with our other Charities, we hope that the greatest economy will be exhibited in their administration and management. There is a complaint, not altogether unreasonable, of the tendency to rush into abnormal expenses which are not absolutely necessary, and which sometimes give a colouring to the charge that those who are careful of their own money, are not always careful of the money of other people. Until better advised, we must think the expense proposed a luxury, not a necessity.

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WE call attention to a review elsewhere of the "Report of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage," by which it will be seen that that excellent Institution is in a most prosperous state, and progressing with the needs of the "Force" and the educational requirements of the times we live in. We trust that there will be no difficulty in obtaining the requisite funds to build a new wing for school room, and class rooms, &c., and as we have many of the "Force" in our Order, we shall be happy to call attention, if asked to do so, to the subject again in our columns.

RECORDS OF EXTINGUISHED LODGES.

THE MARINERS LODGE, No. 576, SELBY. — (Continued from page 121.)

On January 7th, 1801, Bro. L. Coulman, Treasurer, took the chair for the ensuing year. At the February meeting a visiting brother, Chambers, "proposed himself" to be a member of the lodge, and was accepted.

At the April meeting it was resolved "that Bros. Garbutt and Dickenson be requested to go over to York in order to receive instruction in the Third Degree, and their expenses will be defrayed by the lodge."

On the 18th November, 1801, Bro. Coulman was re-elected, by scroll, to the chair; and, on the 16th December, the Junior Warden was also elected by scroll—the only instance on the minutes. In February, 1802, fees for registration in Grand Lodge were paid by the brethren in consequence of a communication received from Bro. W. White, Grand Secretary.

At the next meeting a letter was read from Bro. Hartley, Secretary of the St. George's Lodge of East York Militia, notifying the expulsion of a brother for fraudulent conduct.

In December, 1802, the lodge had enrolled forty-five members, and Bro. Coulman was again re-elected to the chair out of six brethren who were eligible.

On the 7th August, 1803, a letter was read from Bro. Teally, W.M. of the Minerva Lodge, Hull, stating that two brethren had been expelled from the lodge for intoxication. It was resolved to send a letter of thanks for the information to the Minerva Lodge, and a hope was expressed that "the same will act as a caution to the brethren of the Mariners Lodge."

In December, 1803, Bro. Thos. Foster was elected W.M., and accordingly, at the December meeting, "Bro. Coulman divested himself of the badge of his office, and also divested all the other officers of the different orders of their offices. Bro. T. Foster was then duly exalted to the chair, and invested with the pass and chair-word and jewel of his office. The R.W.M. then duly invested our last Master his P. Master." Two Wardens, Senior and Junior Stewards, and a Tyler were also appointed and invested, and no other officers are mentioned. Bro. Foster seems to have been somewhat remiss in his duties during his term; and, on the 1st December, 1804, Bro. Coulman was re-elected to the chair.

In March, 1805, it was resolved that the members should pay a weekly subscription of a shilling apiece for the State Lottery, and it was proposed that some of the lodge funds should be appropriated to the same purpose. This proposal, however, seems to have fallen through. A letter was read from Bro. W. Dignan, Secretary of the "Masonic Charity for Female Children," and it was agreed to subscribe a guinea to that Institution.

In December, 1805, Bro. Coulman was again re-elected Master, and it was resolved to purchase for the Lodge proper candlesticks, canopies for the chairs, and two globes. The following December Bro. Coulman was once more placed in the chair.

The last minute is dated September 2nd, 1807, when we are informed that a Masters' lodge was opened by Bro. C. Garbutt, W.M., but there was no business. The lodge, however, did not then cease to hold meetings, for I find in the Treasurer's cash book, which is also preserved, entries for payments of lodge expenses as late as July 6th, 1814.

Amongst these cash entries are one or two items worth noting—

	£	s.	d.
1801. Bro. Peck, for Masonic Almanack	0	1	6
Paid Travelling Turk	0	1	0
1802. April 7th. Sashes for Royal Arch	3	11	9
(There is no other allusion to the Royal Arch.)			
July 7th. Paid Ringers, Clark, and Saxton	0	16	0
September 1st. St. John's Musick Men, Bro. Harkers	1	1	0
1803. July 6th. Three banners from Bro. Brooksbank	13	14	4
October 6th. A glass for constitution	0	12	0
1804. June 6th. Attending the Volunteers coring from Malton	2	3	6
1806. November 6th. Attending Provincial Lodge at York	9	8	9½

One, at least, of the Secretaries of the Mariners Lodge must have been unusually illiterate, for the spelling is occasionally marvellous; for instance—"seckerterrey," "prevenshall," "lodgnite," "sallery."

The lodge members were gathered from all classes; and I find clergy of the Established Church, attorneys, surgeons, gentlemen, tradesmen, and a large proportion of mariners on the register.

Amongst the visitors to the lodge at various times were many from the Union Lodge, at York, No. 331, as well as from the St. George's Lodge, East York Militia, No. 356. I also find—

- 16th July, 1800. J. Prince, from No. 28, Ancient Masons' Lodge, Cork.
- 3rd September, 1800. G. Trueman, from Lion Lodge, Whitby.
- 3rd December, 1800. Bro. Smallpage, from Fidelity Lodge, Leeds, No. 512.
- 4th February, 1801. R. Chambers, from Jacob's Lodge, Ramsgate; Bro. Townsend, from Philanthropic Lodge, Leeds, No. 542.
- 5th September, 1804. Bro. Pindar, from Lodge 549, Halifax.
- 1st August 1804. Bro. Dibb, from Minerva Lodge, Hull; Bro. Badley, from No. 7, Woolwich.
- 6th March, 1805. Bro. Prince, from White Hart Lodge, Huddersfield, No. 513.
- 3rd April, 1805. Bro. Gurnett, from Prince of Wales Lodge, Gainsborough, No. 423.
- 5th June, 1805. R. Darley, from Lodge of Attention (?), Lynn.
- 7th August, 1805. J. Mentrup, from Rodney Lodge, Hull.
- 5th March, 1806. G. Schofield, from Lodge 2, Cannongate, Edinburgh.
- 3rd December, 1806. T. Sissons, from Minerve (sic) Lodge, Hull.
- 3rd June, 1807. J. Lee, from St. Matthew's Lodge, No. 406, Barton.

The St. Germain's Lodge carefully preserves several relics of the Mariners' Lodge. The Master's chair, the back adorned by a blazing sun, surrounded by the motto "Sit lux et lux fuit," half-a-dozen engraved glasses, three pedestals, about a foot high, for candlesticks, the old square, and the Junior Warden's column. These are all worth examination, and it is gratifying to know that they are in such excellent hands. Bro. Wm. Rawling, P.M., has for eighteen years acted as Secretary of the St. Germain's Lodge, and is an excellent specimen of the hearty and hospitable Yorkshire Mason. His lodge occupies very comfortable premises of its own. The lodge room is elegantly furnished and adorned with many portraits and engravings presented by the members. The chairs are emblematically painted and adorned with symbols of the sun, moon, and stars, and everything seems to be maintained in excellent order, thanks to the energy and generosity of the brethren, conspicuous amongst whom, I understand, is Bro. Weddall, of Selby, the oldest Past Master of the lodge. To the courtesy of Bro. Rawling, P.M.; Bro. J. Dunn, the I.P.M.; and Bro. J. T. Atkinson, P.M., the Master of Ceremonies, I am indebted for the opportunity afforded me of preparing these notes.

To complete the sketch of the Mariners' Lodge, I ought, perhaps, refer to the bye-laws agreed upon in 1799. They provide for fines of various amounts to be inflicted on members found guilty of addressing the chair sitting, of coming to the lodge in liquor, of swearing, profane talking, laying wagers, or refractory behaviour. The Secretary was to be fined 2s. 6d. for neglect-

ing to summon the members. The ballot for candidates was to be unanimous. The fee was three guineas, the joining fee 12s. 6d., the subscription 5s. a quarter. The lodge was to be closed at ten o'clock, and any member remaining after eleven was to be fined 5s. A candidate blackballed could not be again proposed. The lodge was not closed for refreshments, but these were to be put on a side table, and any one partaking of them was to pay sixpence.
T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

A RECORD OF FOUR DAYS OF MASONIC WORK AT YORK.

The ancient spirit which for so many centuries preserved in York the working of symbolic Masonry has not yet died out, and in that old centre there are still to be found a few enthusiastic brethren to whom no labour is too great if its object is to further the interests of the Royal Art in any of its branches. To them it is ever a pleasure when the opportunity occurs for introducing a good and worthy visiting brother into their charmed circle, and such a chance was eagerly embraced last week. Bro. A. M. Broadley, a Mason whose Masonic fame has travelled over the world, and who had before visited York and been worthily welcomed, having signified his willingness to consecrate two Mark lodges just warranted in the district of North and East Yorkshire, arrangements were made for a Masonic programme to extend over four days, including the two days of consecration, and the scheme was carried out with the most complete success, the result being a most enjoyable series of Masonic ceremonies and visits exemplifying the working of the ritual in most of the important branches of Masonry.

Work began at York in the afternoon of Monday, the 7th inst., when at 3.30 p.m. an emergency meeting of the Eboracum Conclave of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, No. 137, was held at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, for the purpose of installing Comp. J. A. Bindley, of Burton-on-Trent, P.M. and P.Z. Abbey Lodge and Chapter, No. 624. The conclave was opened by Em. Comp. J. S. Cumberland, M.P.S., the Viceroy's chair being occupied by E. Comp. T. B. Whytehead, P.S., and that of Prelate by E. Comp. A. M. Broadley, P.S., Int. Gen. Unattached. Amongst the brethren present were also Comps. Geo. Simpson, S.G.; W. B. Dyson, J.G.; A. T. B. Turner, Prefect; and P. Pearson, Sentinel. The ceremony having been performed, the M.P.S., on behalf of the conclave, welcomed their brother A. M. Broadley, who is an honorary member of the conclave, and expressed the pleasure experienced by the members at seeing him amongst them, accompanied by his friend and their brother the newly-installed knight, to which Bro. Broadley responded. After the close of the conclave the St. Peter Sanctuary and Commandery of St. John were successively opened by Ill. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, Int. Gen. Unattached, and the Degrees were conferred upon Comp. J. A. Bindley, after which the sanctuary and commandery were closed with full ceremonial.

The members having retired, re-assembled at a high tea, and spent a pleasant hour in fraternal intercourse. At half-past six an adjournment was again made to the lodge rooms, where the members of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, had been called by an emergency summons to exemplify their working in the First Degree. Bro. J. T. Sellar, the W.M., was in the chair, and was supported by his officers, Bros. C. G. Padel, I.P.M.; Geo. Simpson, S.W.; M. Millington, J.W.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treasurer; James Kay, Secretary; T. Humphries, Asst. Secretary; A. T. B. Turner, S.D.; J. Blenkin, J.D.; W. Girling, I.G.; O. Marshall, Organist, &c. Bro. Broadley was introduced by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., M.C., and was received by the W.M. with a hearty welcome, the brethren loudly expressing their pleasure at once more meeting amongst them one who they are proud to own as an honorary member of the lodge. The work of the lodge then proceeded, consisting of the initiation of a candidate, which was very neatly performed.

At its conclusion Bros. A. M. Broadley, J. A. Bindley, and T. B. Whytehead left the Eboracums, and drove to the Masonic Hall, where the York Lodge, No. 236, was holding a regular meeting, the work consisting of two initiations and a passing. The passing had been concluded, but the party were in time to witness an initiation, which was done very impressively by the W.M., Bro. M. Rooke, who was supported by Bros. W. H. Gainforth, I.P.M.; J. Todd, P.M. and Treasurer; A. Buckle, P.M. and Secretary; J. S. Rymer, S.W.; G. Kirby, J.W.; and many other officers and brethren. At nine o'clock the party again took carriage and returned to the quarters of the Eboracum Lodge, where they found the brethren at refreshment, and here a most pleasant evening was passed. A number of toasts were proposed, the most important of which was that of "The Guests of the Evening," which was responded to by Bros. Broadley and Bindley. In his speech Bro. Broadley made some most interesting references to his previous visits, to the interest he felt in York and York Masonry, to which he had been introduced by his friend, Bro. Whytehead, to the District of Malta, of which he was a Past Deputy District Grand Master, to the working and progress of Masonry in Tunis, where he resided, and many other topics congenial to the minds of his hearers. At eleven o'clock the party broke up with the Tyler's toast, after the performance of a number of glees by the lodge glee party, conducted by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., who is in music, as in ritual, a tower of strength in himself.

Just before closing a collection was made in aid of a poor and distressed brother in the North, which raised the sum of £1 11s.

On the afternoon of the following day (Tuesday, the 8th inst.), at 3.30, the York College of Rosicrucians held a meeting for the purpose of receiving into the M.C. Bro. J. A. Bindley, Burton-on-Trent, and Bro. C. S. Lane, of Hartlepool. R.W. Frater T. B. Whytehead, IX.°, presided, and there were also present Frater Rev. W. C. Lukis, VII.°, Suffragan; J. S. Cumberland, VII.°, Treas. and Sec., who acted as Celebrant; Walter Rowley, VI.°, Wm. Lawton, III.°, S. Middleton, I.°, and A. T. B. Turner, II.°. The aspirants named were received and invested, and the Chief Adept then announced that he had received authority from the Supreme Magus of England to confer the Grade of VIII.° upon Frater Broadley for the purpose of enabling him to found a College of the Order in Tunis, and accordingly he had much pleasure in announcing that he had already acted upon that authority, and had conferred that grade upon their worthy frater. This being an emergency meeting called for special business, nothing further was brought forward, and the M.C. was dissolved, the members afterwards meeting for tea and talk, preparatory to the work of the evening.

At 6 p.m. there was a large gathering of the Order of the Temple at the Masonic Hall, it being the annual installation meeting of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory and Priory of Malta. The Preceptor, the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, had telegraphed that morning his inability to be present owing to illness in his family, and the chair was accordingly taken by Frater J. S.

Cumberland, the Immediate Past Preceptor, who opened the preceptory. There were also present amongst the members and visitors Frates G. Simpson, Const.; W. Lawton, P.E.P.; Sir James Meek, P.E.P.; T. B. Whytehead, P.E.P., P.G. Capt. of Guards; J. W. Woodall, P.E.P., G. St. B.; G. Allthorp, P.E.P. (Bradford); T. Monckman, P.E.P. (Bradford); J. L. Atherton, E.P. (Bradford); S. Middleton, E.P. (Scarbro'); C. Rutter Fry, E.P. (Darlington); G. Roper, Rev. W. C. Lukis (Fidelity), J. A. Bindley (Melita), S. F. Bousfield (Royal Kent), T. Ness (Darlington), J. G. Wilson, T. W. Wilson, M. Millington, and A. T. B. Turner. Allusion was made to the decease of the Sub Prior of the province, Frater J. F. Holden, of Hull, and the acting E.P., in the name of the preceptory, congratulated Frater J. W. Woodall upon his nomination by the Prov. Prior, Lord Londesborough, as Sub Prior. Frater Woodall thanked the knights, and said that he fully intended to make an effort to revive the Order in the province if possible, and that he hoped to hold a Prov. Priory at Scarbro' in the autumn, when the Prov. Prior would be present. Frater J. S. Cumberland having vacated the throne, Frater T. B. Whytehead, P.G.C.G., assumed the baton, and proceeded to instal the E.P. elect, Frater George Simpson, who, having been duly saluted, appointed and invested his officers as follows: Frates J. E. M. Young, Constable; M. Millington, Marshal; T. B. Whytehead, Reg. and Treas.; J. S. Cumberland, Sub Marshal; A. T. B. Turner, Standard B.; T. W. Wilson, Sword B.; J. F. Taylor, C.G.; and P. Pearson, Equerry. The alms were collected, amounting to £1 13s. 9d., and at the request of Frater Whytehead it was decided to forward the amount to a distressed brother in Gateshead, whose case was stated to be very sad. The preceptory was then closed, and a Priory of Malta was opened in full and ample form. The five officers in the East were E. Frates A. M. Broadley, E.P., Prov. Grand Chancellor of the Mediterranean; J. W. Woodall, C.G.; J. S. Cumberland, L.G.; George Simpson, 1st L.; S. Middleton, 2nd L.; the Rev. W. C. Lukis acting as Prelate. The officers at the octagon table were Frates T. B. Whytehead (Marshal), J. A. Bindley (Hospitalier), C. Rutter Fry (Admiral), J. L. Atherton (Conser), G. Althorp (Baillie), A. T. B. Turner (Turcop), M. Millington (Chancellor), and T. Ness (Treas.); Fra. S. F. Bousfield acted as C. of O. Frates Sir James Meek, Wm. Lawton, Col. J. G. Wilson, and G. Roper having been accepted as candidates, were conducted to the Guard Chamber, and received the Mediterranean Pass, and thence passed the five banners, conducted by Fra. T. B. Whytehead, and, finally, were received and installed members of the Order by Fra. A. M. Broadley, who subsequently delivered a long, eloquent, and interesting oration, embracing not only the history of the Order, but other points of elucidation not usually touched upon. Many good wishes having been expressed by the visitors, the priory was closed, and the York knights entertained their guests at supper. Many toasts were honoured, including that of "The Prosperity of the Preceptory," Fras. Broadley and Woodall both expressing their pleasure in seeing its vitality; and the latter alluding to a scheme on foot, projected by Fra. Whytehead, for still further increasing its effectiveness and usefulness in Masonic good works. At a late hour the knights separated, amid mutual good wishes.

On Wednesday morning a party of the brethren were entertained at breakfast at the Queen's Head by Bros. Bindley and Broadley, preparatory to a railway journey to Middlesbro', a town on the river Tees, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating a Mark lodge. About noon the party arrived at Middlesbro', and found their way to the Masonic Hall, where Bro. J. S. Cumberland, acting D.C., proceeded to make arrangements for the ceremony. At two o'clock the Middlesbro' brethren assembled, as well as visitors from Newcastle, Darlington, and Stockton. The work began by the opening of a Mark lodge by Bro. A. M. Broadley, Provincial Grand Master of Tunis and Malta, by deputation from the G.M.M.M. of England. The S.W.'s chair was occupied by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., and the J.W.'s chair by Bro. Rev. W. C. Lukis, W.M. York Lodge (T.I.); Bro. S. Middleton, P.M. Star in the East Lodge (Scarbro'), acted as M.O., and Bro. J. S. Cumberland, S.W. York Lodge (T.I.), as S.D. Bros. O. Marshall and J. E. Wilkinson, of York, carried out the musical arrangements most effectively. The first business was the advancement of a number of candidates, which was performed by Bro. J. M. Meek, P.M. of the Darlington Mark Lodge and W.M. designate of the Middlesbro' Lodge. The R.W. Bro. A. M. Broadley then proceeded with the consecration ceremony, Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.G.M.O., acting as Chaplain. The oration, which was delivered by the Consecrating Officer, was a masterly piece of Masonic oratory, in which the history, teaching, associations, and influence of the Degree were all touched upon, and our only regret was that no shorthand writer was present in order to preserve a record of what would have been a valuable and instructive paper, but which, being delivered *extempore*, we have no means of placing before our readers. At the conclusion of the consecration the chair was assumed by W. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M. York Lodge (T.I.), who proceeded to instal the W.M. designate, Bro. J. M. Meek, P.M., and afterwards to proclaim him the first W. Master of the Middlesbro' Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 276. The officers were then appointed. The W.M. then closed his lodge, and most of the brethren and visitors adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where they partook of a good dinner, at a moderate charge. The toast list was brief, the W.M. giving "The Queen;" "The Grand M.M.M. and Grand Lodge," responded to by Bros. A. M. Broadley, Provincial Grand Master of Malta and Tunis, and by Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.G.M.O.; "The Consecrating Officers," responded to by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M.; "The Visiting Brethren," responded to by Bro. Strahan, Deputy Provincial Grand Master Northumberland and Durham. Bro. Woodall proposed "Success to the New Lodge," and Bro. Broadley proposed "The Health of the W.M." At 7.30 Bro. Broadley and his York friends took their departure for York.

On Thursday morning, the 10th inst., there was another muster of Mark Masons at York Station, and a pleasant departure was effected for Malton—a prosperous country town, about twenty miles distant—where a new Mark lodge, with the title of the Fitzwilliam Lodge, No. 277, has just been warranted. A pleasant run of half-an-hour brought the party to Malton Station, where they were met, and cordially welcomed, by the W.M. designate of the new lodge and several other Malton brethren, and escorted by them to the Masonic Hall, where they found everything in excellent order, and the lodge set out for the ceremony, as well as light refreshments for those who had breakfasted early. After a short interval of arrangements, the visitors were conducted by their hosts through the quaint old town, and were shown the church and other objects of interest, and at twelve o'clock they were entertained by the Malton brethren at lunch at the Talbot Hotel. At two o'clock the ceremonies commenced by a Mark lodge being opened by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, after which the Consecrating Officer was received with Grand honours, and a goodly number of candidates were advanced by him. The following is a list of candidates: Bros. A. J. Taylor, J. W. Marshall,

A. W. Walker, J. D. Dodsworth, T. M. Goldie, W. Heckley, M. F. W. Williamson, J. B. Nicholls, K. Wandley, T. C. Walker, F. Walton, and W. Newby. Bros. T. B. Whytehead acted as S.W.; W. C. Lukis, as J.W.; S. Middleton, as M.O.; J. S. Cumberland, as S.D.; and the other chairs by brethren of York and Malton. The consecration ceremony was performed most ably and impressively, and the oration also given, by R.W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, whose eloquence and elegance of diction was the theme of universal admiration. He congratulated the brethren on the circumstance of their all being members of the same Craft lodge (Camalodunum, No. 660), which he trusted would be a symbol of unitedness in working and aim. He trusted the Mark and Craft lodges would work in harmony, and alluded to the fact of the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of the Craft in England, occupying the office of Grand M.M.M., and Col. Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, filling the chair of G.J.W. in the Mark this year, proving that a feeling of complete amity existed between the two Grand bodies. This ceremony having been concluded, the chair was taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., of York, who proceeded to instal the W.M. designate, Bro. J. Marshall, in a very able manner. The W.M. having been saluted and greeted by the brethren, appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Staniland, P.M. 660, S.W.; S. Chadwick, J.W.; A. J. Taylor, M.O.; J. W. Marshall (W.M. 660), J.O.; A. W. Walker, Treas.; J. D. Dodsworth, S.D.; S. M. Goldie, J.D.; W. Heckley, Org.; M. F. W. Williamson, D.C.; J. B. Nicholls, I.G.; A. Russell, Reg. of Marks; and K. Wandley, Tyler. Before closing the lodge the W.M. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers, who had taken so much pains on their account; and moved "That Bros. A. M. Broadley, J. W. Woodall, T. B. Whytehead, and J. S. Cumberland be elected honorary members of the Fitzwilliam Lodge," which was carried by acclamation. Those brethren returned thanks individually for the compliment, and said the labour had been one of love, and that the fraternal courtesy, energy, and hospitality exhibited by the Malton brethren had far more than compensated them for any trouble they had been put to. After the close of the lodge the Malton brethren again entertained their visitors at a high tea at the Talbot Hotel, after which a number of toasts were proposed and honoured, and a most fraternal evening was passed, enlivened by songs and glees excellently rendered. At an early hour the fraternal chain was formed, and the brethren joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne," the York visitors being accompanied to the station by a warm-hearted party of their entertainers. Amongst the visitors and brethren present we also noticed Bros. R. H. Peacock, P.M. (Scarbro'); R. V. Powley, P.M. (Scarbro'); A. T. B. Turner (York); M. Millington (York); W. B. Dyson (York); J. Verity (Scarbro'); T. Clough (Malton); J. T. Foster (York), and others. Thus ended four days of real Masonic work, thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part in the labour. The arrangements were planned by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York, who received all possible aid from all concerned in successfully carrying out the programme. Both Mark consecrations were greatly indebted for their success to Bro. J. S. Cumberland, S.W. York Lodge (T.I.), who was deputed by the Consecrating Officer to act as Director of Ceremonies, and who performed the duties of his responsible office with that diligence and excellence for which he is deservedly known. It would, however, be invidious to particularise where all worked so heartily in a good cause—that of the good of Masonry—which must certainly be advanced by such a series of meetings as those we have recorded.

A CURIOUS MASONIC TRACT.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

I have just come across a very curious little sixpenny tract, published in 1759, entitled "The Secrets of the Freemasons, revealed by a Digusted Brother. The Second Edition. London: Printed for the Author, and sold by J. Scott, at the Black Swan, in Pater Noster Row, and all the Booksellers in Town and Country. MDCCLIX." Unlike all other so-called "revelations," which, as we know, are never "revelations" at all, but only "leather and prunella," or the impudent "advertisements" of charlatans, this tract contains no "catechism," no "ceremonial." In fact, it almost seems a "burlesque" and a "skit," though it says a good deal about Freemasonry, and contains a "list of lodges" and four "Masonic songs."

This little tract puts, however, before us certain noteworthy assertions which I have seen nowhere else, and which I will now deal with very shortly here, as space only allows, premising that I hope to print the tract "verbatim et literatim" in the *Masonic Magazine* for May. To that serial I must refer my readers for fuller information if they care to have it.

For the present it will suffice to say that this queer, little, dirty tract declares that in all the lodges then (2) members and initiates were habitually taught, first, about the "origin of Masonry," secondly, "morality," and, thirdly, "moral theology and cases of conscience." Such is the doctrine. As to the "making points," the anonymous and "digusted brother" asserts—though the reason of his disgust he does not tell us—that there were "five Degrees," corresponding with the "five noble Orders of Architecture," and that the Masons of those five Degrees were known by the names respectively—1, "a Mason;" 2, "a good Mason;" 3, "a very good Mason;" 4, "an excellent Mason;" 5, "a compleat Mason." He states that all the Masons were taught "geometry," and all had to do a "piece of architecture."

He mentions specially the existence of fourteen "watchwords," which he gives, for the seven days of the week—one for the day and one for the night; and though there is much, very much, in the explanation of these extraordinary statements, and of the customary signs in use for every day and different days of the week, which would make one believe the tract to be "chaff" altogether, yet I have thought it well to bring it before the notice of students, even in its utter absurdity.

The list of lodges, 1759, contains one or two "facts" "bene notanda" by Bro. Gould, if he does not know of the list. There are then 237 lodges, the last being "Three Crowns, 2nd Division of Marines, Plymouth." This list gives all the dates of foundation very clearly, only mentioning two before 1721—No. 1, the Queen's Arms, No. 2, The Horn. Both without date.

No. 35 is said to have "constitution vacated."

No. 40 has no name in list.

No. 74 has lost its constitution.

No. 102 "gone."

No. 135 is vacant.

I note that Gloss does not mention this tract, through he alludes to a French and German tract at Cologne, 1759, termed "Le Secret de la Societé des Francmacons dévoilé," &c. Dr. Oliver in his "Revelations of a Square" mentions it at p. 118, though it is quite clear that the good doctor had never seen it, or he would not have spoken of it as he does.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

APRIL ELECTIONS, 1881.

The Association has selected the following Candidates, and requests the votes of the London Brethren on their behalf:—

GIRLS.	BOYS.
24. Ancomb, L. M.	3. Fellows, A.
21. March, E. J.	59. March, G. A.
15. Penny, E. M.	13. Estlin, C. N.
First and Final Applications.	24. Carey, S. D.
	36. Alfred, Lucas-Lewis.

Proxies to be sent to Bro. A. TISLEY, Ho 1, Secretary L.M.C.A., No. 1, Clifford's Inn, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—APRIL ELECTION, 1881.

The favour of your Votes and Interest is earnestly solicited on behalf of

STEPHEN DARCY CAREY,

Aged Ten Years, son of the late Bro. Stephen Carey, who was initiated in the City of London Lodge, No. 901, on the 20th January, 1868, and remained a full Subscribing Member until his death, which took place on the 26th July, 1879, after a long illness, which prevented him making any provision for his Widow and Six Children, who are left totally unprovided for. The case is strongly recommended, and Proxies will be thankfully received by the Widow, Mrs. M. A. Carey, 43, Devonshire Road, Seven Sisters' Road, Holloway, N.

WOKING COLLEGE, WOKING, SURREY.

Head Master, the Rev. C. W. ARNOLD, M.A., Trinity College, Cambridge, late Head Master of the Royal Naval School, New Cross, and formerly Head Master of King Edward's School, Edinburgh.

Second Master, the Rev. A. J. MINTON, M.A., late Scholar of Syd. Coll., Cambridge.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The largely increased circulation of the *Freemason* necessitates our going to press at an earlier hour on Thursdays.

It is therefore requested that all advertisements and reports intended to appear in the current number may be sent to our offices not later than 5 p.m. on Wednesdays. Short notices of importance received up to 12 o'clock noon on Thursdays.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1881.

To Correspondents.

The Editor of the *Freemason* would be very much obliged if any American brother would send him a copy of "The Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for 1871."

Our pages are too full to insert a Master Mason's letter, as it must lead to prolonged discussion.

In our notice last week of the approaching Girls' School election we stated that fifteen out of twenty candidates are to be elected, we should have said twenty-eight candidates.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Observer," "Sunday Times," "Citizen," "Hull Packet," "Metropolitan," "New York Dispatch," "Keystone," "Proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania," "Broad Arrow," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Virginia," "Australian Freemason," "Sydney Freemason," "New Zealand Freemason," "The Mahratta," "Boletin Oficial del Gr. Or. de Espana," "Allen's Indian Mail."

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.]

THE ASSASSINATION OF THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

This dreadful event, which has taken our very breath away in its awful reality, and in our own silent horror and indignation, will have deeply affected, I know full well, all the readers, and they are many, of the *Freemason*. As Freemasons are always, and ever have been, emphatically "loyal," alike from their own admirable teaching, and the promptings of English patriotism, I hope, therefore, that at the next Grand Lodge, a vote of sympathy, and an expression of abhorrence, will be given by our great assembly, remembering what services the Emperor Alexander II. has rendered to humanity proper, in the emancipation of the

Serfs, and also that the new Empress is sister to the wife of our Royal Grand Master.

The act, horrible in its intense wickedness, deserves the indignant reprobation of every human being, every true Freemason, and every loyal citizen. The sympathy of Grand Lodge will indeed be fittingly offered to those whose memories will long retain the fearful impression of that unhallowed act of shameless and cruel and desperate animosity.

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

A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the lodges of our Craft in Great Britain only are numbered now by thousands, and the records of each lodge may become matters of local or lodge history, it seems to me that some more permanent record should be made of the minutes and other materials of lodge history. At present these remain in charge of the Secretary for the time being, but as this functionary may often be changed it may happen in the course of time that the connecting link with the previous history of a lodge may be inadvertently mislaid and lost.

I would suggest that for the future an iron safe or deed box form an item of lodge furniture, and it be required of the Secretary that the records of minutes, &c., be deposited therein and kept in their place the same as other articles of lodge furniture. The retention of two keys, one by the Secretary and the other by the Master or Treasurer, will give a fixity of official memoranda, and that security which seems important as the case demands.

SECURITY.

THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS ELECTIONS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I have to thank several kind friends for sending me their "voting papers," and I take this opportunity of repeating that all the cases are good cases, and that as regards the girls they are all three *last chances*. Such claims, being perfectly *bonâ fide*, seem to me to deserve the support of the sympathetic, and the friendly countenance of the subscribers.

Yours very fraternally,

25A, Norfolk-crescent,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

Hyde Park, W.

Monday, March 14th.

BRO. HERVEY'S MEMORIAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read our distinguished Bro. Sir John B. Monckton's letter and Bro. Davis's statement most carefully, but, with all due deference to our much esteemed "President," I cannot agree with his conclusions. I think that he has not sufficiently gauged the measure of his own proposition.

No one knows better than he does, alike in his Masonic and official position, as well as on all grounds of moral action, that if a principle be good it must be carried out to its legitimate and logical conclusion. If it breaks down on such a "test," or under such a "pressure," it is worthless "per se." Let us try his proposal accordingly. If it be good for one unsuccessful candidate, it is good for all; and if it is good for one institution, it is also good for all. If our distinguished brother is right as regards the application of this proposal to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, it is equally suitable for our educational institutions.

I am quite aware of the connexion of our lamented Bro. Hervey with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but that is a "side question," at present I am only dealing with the "principle." It may be true, as some say, that the sum to be disposed of annually will not be large, and can only be available for one or two unsuccessful candidates, but that fact also does not touch the principle.

Some time back at one of the Quarterly Courts of the Girls' School, a proposal was made to give to all the unsuccessful candidates £5 or £6, I forget which. That proposal was resisted, and successfully resisted, then on the grounds that such a proposal trenching on the "Benefit order system," and must inevitably lead to "pauperize the Order," by increasing the number of possible, and probable, applicants. I do not for one see how such a motion can again on principle be successfully resisted if the contention of our distinguished brother be correct. It is not difficult to conceive the case of a much larger and abnormal list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, (quite large enough, in all conscience), if the funds of the Hervey Memorial admitted of grants to several unsuccessful candidates. And if such be the "consummation devoutly wished for" by any, it must lead us at last into the profession, and practice of a vast Benefit order.

I have always been brought up in the belief Masonically, that Lord Zetland, and Lord Ripon, were right when they publicly stated on repeated occasions, "Freemasonry is not a Benefit order," and the whole teaching of the Craft, and so far its work, have been contrary to any such theory. But it may be true, that "times change, and we change with them," and that "other men other manners," but in withdrawing from this friendly controversy, I will only add that, agreeing, as I do, in the proposal, heartily and loyally

to honour Bro. Hervey's gracious memory, I fear, for one, we are, with many, I feel sure, unintentionally, making a mistake in seeking to make grants out of the normal way, and adding to benefits already so great, and so exceptional, that they already draw into our ranks the needy, the invalid, and the elderly, not for what Freemasonry *is*, but what it *does* and will do, for them and theirs.

I am, yours fraternally, A. P.P.G. CHAPLAIN.

THE EGYPTIAN MASONIC ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly notice in your next issue that an association (terminable in about four years) is about to be formed for the purpose of conferring upon its members Life Governorships in either of the Masonic Charities, and is to be called "The Egyptian Masonic Charities Association," and as soon as the requisite number is complete the first subscription night will be announced. Bro. T. J. Maidwell, P.M. 27, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, will be happy to receive the names of any brethren desirous of joining.

Thanking you in anticipation, I am, yours fraternally,
L. NORDEN, Hon. Sec. *pro tem*.

A SERIOUS MATTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly answer the following question, as in my opinion is correct I intend, with your permission, to ventilate the matter?

I recently visited a "lodge of instruction," at the request of a brother who was a member. When the work was over I was asked for sixpence, the charge for admission to members of other lodges in Newcastle and Gateshead, which, by the way, are the only two towns from which brethren have the honour of paying for admission.

This appears unconstitutional, and certainly against the interests of Freemasonry. Of course lodges make their own rules, but as a P.M. I maintain such a rule un-masonic and injurious. I paid, remarking that it was the first time I had ever known of such a thing, and several Past Masters joined with me in the opinion I entertained as to whether, although passed by the D.P.M., the Grand Lodge would allow such a rule to exist.

You are likely to know, and if you will give me your opinion I would be very glad.

Yours fraternally,

P. J. J.

[We have never heard of such a practice before.—
Ed. F.M.]

THE GROWTH OF MASONRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your remarks on the 12th inst. about the progress of the Craft in the U.S.A. I think you have fallen into error with regard to "duplicate, triplicate, and quadruple entries."

According to Article 20 of the Statutes of the Grand Lodge of New York, "no Mason shall be a member of two lodges at the same time," he may, however, by the same article be made an honorary member of a lodge, but without the right of voting therein.

This statute I believe applies to all the Grand Lodges of America, and not alone to New York, so that consequently there could be no "duplicate or triplicate entries."

Yours fraternally,

AMERICAN MASON.

AN OLD MASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It may interest some of your readers, especially those in the City, to know that your paper of this week will be published on the forty-third Masonic birthday of Bro. Henry Greene, (C.C.), P.M. and Treasurer, No. 256, whom we all congratulate on his marvellous escape from serious injury at the recent railway accident at Dalston. Bro. Greene was initiated in the "Lodge of Unions," 256, on the 19th March, 1838.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 256.

Reviews.

REPORT OF THE METROPOLITAN AND CITY ORPHANAGE FOR 1880.

The report of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage for 1880 is a very interesting one. The Institution itself, qua an Institution, is progressing both in public favour and active efficiency. By a change in the "personnel" of the School, great improvements seem to have been introduced into the general system of education, the technical arrangement of the classes on scientific principles, which have been so far highly successful, and promise still greater results in time to come. There are now 231 inmates, 147 boys and 84 girls, of whom 38 are in the infant school. We note, "en passant," that the average cost per head is £32 7s. 4½d., which is a very reasonable rate, the more so as, from the medical report, it is clear that, owing to the exposed life of the majority of the parents, the children come to the School with much inherited weakness. The "Force" itself contributes by direct subscription and indirect aid £6493, out of the whole amount of £12,297 6s. 9d. on the credit side. Here, of course, as all who have to do

with similar institutions know, lies the secret of the wonderful success of the Institution, in so far and in so much as it is mainly supported by those for whose interest and welfare it is designed. The balance sheet is as follows, and let us note it well:

	£	s.	d.
Balance of 1879	2037	10	0
Public Subscriptions	2727	12	9
Donations	798	13	0
Subscriptions of the Force	2371	19	3
Profit on Concerts and Fetes	4077	18	7
Retired Constables	43	8	2
Boxes at Police Stations	65	5	0
Dividend on Stock	175	0	0
Total	£12,297	6	9

Per contra we have

	£	s.	d.
Housekeeping	2710	4	10
Furniture and Clothing	2024	11	5
Salaries and Wages	1424	15	4
Rates and Taxes	328	14	8
Repairs	286	1	7
Books, Printing, &c.	262	3	1
Fuel	165	6	0
Medical Attendance and Medicine	140	8	10
Postage	107	17	4
Sundries	124	2	10
Drainage, Fire Engines, Apprenticeship			
Premium	1191	19	0
Repaid Baroness Burdett-Coutts	2992	2	5
Balance to Credit	538	19	5
Total	£12,297	6	9

It will be observed that the medical item is heavy, but in the report it is expressly stated that 182 patients have been attended to during the last 12 months, and that though the death rate is low, the standard of health is not high, this being accounted for by the fact that many of the children inherit the weakness of their deceased parents. The report adds, "With the new system of warming and the proposed new school-room, we may hope for better statistics" in this respect. We feel sure that this report will interest many of our readers, and we are equally convinced that funds will be forthcoming, when required, to erect the new buildings, so needful for the proper development of educational arrangements, and so absolutely requisite for an improved state of health in the Institution.

DIE CHRONOLOGIE DER BIBEL, &c. By Dr. VICTOR FLOGL. Leipzig: Wilhelm Friederich.

This work in Williams and Norgate's list is an attempt to make the Bible chronology "square" with that of Manetho. It is impossible for us in the *Freemason* to go into detail as regards such a work, as it touches upon points on which there is a great difference of opinion, and would land us in the "debateable land" of controversy. We simply, therefore, "note the work," announce its appearance—it is of 1880—for many biblical students who are interested in such questions. For ourselves, we are too old, and too old-fashioned to boot, to give much heed to ingenious solutions of real or imaginary difficulties.

CATALOGUE OF RARE BOOKS, No. 8. 1881. Robson and Kerlake, 43, Cranbourn-street, Leicester-square.

This catalogue contains some valuable works, and not a few scarce books. We may note "La Bibliophile Francais," "Book of Christian Princes," "Queen Elizabeth's Prayer Book, 1608," "England's Monarchs," "Richard Burton, 1702," "Civil War Portraits, Amsterdam, 1649," "Latham's Falconry, 1658," "The Glory of our Times, D. Lupton, 1640," "Miracle Plays," "Wycliffe's New Testament, in English, 1550," "Black Letter, 'The Religious Orders, Amsterdam, 1716,'" "Strawberry Hill, 1784."

HARROD'S ROYAL DIRECTORY OF ENGLAND. "Royal County Directory and Dispatch Offices," Norwich.

This is an admirable work, and commends itself to every office, family library, or other places where a gazetteer is required, and well deserves the fair criticisms awarded it by all the leading journals of England. It will be found not only useful in the office, but in every place of business. It contains the name of every city, town, borough, or hamlet in England, with the correct distance of such place from the nearest post-office and telegraph station, the name and number of miles from the nearest railway station, the number of its inhabitants, the county it is in, and the post town; and evidently shows an immense amount of labour in getting the same ready for publication. We can safely recommend it to our readers as a useful and correct gazetteer.

AN UNKNOWN WATERING PLACE. By Bro. EMRA HOLMES, H.M.C.S.

Bro. Holmes, who is known to our readers as a Masonic author, and an expert in the Craft and the "High Grades," has given the service of his ready pen to promote the local interests of the charming watering place in which Providence and the administration of H.M. Customs have placed him. The pamphlet under notice was first published in the "Masonic Magazine," and afterwards supplemented by a contribution to the local press. Our space does not admit of a lengthy notice, or of many extracts from the pamphlet, but we can, from an intimate knowledge of the locality, and some knowledge of its historical and antiquarian interest, testify to the appreciative estimate of the former, and the accurate and erudite treatment of the latter. Although Povey and its neighbourhood do not possess the rugged scenery and wild features of the Land's End and the north coast of Cornwall, yet it is full of attractions and among the most charmingly picturesque spots in the West of England. We can only advise any of our friends who are contemplating a summer tour to procure Bro. Holmes' pamphlet, and if that does not tempt them to wend their way to the "Unknown" watering place, we fear that the united attractions of natural beauty and historical associations have no charms for them.

Old Matured Wines and Spirits.—J. E. SHAND & Co., Wine Merchants (Experts and Valuers), 2, Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, London, S.W. Price lists on application.—[Advr.]

Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

I was reading an interesting French work the other day, "L'Histoire Critique et Apologetique de l'Ordre des Chevaliers du Temple de Jerusalem dits Templiers," published at Paris in 1739, and as the names of the Grand Masters are somewhat differently given therein, I think it well to make a "note" of the fact for the information of many "Templar brethren."

1, Hugo de Paens, or Payens; 2, Magister Burgundus, or Robert de Craon, surnommé 'le Bourignon'; 3, Magister Everardus, Everard des Barres; 4, Bernard de Fremelai; 5, Magister Burgundus de Blanquifort, or Blancfort; 6, Philippe de Naplous, not Neapoli; 7, Odo de St. Amand; 8, Alanus de Torribrá, or rather Arnold de Torrojo; 9, Magister Terricus; 10, Girardus de Redfort, Gerard de Ridefort, or Riderfort; 11, Robertus de Sembal, or rather Robert de Sablé; 12, Gilbertus Erail, Gilbert Eral, sometimes termed Horal; 13, Gilbertus de Plessito, Gilbert du Plessis; 14, Wilhelmus de Carnoto, Guillaume de Chartres; 15, Petrus de Montacuto, Pierre de Montagu; 16, Armandus de Petragrossa, Armand de Peiragros; 17, Hermanus Petragorius, Herman de Perigord; 18, Wilhelmus de Sonnevus, Guillaume de Sonay, or Sonnavey; 19, Reginaldus de Vicheres, Renauld de Vichier, or Vichieres; 20, Thomasius Berardus, Thomas Berard, or Berdalt; 21, Wilhelmus de Bellojoco, Guillaume de Beaujeu; 22, Theobald Geyden, Theobaut de Gaudin; 23, Jacobus de Molai, Jaques de Molai." The famous nine founders of the Order the writer gives as follows, somewhat differently, as will be noted, from the authorities: 1, Hugues de Payens, or Paens; 2, Geoffroi de St. Omer; 3, Rossal; 4, Geoffroi Bisol; 5, Payen de Montdidier; 6, Archambaud de St. Aigrían; 7, André de Montbard; 8, Gondemar; 9, Hugues, Comte de Champagne.

MASONIC STUDENT.

AN OLD SONG.

Where does this verse come from? Where is this stanza to be found? They are not in Anderson or Smith:

Ye thrice happy few,
Whose hearts have been true
In concord and unity found,
Let's sing and rejoice,
And unite every voice
To send the gay chorus around.

Chorus.

Like pillars we stand
An immovable band,
Cemented by Pow'r from above;
Then freely let's pass
The generous glass
To Masonry, friendship, and love.

TENOR.

DEAN SWIFT'S SATIRE ON THE FREEMASONS.

Can any brother kindly point out to me in which of Dean Swift's works the "skit" on Freemasonry occurs? Oliver mentions it twice in his "Revelations of a Square," but without a reference.

ANTIQUARIUS.

KLOSS'S BIBLIOGRAPHIE.

This work is usually and properly held to be a great authority on Masonic books. Looking lately for a book, I have been struck with the fact that Kloss seems to have had some previous collection to draw from, as it is impossible to believe he collated himself the title pages of all the books he mentions. What was, as the Germans say, the "ground-work" of his own great work?

ANTIQUARIUS.

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.

Bro. Jacob Norton, who is in England just now, reminds me that last summer he pointed out in the *Freemason* a curious extract from the *Post Boy* of Tuesday, March 15, 1723 (please note the date), which says that evening the body of that "worthy Freemason, Sir Christopher Wren, is to be interred at St. Paul's." This statement is, to some extent, at any rate, a confirmation of Aubrey's "ut dicitur" thirty-three years before, and deserves to be carefully followed up. For if in any way we can confirm the fact further, it will strengthen the belief of those who, like myself, "pace" Bro. Gould, that admirable Masonic Nihilist, hold to the faith that Sir Christopher Wren was a member of our Order. I am having a special enquiry made in order to see if we cannot strengthen this evidence, and when I have got a few more facts together, I will write again in this column. Let us all bear in mind that the matter is still "sub judice."

A MEMBER OF NO. 2.

ENGRAVED LISTS.

My note of last week should read:—Five lodges [not eighty-five] changed their places of meeting.
R. F. GOULD.

THE NINE WORTHIES.

These officers did not constitute the "governing body of the Royal Arch under the 'Ancients,'" being simply *Inspectors*, elected by the Grand Chapter in the October of each year, for the purpose of visiting the *Lodges*, in order to ensure "a general uniformity of the practices and ceremonies of the ancient Craft." The resolution enacting their annual election was passed March 7th, 1792.
R. F. GOULD.

MASONIC NICKNAMES.

In Sir Walter Scott's "Monastery," chapter 15, there is a foot note, which runs as follows:—"There are many instances to be met with in the ancient dramas of this whimsical and conceited custom of persons who formed an intimacy, distinguishing each other by some quaint epithet. In *Every Man out of his Humour* there is a humorous debate upon names most fit to bind the relation betwixt Sogliardo and Cavaliers Shift, which ends by adopting those of Countenance and Resolution. What is more to the point is in the speech of Hedon, a voluptuary and courtier in *Cynthia's Revels*: 'You know that I call Madam Philantia my Honour, and she calls me her Ambition. Now, when I meet her in the presence anon, I will come to her and say, 'Sweet Honour, I have hitherto contented my sense with the lilies of your hand, but now I will taste

the roses of your lip.' To which she cannot but blushing answer, 'Nay, now you are too ambitious;' and then do I reply, 'I cannot be too ambitious of honour, sweet lady.' Wilt not be good?' I think there is some remnant of this foppery preserved in Masonic lodges, where each brother is distinguished by a name in the lodge, signifying some abstract quality, as Discretion, or the like. See the poems of Gavin Wilson."

Can any brother give me some information regarding the custom here alluded to by Scott? I remember to have seen in a book purporting to contain a ritual of one of the High Grades such a custom mentioned; but, although I have been a member of the particular Degree in which it was said to be used for many years, I have never known it actually practised—at least in England. The Euphists who, according to Sir Walter, were the introducers of this peculiar affectation, borrowed their title and much of their fantastical conceit from *Euphnes and his England*, of John Lyly, or Lilly, published in 1580. He was born in 1553, and must not be confounded with William Lilly, the astrologer, who was not born until 1602. The date of John Lilly's death is not known, but his last comedy was published in 1597. It is, therefore, possible that he was the father of William Lilly, whom we know to have been an associate of Ashmole, and through this channel the custom may have been imported into Masonry.

G. H. J. H.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHINE LODGE, No. 1884.

The above lodge was consecrated at Darsh's Hotel, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, on Monday, the 7th inst., by the R.W. P.G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.

The foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall was laid by the P.G.M. prior to the consecration. The P.G.M. addressed the brethren upon the nature of the gathering, and the P.G. Chaplain offered prayer. There was no procession. The P.G. Master installed Bro. G. H. R. Dabbs, M.D., in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, and with his usual able and impressive manner.

The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Hurnby, S.W.; Shilling, J.W.; Cooper, Treas.; Thompson, Sec.; Quickfield, S.D.; Bailey, J.D.; Brown, I.G.; and Gray, Tyler. Nine candidates were proposed for initiation and several as joining members. The lodge was then closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren (about sixty) adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Tizard. The usual toasts were given, and a pleasant evening spent.

The following brethren were present during the various ceremonies: Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.; M. E. Frost, P.G. Treas., as D.P.G.M.; Capt. Martin, P.G.S.W.; J. Harle, P.P.G.J.W.; J. N. Palmer, P.P.G.J.W.; R. J. Milton, P.G. Sec.; A. A. Headley, P.G.C.; R. Barnes, A.D.C.; F. Newman, P.P.G.S.W.; A. C. Emanuel, P.G.J.D.; J. G. Jones, P.G.O.; H. Threadingham, P.P.G.S.W., W.M. 487; C. T. Aller, P.P.G.S.D., P.M. 151; J. Parkes, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. 151; R. Hanston, P.P.G.A.D.C., P.M. 551; F. Carter, P.G.S., P.M. 175; T. Exell, Tyler; J. Mason, S.W. 1834, 342; W. E. Adkins, J.W. 1069, 487; A. R. Holbrook, I.P.M. 309, 257, 1834; A. Hinson, 3; (Buehill, Bailey, Tilley, W.M.; Wood, Golden, I.P.M.; G. Knight, Garham, 151); Mursell, W.M. 35; (Clough, Woodford, Heddenham, Tolman, Petherick, Cable, I.P.M.; Low, Burt, P.M.; Saunders, J.W.; Scott, W.M. 551); Faith, 1869, 151, 695; Wooldridge, 1669; Riddich, 551, 1869; Porter, 1869; Hargreaves, P.M. 236; and others.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE ALBION LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 9.

The annual dinner of this lodge of instruction, held in John-street, Berkeley-square, W., took place on Friday, the 4th inst. There were present Bros. G. Festa, as W.M.; H. H. Dean, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., as S.W.; Dairy, P.M., as J.W.; C. Cottebrune, P.M., P.G.P.; G. Read, P.M.; Borfield, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; Pantcr, P.M.; Docker, W.M.; Burrow, S.W., as Org.; Beangley, S.W.; Green, S.D.; Honeyball, S.D.; Collen, S.D.; Wetherall, S.D.; Brand, Dickinson, Ball, Lacker, Cohen, Levi, Miller, Hill, Carthew, Ducker, Dairaz, Cox, Maxsted, and Davidson.

After the usual loyal toasts, that of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; Lord Lathom, Deputy G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers," was replied to Bro. COTTEBRUNE, P.G. Pursuivant.

"The W.M." was proposed by Bro. G. READ, and was enthusiastically and heartily received by the brethren.

Bro. FESTA, W.M., replied, and thanked the lodge; and then the toast of "The Hostess" concluded the evening.

The dinner was a great success, and gave much satisfaction to the brethren. Several complimentary toasts were exchanged between the W.M. and the P.M.'s present. Bro. Burrow acted as pianist.

THE NEW JUDGE.

The vacancy which has been caused in the Judicial Bench by the untimely death of Sir Henry Jackson has been filled by the appointment of our distinguished Bro. Lewis W. Cave, Q.C., of Manor Park, Chislehurst, P.M. Northern Bar Lodge, No. 1610, and who was elected a Member of the Board of General Purposes on 4th June, 1879. Our learned brother was born in 1832, and was educated at Rugby and at Lincoln College, Oxford, where he graduated B.A., Second Class in Classics, and proceeded afterwards to M.A.

Upon leaving the University, he placed himself under the pupilage of Mr. Dodgson, the eminent pleader, and having obtained a certificate of Honour in the Legal Examination in May, 1859, he was called to the Bar by the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple on the 10th of June of the same year, and joined the Midland Circuit, on which he enjoyed an extensive practice. In 1873 he was appointed Recorder of Lincoln; and in 1875 he received the distinction of a silk gown, and was, in due course, called to the Bench of his Inn.

Upon the re-arrangement of the circuits, Bro. Cave became a leading member of the North-Eastern Bar. In 1877 he was appointed a special Commissioner of Assize, and quite recently he has acted as Chief Commissioner at the

enquiry at Oxford as to the alleged corrupt practices at the election of last year.

The new judge not only has the reputation of being a sound and painstaking lawyer, but he has proved himself to be a laborious and erudite legal author. In conjunction with the Honourable Chandos Leigh (brother of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire), he published a volume of "Crown cases reserved for the opinion of the Judges," extending from 1861 to 1865. In 1863 he assisted the late Mr. Bell in the preparation of an edition of "Stone's Petty Sessions Practice." In 1869, he undertook the onerous task of preparing the third volume of a new edition of "Burn's Justice of the Peace." About the same time he projected, and partly executed, an *original work* on the law of "Landlord and Tenant." Pressure of professional duties, however, compelled him to seek the assistance of his friends, Mr. Horace Smith and Bro. T. Spooner Soden, to complete this work, under his supervision; and it obtained so extended a circulation, as to have reached a second edition some time since. Bro. Cave has also produced carefully annotated editions of the elaborate works of the late Mr. Addison on the "Law of Contracts" and of "Torts," in which, as in all his writings, he has given evidence of his industry, as well of his capacity in the application of legal principles.

The learned judge is, with the exception of Mr. Justice Bowen, the youngest occupant of a seat on the bench, on which there are now three members of our Order.

May T.G.A.O.T.U. long preserve him to adorn the position to which, by his urbanity, ability, and industry, he has proved himself so justly entitled.

BRO. M. RICHARDS MUCKLE.

The *West Chester Local News* (Philadelphia) in a notice of Bro. Muckle's career thus speaks of his position in Masonry: "He is a polished German and French scholar, his speaking of these languages being considered about the best in the city. In Masonry he takes a full hand, and is bright—very bright. In evidence of this truth, he well and acceptably fills the office of Right Worthy Grand Treasurer of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and is one of the brightest lights in the fraternal branch known as Knights Templar. He figured conspicuously and effectively in organising the Centennial Commission, and his work was highly appreciated by all with whom he was brought in contact while labouring to consummate that gigantic enterprise. Having much influence he brought into the work lots of cash, and perhaps, to him, more than any one man, is due the credit of the success attending the end. He is in possession of rare executive abilities, and he handles them in a manner evincing first-class judgment, and thus it is that he fills the highly responsible and exalted position in the *Ledger* building."

Obituary.

BRO. HENRY LESLIE.

Many will hear with regret of the death of Bro. Henry Leslie, well known as an author, actor, and theatrical manager, which took place recently at Paignton, in Devonshire, after a severe illness. Bro. Leslie, who was an esteemed member of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, since its foundation, was not only much esteemed in Masonic circles, but his geniality and undoubted talent in every department of his profession made him likewise a universal favourite with the outside world. He made his first appearance on the stage at Ipswich in 1847, and during the two following years he visited several of the principal towns in the kingdom. In 1852-3 he became lessee of the Edinburgh Theatre Royal, and in Sept., 1853, he made his metropolitan debut at Drury Lane Theatre in the character of *Roderigo* in "Othello." Immediately after he obtained an engagement from the late Mr. Alfred Wigan for the Olympic Theatre. At this house Bro. Leslie remained for five years, during which time he appeared in a variety of characters. Bro. Leslie was called to the bar, but he very speedily abandoned that profession for literature. He was the author of the well known dramas "The Mariner's Compass" and "The Orange Girl;" likewise the following, which are perhaps not so well known, viz., "Adrienne," "Sin and Sorrow," "Tie and Tie," "Trail of Sin," and "The Village Blacksmith." Bro. Leslie was the friend and intimate associate of many a brilliant writer now passed away, including Mr. Tom Robertson, the Brothers Brough, Shirley Brooks, Andrew Halliday, and others. On the failure of Mr. Byron to manage three Liverpool theatres in 1868, Bro. Leslie became director on behalf of the daughters of the late Mr. W. R. Copeland, who died in the previous year. Subsequently he became a colleague of Mr. Pearson in the management of the Prince of Wales Theatre under the limited liability company. His next venture was a travelling company to take Offenbach's "Princess of Trebizonde" about the country, his company including Miss Julia St. George and the late Miss Augusta Thomson. After a time he returned to Liverpool to settle down, and became manager of the Amphitheatre, which had in the interval become the property of the Corporation. Then Bro. Lindo Courtenay entered into partnership with him, but the business did not satisfy him, and a short time back he left it altogether in the hands of Bro. Courtenay. Last Easter he became lessee of the Leeds Theatre, but failing health compelled him recently to relinquish work, and he removed to Harrogate. Bro. Leslie's personal worth and geniality were appreciated by an extensive circle of warm friends, and his rich fund of anecdote and large experience of the stage made his society much sought after. He leaves five children to mourn his loss.

NEW POSTAGE STAMP OF THE VALUE OF FIVEPENCE.—For the convenience of persons corresponding with India, China, &c., it has been decided to adopt postage stamps of the value of 5d. They will shortly be issued for sale to the public.

Her Majesty the Queen has forwarded through General Sir Henry Ponsonby, an annual subscription of £50 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

The inhabitants of Petherton-road, Canonbury, N., complain of being called upon to pay the cost of paving that thoroughfare, the vestry having called upon the occupier of each house to contribute £53 14s.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business on the 24th ult., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there were present Bros. Morrison, W.M.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., acting S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Rumball, I.P.M.; Clark, S.D.; Jordan, I.G.; Kendall, W.S.; Fromholtz, A.W.S.; Pope, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Dairy, P.M.; and Cobham, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Day was raised to the Degree of a M.M., and Mr. G. C. Hudson was initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M., both ceremonies being well performed.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual preliminary toasts were done full justice to. "The Health of the W.M." having been proposed was warmly received. The W.M., in reply, briefly said that he had endeavoured to discharge his duties, both in the lodge and at the convivial board, to the best of his ability. His year of office had commenced well, and he hoped that it would continue to be prosperous. In conclusion, he said that he had hitherto had the co-operation of the Past Masters, and, with their continued assistance and the support of the lodge generally, he believed that he should leave the lodge in as sound a condition, both financially and otherwise, as he had found it. "The Health of the Initiate" followed. In giving this toast, the W.M. dwelt upon the great necessity there was to recruit lodges by the admission of new blood. The gentleman they had initiated that evening had entered their portals well and worthily recommended, and he (the W.M.) believed that his conduct, both as a man and a Mason, would not belie the character that had been given him by his proposer and seconder. In concluding his remarks, he expressed a hope that their newly-enlightened brother would never regret the step he had taken. The initiate having replied, the toast of "The Visitors" followed. The pledge having been cordially received, Bros. Markland, J.W. 144; Whitaker, S.D. Equality; Dickson, J.D. 179; Bennett, 177; Williams, 192; Hughes, Manchester; Phillips, 1581; and Sly, 1625, duly acknowledged the compliment. In giving "The Treasurer," the W.M. said that the brethren would agree with him that it was the toast of the evening, because on that occasion their old and respected Bro. Carter would receive the very handsome testimonial which had been subscribed for by the members of the Faith Lodge to mark their appreciation of his services as Treasurer. No words of his (the W.M.'s) could enhance the gift, and no eulogy, however fluently it might be clothed, could thoroughly exhaust the many virtues and Masonic qualities of their dear old friend and Past Master—it would be easier "to paint the lily and gild refined gold." The W.M., at the conclusion of his speech, presented Bro. Carter with the testimonial, which consisted of a very handsome clock and a piece of plate, both bearing inscriptions to the effect that they were presented to Bro. Carter, P.M., by the members of the Faith Lodge, No. 141, to mark their recognition of his services as Treasurer for a period of twenty-two years. Bro. Carter attempted to respond, but his emotion was too great, and he fairly broke down. "The Health of the Past Masters" followed, and was replied to by Bro. Hopwood, P.M. "The Officers" came next, and the toast was acknowledged by Bros. Stuart, Sec.; Walls, J.W.; and Clark, S.D. The Tyler was called upon to discharge his duty, and the proceedings terminated.

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., and was presided over by Bro. H. Taplay, W.M., who was supported by the following Past Masters, officers, brethren of the lodge, and visitors: Bros. P. McCarthy, I.P.M.; H. B. Holliday, P.M.; J. Gaskill, P.M.; J. T. K. Job, S.W.; Jas. Mitchell, J.W.; J. Dorton, P.M. and Treas.; J. C. Pitt, Sec.; A. R. Mason, I.G.; M. Shirwin, Org.; W. Harris, W.S.; W. Page, P.M.; Tyler; C. R. Seagers, G. Hall, J. Pitt, C. D. Meads, J. Still, B. Johnston, J. W. Thompson, T. W. Parkhurst, F. Weiss, W. T. Arnett, F. Spence, H. M. Taylor, P.M. 1421; G. H. Stephens, J.D. 1623; and C. Jolly, I.G. 1472, 913, &c. (*Freemason*).

There was no work before the lodge, except the passing of the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly read and confirmed. The W.M. then showed how their benevolent fund was progressing, and how strong they were in votes for the Charities through the fund; and it was decided that the case of a late Past Master's son should be supported at the next election, in April, for the Boys' School, and this being his last chance, it was decided to make the effort a strenuous one, as the poor widow was left with some six young children totally unprovided for.

The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren assembled round the social board, and, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, Bro. McCarthy, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and spoke of his many excellent qualities as a man and a Mason. Bro. Taplay, in response, said it should be his constant endeavour to increase the prosperity of the lodge. He was exceedingly sorry that he had had nothing to do that night—not even to work the Fourth Degree—but they might depend upon it that nothing would give him so much pleasure as to work the other Degrees, and when he had plenty of that to do he would see that the Fourth Degree was not forgotten. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) "The Health of the Past Masters" followed, and, in giving it, the W.M. said it afforded him very great pleasure to see some three or four Past Masters present, who well and worthily supported the lodge, and carried out, in so doing, the genuine principles and tenets of Freemasonry. They were at all times most anxious for the honour and welfare of the lodge. He asked the brethren to give the toast the reception it deserved. (Applause.) Bro. McCarthy, I.P.M., in reply, said he was exceedingly pleased to see around that board, as he had seen in the lodge, several faces who were constantly present, who came in cloud or sunshine, whether there was work to do or not, always present; and aiding, by their presence, the W.M. in carrying out the duties of his

office—duties that without their presence and active support would lose half their charm, and become a mere routine. (Hear, hear.) He also missed some faces who were good and worthy Masons and attending brethren, but their absence he attributed to the pressure of business. The Past Masters never were so happy as when there was a good meeting and plenty of work, and were glad of any opportunity to impart instruction or give advice or assistance to any brother aspiring to office or in trouble. For himself, he loved the lodge, and would continue to work for it, in prosperity or in difficulty, as long as God gave him life. (Applause.) Bro. Gaskill, P.M., said the lodge did not require the presence of many Past Masters, because both officers and brethren were so well up in their work that there was really nothing for the Past Masters to do. (Hear, hear.) That efficiency he attributed to their pleasant and progressive lodge of instruction at Stratford, and showed itself unmistakably in their working, which he averred was second to none in the metropolis. He trusted the brethren would rally round the Master and the Past Masters, and then they would find the compliment returned, both in the working of the Degrees in the lodge or the after one round the social board. (Cheers and laughter.) Bro. Holliday, P.M., being called upon by the W.M. to say a few words, did so, and thoroughly endorsed everything that had been said by Bros. McCarthy, P.M., and Gaskill, P.M. He, like them, had the happiness and welfare of the lodge at heart. Bro. Dorton, P.M., also replied. "The Visitors" was the next toast, and Bros. Taylor, Jolly, and Stephens responded. Bro. Job replied for "The Officers," and, after a flattering reception of "The Masonic Press" and reply, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. Some excellent singing and reciting enlivened the evening.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The last regular meeting of this lodge for the session was held on Saturday evening, the 12th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, and brought together a great number of members and visitors. Bro. Thomas Hamer, W.M., presided, and was supported by his officers, together with several Past Masters. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Marriner, 1669; Southcott, 733; Randall, 145; Rafter, 154; R. J. Smith, 34; Huckvale, 1635; W. J. Buck, 1702; W. Percival, 78; Rossignol, 1672; Eastgate, 1563; Hart, 1872; Lawrence, 1804; Vernon, 25; and Reed, 1572.

The lodge was opened soon after three o'clock in the afternoon, and the usual preliminaries having been gone through, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Lodger was impressively raised to the Degree of a M.M. The next business before the lodge was the election of a W. Master for the ensuing year, and the ballot resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. Charles Taylor, S.W., to that important office, who returned thanks for the unanimous manner in which he had been selected by the brethren, and promised to do everything in his power to prove himself worthy of the trust that had been reposed in him. The election of W. Master in this lodge is somewhat different from most other lodges, inasmuch as the election takes place on the last meeting of the lodge for the session, and the installation does not take place until the lodge meets again in October next. The next business was the election of Treasurer, and Bro. N. B. Headon was unanimously re-elected to that office, notwithstanding his statement that he by no means looked upon his election to it as a freehold, adopting, no doubt, as the foundation for this remark the observations used in Grand Lodge some time since that any one appointed to the office of Grand Treasurer should not consider if once appointed that it was to be an appointment for life, but that it should be thrown open to other brethren who might be desirous of filling that exalted and responsible position. He said that if any brother wished to hold that office he would cheerfully give way to him, and would in every manner assist him, so that the duties of the office might be efficiently discharged. As Bro. Headon is so highly esteemed by all, it is almost needless to say that there was no wish expressed to disturb so satisfactory an appointment as exists at the present time, he having gained the confidence of all, and being unanimously respected. Bro. Steedman, Past Master, was unanimously re-elected as Tyler of the lodge. The Audit Committee having been appointed, Bro. Headon, pursuant to notice, moved "That the sum of twenty-five guineas be voted from the Benevolent Fund of the lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed on the W. Master's list," who represents this lodge as Steward at the coming festival for the benefit of that Institution. The motion was put and unanimously agreed to. Bro. Headon then moved "That the sum of twenty-five guineas be voted from the Benevolent Fund to assist the orphan children of a late brother who was a member of the lodge; and that the said sum be entrusted to the Treasurer to expend as he may see fit, after communication with friends of the children." This motion, like the preceding one, was put and carried unanimously. Bro. Stanway, P.M., moved "That a Past Master's jewel be presented to the W. Master on the termination of his year of office," which was seconded by Bro. De Seliva, and unanimously agreed to. Some other business was disposed of and the lodge was closed.

The members and visitors then adjourned to the dining room, where a bountiful repast was provided, and at the termination of it grace was said by the W.M. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M., in giving "The Queen and the Craft," remarked that she was a mother of Masons, three of her sons having attained the highest distinctions in the Craft. The toast was duly honoured, and followed by the singing of a portion of the "National Anthem." The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," and remarked that Masonry had made great strides since His Royal Highness was installed in the Royal Albert Hall a few years ago, and he trusted that all who since then had been initiated into the Order had turned out to be good Masons. Since his installation the Prince of Wales had done much, and prominently his visit to India, to cement the good feelings which had hitherto existed between England and her Colonies. He would, therefore, ask them to join with him in drinking the health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, a request that was most heartily complied with. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The services of the Grand Officers were so well known to the brethren that it became unnecessary for him to speak upon them, and he

trusted that the Grand Lodge would always be fortunate in securing the services of men, if not noble by birth, but noble by good deeds, to preside over them. Bro. Blackie, I.P.M., said he had a toast to propose, which was "The Health of the W.M.," and it was the last time that he should have the opportunity of proposing his health in the capacity of W.M. He was sure that they would agree with him when he said that the work had been well done in the present session, and although they had not as much of it as formerly, yet what had been done would prove a good accession to the Order. The W.M. had come to the chair sooner than he anticipated, but, nevertheless, he had done the work as well as that of any of the Masters who had preceded him. He, therefore, asked the brethren to drink his health. The W.M., in reply, said he felt not only grateful, but delighted, and thanked them for the honour they had conferred upon him in drinking his health. It was a great pleasure to serve as Master in the Great City Lodge, and no one felt that pleasure more than himself, for during that time he had made many acquaintances and friendships, which he felt sure that death only would sever. At the commencement of his year of office he felt the responsibility of his duties, well knowing how the work had been done by previous Masters. To attempt to emulate them was out of his power, but he had discharged those duties to the best of his ability. When he joined the rest of the Past Masters he should be at all times ready to assist to the best of his ability in any way to promote the welfare of the lodge, and so make up for any shortcomings on his part while he occupied the chair, and he begged again to thank them for the very kind manner in which the toast of his health had always been received by them. The W.M. said he wished to claim the attention of the brethren for a few minutes while he proposed to them a most important toast, which was "The W.M. elect," for much of the good ruling and success of the Great City Lodge for the next twelve months would mainly depend upon him. They wished him every success and good health to carry out his duties, and every one felt that the honour of the lodge would be safe in his hands. Bro. Taylor, W.M. elect, thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which the toast had been received, and said that as he had passed through the various offices he would endeavour to carry out the duties of Master as he had done at the beginning of his career, and he thanked Bro. Headon for having proposed him as a member of the Great City Lodge, and to whom he was greatly indebted for his assistance at all times, and he was one of his best advisers. When he was initiated into the secrets of the Order he frankly admitted that it made a great impression on his mind, and in his heart he resolved, although a man of humble ability, to do his best to aspire to the position at present occupied by the W. Master. He resolved to attend the Great City Lodge of Instruction, where he obtained the foundation of his Masonic learning, and enabled Bro. Stevens to appoint him as one of the junior officers, and he hoped to perform satisfactorily the duties of W. Master of the lodge when the time should arrive for him to do so. What might happen between then and next October none could tell, but he hoped that circumstances would enable him to take his position as Master of the lodge, and perform the duties with some degree of credit to himself and benefit to the Craft in general, assuring them that he would strain every nerve to promote the comfort of all, and maintain the excellent working of the lodge. The W. Master then said that the next toast was "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and spoke of the services they were at all times willing to render to the lodge, for which they severally returned thanks. The W. Master then called attention to the coming soiree of the lodge on the 26th inst., for which there were twenty Stewards, and beyond all doubt it would prove a great success, as a large number of tickets had been applied for, and as there were only a few on hand, those who wanted them had better apply at once. He then alluded to the visitors who had honoured the lodge with their presence that evening, and having enumerated them gave them all a hearty welcome. The visitors severally returned thanks. One brother from Belfast said he should carry back with him to Ireland a glowing account as to how Freemasonry was carried out in London. The next toast was "The Treasurer and Secretary," for which they returned thanks. Some other toasts were given, and the Tyler's toast brought a very successful meeting to a close. A number of songs were sung in the course of the evening, and complete harmony prevailed. The Most Worshipful Grand Master has given permission to the members to wear their Craft clothing and jewels at the soiree on the 26th inst.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The first regular meeting of this lodge after the installation was held on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, and there were present Bros. George Kenning, W.M.; A. J. Altman, I.P.M.; Alfred Brookman, S.W.; Samuel Benton, J.W.; Rev. R. Lee, Chap.; J. D. Alleroff, P.M.; Treas.; T. Jones, Sec.; S. White, S.D.; E. Y. Jolliffe, J.D.; P. Saillard, D.C.; Thomas Benskin, Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M.; W. H. Froom, J. Renals, Edward Anderton, Arthur B. Hudson, M. R. Webb, and H. Matthews. Among the visitors were Bros. Thomas Gerrard Fletcher, 33; G. V. de Luca, 101; Robert Baynham Weed, 1706; G. Rawlinsor, 754; D. Ormond, 827; M. Rust, 281; and Capt. W. R. A. Cole, 1744.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th February having been read and confirmed, Bro. Renals was raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. M. Webb and A. Hudson passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. The Secretary read letters of regret for unavoidable absence from Bros. Vickery, Lavender, and W. S. Chapman; Bro. Lavender having met with an accident by breaking his arm, occasioned a hearty expression of sympathy. An application from the Secretary of the Girls' School, asking for a grant from the lodge, and for a Steward to represent it at the forthcoming festival, was the instigation of the acceptance of the office of Steward by Bro. Samuel White and the vote of a sum of ten guineas from the lodge funds for the purposes of the Charity. After the transaction of the usual business the lodge adjourned for refreshment under the charge of the W.M., when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The monthly meeting of this old lodge, held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the rooms, No. 34, Denmark-street, was the last regular night of the present W.M., Bro. John

Wood, who opened the business at 7 pm., assisted by his officers as follows:—Bros. R. Whitfield, I.P.M.; J. G. Smith, S.W.; E. Liddell, J.W.; W. B. Elsdon, Treas.; E. W. Middlemast, Sec.; A. Simpson, as S.D.; T. Dinning, as J.D.; W. T. Swallow, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; W. M. Pybus, J.S.; Joshua Curry, Tyler. There was a capital muster of members and visitors, amongst whom we observed Bros. T. Waddom, W. Leach, John Allen, T. Swan, J. Snowdon, R. Tate, J. Mackay, P.M. and W.M. 424; R. Brason, W. Dalrymple, J. Ivison, E. Perry, W. Richardson, R. Hudson, P.M. 1389, P.G.D. of C. Durham; J. Milbourne, P.M., P.D.G.J.W. Egypt; R. G. Salmon, W.M. 406, P.G.A.D.C. Northumberland; J. Ridsdale, P.M. 406, P.P.G.J.W. Northumberland; J. Duckitt, W.M. 481; W. Cooper, W.M. 1342; R. Wightman, W.M. 541; T. S. Wraith, P.M. 1643; A. Simpson, 406; T. Dinning, J.S. 481; W. F. Carmon, 481; W. M. Lyon, 406; G. Wilson, 406; W. Mathieson, 481; E. A. Gibson, 424; T. S. Miller, I.G. 424; E. Hall, 1643; J. E. Reid, 1427; R. A. Dodds, J.W. 1626, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were duly confirmed, after which Bro. E. Perry was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., who also explained the tracing board. The S.W. gave the working tools. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the I.P.M., Bro. E. D. Davis, P.M., P.G.D.C. Northumberland, who had been connected with the lodge for about twenty-seven years, was unanimously elected as an honorary member. The ballot was taken for the election of W.M., when Bro. John G. Smith, S.W., was declared the W.M. elect *nem. con.* Bro. W. B. Elsdon was also elected as Treasurer, Bro. R. Ferry as Org., and Bro. Curry as Tyler. A finance committee was duly elected for the ensuing year. The bye-laws were read in accordance to rule, and other formal matters being finished, the lodge was closed at 8.50 p.m.

The brethren adjourned to the refreshment room as usual and a happy evening was spent in harmony, and a full Masonic toast list.

NORWICH.—Social Lodge (No. 93).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Club Rooms, No. 23, St. Giles-street, Bro. Hugh Fox presiding in his position of W.M., and assisted by his officers, as follows: Bros. Geo. Jewson, S.W.; W. Walter Lake, J.W.; Henry Thouless, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Treas.; G. W. G. Barnard (in consequence of an accident to Bro. W. H. Smith, who was, however, present), acting S.D.; A. J. Dacey, J.D.; F. E. Linging, I.G.; — Wilson, Org.; Joshua Morse, Tyler; Jno. Commins, Sec.; J. B. Bridgman, I.P.M.; R. Kent, (the oldest P.M. in the province); Jno. Moore, P.M.; Robert Gunn, P.M., P.G. Tyler; J. H. Brockbank, E. A. Tillett, and others.

The lodge being opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the W.M., in a very impressive manner, performed the ceremony of passing Bro. E. A. Tillett to the F.C. Degree, and rendered in a beautiful style the lectures on the first and second tracing boards.

After the lodge had closed the brethren adjourned to supper in the banqueting room, and the brethren spent the remainder of the evening in a pleasant manner, enhanced considerably by the admirable singing of Bro. J. H. Brockbank and Bro. H. Thouless, members of the Cathedral Choir, and by Bro. W. H. Smith, Bro. F. E. Linging, and others. This is a very successful lodge.

BELFAST.—Prince of Wales' Own Lodge (No. 154).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Arthur-street. Lodge was opened in due form at 5.30 p.m., Bro. J. G. Shaw, W.M., presiding. After the reading of the minutes by Bro. Thompson, Secretary, some routine business was transacted, and several visiting brethren admitted. The lodge was subsequently closed, and the brethren, to the number of about sixty, adjourned to dinner. Amongst those present were Bros. Torrens and Bottomley, 7; Marcus Mc. C. Gage, 10; Herdman, W.M. 30; Dubedat, 33, Dublin; J. C. White, W.M. 40; McCorkell, 51; Henry, 66, Lisburn; Nash, 88; McConnell, 109; C. H. Ward, 111; and others. Grace having been said, and a collection taken up on behalf of "our poor and distressed brethren," the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Queen and the Craft," which was well received, as it always is by the members of the Masonic Order. The next toast was that of "The Prince of Wales," who is an honorary member of this lodge. It is needless to say this toast was enthusiastically received. The toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers" was then given, and responded to by Bro. Bottomley, who regretted that owing to Bro. Stewart, Prov. Grand Secretary, being a member of Lodge 154, he was prevented through Masonic etiquette from responding. He (Bro. Bottomley) had hoped that he would escape making a speech that night, as he was of opinion that the idea of having a speech before one always interfered with the enjoyment of a good dinner. He begged leave to thank the brethren on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers, and regretted that the Prov. Grand Master was not able to come amongst them more frequently, but they were fortunate in having such a worthy Deputy as Bro. Sir Chas. Lanyon. The toast of "Our Visiting Brethren" was responded to by brethren from all the lodges represented at dinner. Bro. Dubedat, from Dublin, Lodge 33, declared that although 120 miles from home he had never felt more at home in his life. He was surprised at seeing such a very large gathering, and thanked them heartily for their magnificent hospitality. Bro. J. C. White, in responding on behalf of Lodge 40, congratulated the brethren of 154 on having so worthy a W.M. to preside over them. He was happy to say that his lodge and theirs were very closely connected in many ways, and it was his earnest desire that the good fellowship which had always existed between the lodges should continue. On behalf of Lodge 111, Bro. C. H. Ward replied in an eloquent speech, and declared that it was impossible that Masonry could ever decay so long as the principles held by the Order remained unchanged. Bro. Robson, in replying for Lodge 272, stated that his was the oldest lodge in Belfast, one of the Marquesses of Donegal having been initiated in it. He (Bro. Robson) was an old Mason, and he did not regret having entered the Order. Bro. Herdman, W.M. 36, then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who replied in suitable terms. "The Healths of the Past Masters of the Lodge," "The Officers," and "Our Poor and Distressed Brethren," brought the proceedings to a close.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, St. Leonard-gate, on the 9th inst., Bro. John Atkinson, W.M., occupying the chair of K.S. The lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hamer was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M., who also presented the working tools. The usual proclamations were made, eliciting "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.—Fawcett Lodge (No. 661).—On Monday, the 14th inst., the brethren of the above lodge, and a large number of distinguished visitors, met at the Masonic Hall, for the purpose of installing Bro. John Sinclair as W.M. for the ensuing year. The Rev. W. D. James was unanimously elected a joining member, from Lodge 502, Illinois, U.S.A. The W.M. elect, Bro. John Sinclair, J.W., was then introduced by Bro. H. W. Emerson, W.M., for installation, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. James Ayre, P.M., P.P. G.S.B., amid applause. The newly-elected W.M. then invested as his officers the following brethren: Bros. J. Clare, S.W.; J. Scorsfield, J.W.; Rev. W. D. James, Chap.; John Richardson, P.M., Treas.; E. Atkinson, Sec.; Slane, S.D.; D. G. Smith, J.D.; T. C. Beatty, jun., I.G.; Thomas Taylor, Tyler; R. Candlish, P.M., and Shepherd, Auditors; W. Foster, P.M., D. of C.; and Wright and Russel, Stewards. Amongst the distinguished brethren present were Bros. Dr. Potts, P.M. 94; W. Liddell, P.M. 949; W. H. Crookes, P.G.S.; F. Maddison, P.M. 1389; M. Douglass, P.M. 80; T. Sharp, P.M. 97; Henry Tonkinson, P.M. 97; G. C. Watson, W.M. 97; Geo. Porteous, S.W. 949; A. Broughton, So; T. Render, C. McNamara, J.W. 97; W. Chrisp, 97; J. C. Moore, S.D. 97; and others.

The annual banquet was afterwards held in the Lord Seaham Inn, the newly-elected W.M. presiding, and the vice-chair being occupied by Bro. Clare, S.W. There was a large attendance, and the harmony of the evening was contributed to by Bros. G. Porteous, W. Liddell, Dr. Potts, W. Clare, Farrow, S. Varcy, and Slane.

DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The annual installation ceremony of this popular and prosperous lodge took place on Wednesday evening, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, and attracted a very large assemblage. Indeed, so extensive a gathering has been rarely known at a ceremony of the kind, no fewer than twenty-seven Installed Masters being amongst the company, which numbered nearly eighty members of the Craft. The retiring W.M., Bro. A. Frazer, brought an arduous and singularly successful year of office to a termination by installing his successor, and old associate in the Craft, Bro. W. Whittaker. The correctness and point with which this duty was performed elicited unanimous and hearty expressions of approval; and these tokens of commendation were, later on, renewed with increased vigour, when the W.M. affixed to the breast of his predecessor a beautiful Past Master's jewel, subscribed for as an acknowledgment of the energy and fidelity Bro. Frazer had displayed in the discharge of his official work. The W.M. made the following appointments for the ensuing year:—Bros. G. Cay, S.W.; J. Bland, J.W.; Rev. T. Orrell, Chap.; W. H. Burton, Treas.; T. Day, Sec.; C. Webster, S.D.; Copstick, J.D.; H. H. Lewis, D. of C.; Edgar Horne, Org.; F. Ball, I.G.; A. Tyler, H. S. Goddard, and Helps, Stwds.

After the transaction of other business, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-hall, where an admirable repast was served. The post-prandial proceedings, under the genial direction of the new W.M., proved of a more than usually interesting character. Among the toasts honoured were "The Health of Bro. Whittaker and his predecessor in the chair of K.S." Both were received with enthusiasm. Bro. Whittaker, in the course of a spirited response, specially urged the claims of the Masonic Charities, and announced his intention of working assiduously for their welfare during his year of office. Bro. Frazer took occasion, in acknowledging the compliments which various speakers had passed upon his indefatigable and always courteous exertions, to dwell upon the marked progress made by the Arboretum Lodge, and to remark that numerically and financially it was most flourishing. It may be mentioned that the number of visiting brethren was very considerable. All the other Derby lodges were well represented, and among the brethren attached to distant lodges were the following: Bros. W. Walters, W.M. 353; G. Fitchett, 660; W. B. Stocker, P.M., 493, P.P.G.J.D. (Gloucestershire); Percy Wallis, S.W. 750; W. Wharton, Newstead Lodge; J. Halford, P.M. 1391; J. B. Curtis, Britannia Lodge; J. H. Hale, P.M. 737; W. S. Hall, W.M. Abbey Lodge; and others.

NORWICH.—Cabbell Lodge (No. 807).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Club Rooms, 23, St. Giles-street, on Thursday, the 24th ult., under the gavel of the recently installed W.M., Bro. George Green. He was assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. Samuel Berry, P.M., P.G.S. of W., I.P.M.; James J. Hunt, S.W.; H. A. W. Reeves, J.W.; Henry Rosling, S.D.; J. W. Brown, J.D.; P. Winter, I.G.; G. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Sec.; R. A. Madge, Org.; Arthur Berry, P.M., P.P.G.P., acting D. of C.; William Murrell, Tyler.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot having been declared in favour of Mr. Mark Knights and Mr. H. Wade, the W.M. in a most impressive manner initiated those candidates into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. We congratulate the Master on the effective way he gave the ceremony of initiation and shall look forward to his having a successful year of office.

The charge was beautifully rendered by Bro. S. Berry, the I.P.M., and Bro. Nicholls, P.M., gave the lecture on the first tracing board in a highly impressive manner. Among the brethren present in addition to those already mentioned, there were Bros. J. W. Bateman Breese, W. N. Cooper, G. J. Berry, A. Bayne, W. Tuddenham, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Cassell, 51, T. C. R. King, E. C. Thompson, 213, and several others.

The business of the lodge being over the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper prepared by the Steward of the rooms, Bro. E. Wilkin, and upon the cloth being re-

moved the remainder of the evening was spent in the manner customary at the lodge. The Cabbell glee party rendered several very nice glees, which contributed in no small measure to the musical portion of the evening. During the evening "The Health of the Honoured Secretary, Bro. George Baxter," was proposed by the W.M., and drunk with Masonic musical honours. Hewell deserves the high respect and esteem in which he is held, not only by members of this lodge in particular but by the Masons of the province generally.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—This lodge held its monthly meeting on the 7th inst., in the Masonic Rooms at the Athenaeum. The Worshipful Master, Bro. J. Aldous, presided, supported by his respective officers. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and subsequently Bro. Irvin was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the Worshipful Master, the historical portion being given by Bro. Taylor, I.P.M. Several communications and other routine business having been transacted, the usual proclamations were then made and heartily responded to, after which the lodge was closed with the customs of the Craft.

MANCHESTER.—Derby Lodge (No. 1055).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Bedford-street, Bury New-road, on Thursday, the 10th inst. The following brethren were present: Bros. A. Morrison, W.M.; T. W. Hope, S.W.; A. B. Wimpor, J.W.; Alfred Turner, P.M., Treasurer; W. Jones, Secretary; F. R. Cooper, S.D.; R. Kitching, J.D.; J. B. Kirk, Tyler; E. G. Hughes, P.M.; J. O. Neill, P.M.; James Smith, P.M.; George Kenyon, P.M.; J. W. Norcliffe, W. Gilliland, Robert Leech, Williamson, Donohoe, Davidson, Foden, Hall, Kitchen, Butterworth, and Clayton. Visitors: Bros. Joseph Senior, J.W. 103; John Bird Sumner, 103; A. Scott, 103; G. C. Williams, W.M. 152; T. E. Rigby, 287; J. Gibbons, P.P.G.J.W. E. Lanc.; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge opened at 6.30, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Clayton was interrogated as to his proficiency, and passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. in a most satisfactory manner. The S.W. presented and explained the working tools to the candidate at length. When the ceremony was finished the election of W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and the choice of the brethren fell on their S.W., Bro. T. W. Hope, who was unanimously elected, and who expressed his satisfaction and thanks for the honour conferred upon him. In proposing that Bro. Alfred Turner be re-elected Treasurer, Bro. E. H. Hughes, P.M., said no more fitting occupier of such a post could be found in the lodge, as Bro. Turner was always in his place, and the eye had not to travel very far on each succeeding lodge night to find their worthy Treasurer; in addition to which the manner in which the books and accounts were kept reflected the highest credit on Bro. Turner, whom he hoped sincerely the brethren would re-elect. The proposition was seconded and carried with acclamation. Bro. Turner returned thanks for the honour conferred and confidence reposed in him by the brethren. Bro. Kirk was re-appointed Tyler. Bros. Williamson and Norcliffe were appointed Auditors. There being no further business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.15.

The brethren afterwards sat down to supper, which was as well served as at any hotel, and reflected the greatest credit on the House Committee.

LYTHAM.—Lodge of Triumph (No. 1061).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Market Hotel, on Friday, the 25th ult. Present, Bros. Perkins, W.M.; Willcott, S.W.; Lloyd, J.W.; Bowers, Sec.; Bowling, S.D.; Hall, J.D.; Carter, I.G.; and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Wray, P.M.; Richardson, Todd, Wartruberg, of No. 1476; Whitaker, P.M. 1256; Partington, 147; Worth, Wild, and Gardner, P.M., P.G.S.B., 703.

The lodge being duly opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Lord was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., and the tracing board was ably explained by Bro. Richardson, of the Blackpool Lodge, 1476; after which Mr. Thomas Bridge, of Blackpool, was balloted for, and initiated into the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M. very creditably. On the proposition of Bro. Bowers, the energetic Secretary, the sum of five guineas was voted from the lodge funds, which with the five guineas voted last year, would entitle the lodge to two annual votes in the "Boys' Institution" for the next fifteen years. The Secretary reported that the children of the late Bro. Mather were now receiving the benefit of education through the West Lancashire Educational Institute. The W.M. intimated that it was his intention to propose at next meeting that five guineas be voted to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institute. Bro. Wartruberg, of Blackpool Lodge, 1476, was unanimously elected as a joining member of 1061. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed from P.G. Lodge, N.L., Lodges, 1476, 703, 147, 1256. The lodge was then closed. The brethren afterwards partook of refreshments, served up in excellent style by Mrs. Moon. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Walker Lodge (No. 1342).—The annual installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held in the lodge rooms, Hope and Anchor Hotel, Catterick Buildings, Byker, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at three o'clock p.m., Bro. William Scott, I.P.M., acting as W.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. William Cooper, W.M., P.G.J.D. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Richardson and Wetherell were passed as F.C.'s by the acting W.M., the S.W. explaining the working tools. Bro. John Donald Annan, S.W., W.M. elect, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. in a very able and impressive manner by the Installing Master. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. William Cooper, P.M., P.G.J.D., I.P.M.; William Smith, S.W.; Arthur Munro, J.W.; Alderson Barker, P.M., Treas.; William Varty, Sec.; Joseph Cook, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., M.C.; Dixon Cowie, S.D.; James Cooper, J.D.; William Swan Armstrong, I.G.; John Bywell, S.S.; Joseph Purvis, J.S.; and G. S. Sim, Tyler. Several visiting brethren tendered their hearty congratulations.

The lodge being closed in due form, the brethren and

visitors to the number of forty dined together in the lodge rooms, Bro. John Bell, the host, providing the repast, which was of an excellent character, and was admirably served and appointed. Bro. John Donald Annan, W.M., presided, and was supported by the following, amongst other visitors: Bros. John Braithwaite, W.M. 1427, P.G.S.D.; W. A. Ogilvie, W.M. 24; John Wood, W.M. 48; J. Wright, 661; John H. Amers, 1626; J. Gibson, I.G. 1064; J. E. Rine, 1427; William Young, 1429; R. Locke, 48; J. Redpath, 424; N. Warburton, 481; and F. Bradford, 406. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, several of the brethren contributing to the harmony, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.—Chorlton Lodge (No. 1387).—The annual Festival of St. John and installation of the W.M. elect was celebrated in the Masonic Hall on Friday, the 4th inst. The lodge was opened at three o'clock by Bro. Robert Davies, W.M., there being present Bros. J. Batty, I.P.M.; E. Brundritt, S.W.; J. Dewhurst, J.W.; the Rev. H. B. Innes, P.M., P. Prov. G. Chap.; H. Marshall, Treas.; Joseph Crompton, P.M., Sec.; J. Lambert, S.D.; David Williams, J.D.; Alfred Love I.G.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C. East Lancashire; J. Taylor, P.M.; T. Schofield, P.M.; and numerous other members and visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. called upon the Auditors to report upon the financial position of the lodge. Bro. J. J. Clayton, one of the Auditors, in proposing the adoption of the balance sheet which had been printed and circulated, congratulated the W.M. upon the satisfactory position the lodge had attained under his skilful guidance, and drew the attention of the brethren to the fact that the lodge had during the past year paid off the heavy debt which had hung over it since its foundation, and in addition had still a good balance in hand, besides the valuable furniture and jewels. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Batty, P.M., and supported by several brethren, each of whom eulogised the services of the W.M. during his year of office. Other routine business was transacted, after which Bro. Henry Marshall, W.M. elect, was presented to the W.M., who with the assistance of Bros. Past Masters Batty, Crompton, and Schofield, installed him into the chair of K.S., in accordance with the ancient usages of the Order. The following officers were invested for the ensuing year, viz: Bros. John Dewhurst, Senior Warden; J. J. Lambert, Junior Warden; the Rev. H. B. Jones, Chaplain; Joseph Crompton, P.M., Sec.; David Williams, S.D.; Alfred Love, J.D.; E. Brundritt, Org.; J. G. Batty, P.M., D. of C.; Clayton, Hall, Blair, Stephenson, Stwds.; and W. Chesshyre, Tyler. A very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Davis, I.P.M., by the members of the lodge in recognition of his valuable services. The lodge was then closed in solemn form.

The brethren adjourned to the banquet room, which on this occasion was decorated on a more elaborate scale than usual. On the tables were massive silver centre pieces, also graceful fruit stands and dishes, kindly lent by Bros. W. Batty and Son, and Bro. Francis Deakin contributed a magnificent floral display from his extensive nurseries. The menu was choice, and excellently served. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably proposed and cordially received, and Bros. H. Miller, W. Dumville, and A. Lewtas enhanced the pleasure of the evening with their well-known vocal attainments. During the banquet the lodge room had been transformed into a ball room, and at nine o'clock the wives and lady friends of the brethren began to assemble, and the "merrie dance" was spiritedly kept up until early morning.

BOOTLE.—Bootle Lodge (No. 1473).—The brethren connected with this lodge met on Thursday afternoon, the 3rd inst., at the Town Hall, Bootle, for the purpose of assisting at the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Councillor J. P. M'Arthur, P.M. 1086, P.Z., under the presidency of Bro. Paterson, W.M. There was a large gathering of visitors, among whom were Bros. Alderman J. F. Newell, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Wells, P.P.G.D.C.; J. J. Savage, W.M. 1086; A. Woolrich, P.M. 1256, Treas. 1609; Rev. Dr. Hyde, 1086; A. D. Hesketh, W.M. 1182; Roger Warriner, P.M. 1547; Isaac Leccc, I.P.M. 1086; and others. The W.M. elect was presented by the W.M., and Bro. Councillor W. H. Clemmey, P.M., and Bro. John Duncan, jun., P.M., impressively installed him. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. J. F. Young, S.W.; W. R. Brewster, J.W.; S. E. Ibbes, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); H. Wyatt, P.M., Sec.; R. E. Milton, Asst. Sec.; Harley, S.D.; R. Scott, J.D.; Job Clarke, I.G.; Isaac Platts and R. Brown, P.G. Treasurers, Stewards; R. Roberts, P.M., M.C. (by proxy); J. P. Bryan, Org.; and Blake, Tyler (re-elected). The dinner was served by Bro. Scott, of the Wyndham Hotel. During the evening the I.P.M. was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, on Friday, the 11th inst., and was presided over by Bro. H. Shaw, I.P.M., in the absence of Bro. Deeves, W.M., who is now well on his way to the seat of war at the Transvaal. The following brethren were also present: Bros. H. G. Dicken, P.M.; Dr. Flaxman Spurrell, P.M., and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; W. Welding, S.W.; T. Holleyman, J.W.; A. Penfold, P.M., and P.M. 913; W. Weston, P.M., and P.G.S.B. Kent, Sec.; G. Kennedy, S.D.; A. G. Saunders, J.D.; Horton, Org.; W. Moulds, I.G.; J. Purnell, W. Stewell, J. Lackland, O.G.; the Rev. R. W. Bullock, 278; N. Watts, 730; G. Gourley, P.M. 160 (S.C.); Jas. Farr, S.W. 1817; Walter Ducker, 700; W. F. Aylward, 160 (S.C.); C. Ellis, 913; and C. Jolly, I.G. 1472 and 913 (*Freemason*).

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes and accounts passed, Sergt.-Major Henry Stockall, C.B., R.A., having already been approved of, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft, and then Bro. Osborne was raised to the Degree of M.M., both ceremonies being ably performed by the W.M., who, although a little rusty, did his duty admirably, considering the length of time since he was in full working order. Bro. Weston then drew the attention of the brethren to the fact that the testimonial fund to Lord Holmesdale, their P.G.M., would be closed at the end of the month. He also read the report

of the Committee up to the present, which showed their lodge to be eighth on the list in the amount of their subscriptions, for which he took a little pride, both on their account and his own. The highest on the list was their sister lodge, the Pattison, No. 915, but that he said was so usually the case that such a position was expected of her. One or two propositions were then made for initiates, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then sat down to one of Bro. Moulder's elegantly served suppers in an adjoining room, and on re-assembling round the social board in the lodge room, drank the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, both Grand and Provincial, with the customary honours. Bro. Weston, in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said they were all aware under what circumstances Bro. Shaw was presiding over them. Their esteemed W.M. was now on his way to Natal, having been called to active service by his Queen and country. Bro. Shaw had been suddenly called upon to resume the position he had filled so worthily and well during his year of office. They were proud of him, for seeing that it was getting on for twelve months since he had carried out the duties of the office, his efforts that night were worthy of all the praise they could give him. The absence of their W.M., Bro. Deeves, was a great loss to the lodge. His splendid knowledge of Masonry was well known to them all, and while they missed him they sympathised with him, leaving at home all he loved, and going to face a distant and daring foe, but such was a soldier's duty, and not a man in that room but would be proud to go on the same duty to-morrow, should he be called upon. However, they had their good Bro. Shaw at the head of their affairs, and he asked them to drink his health with enthusiasm. Bro. Shaw, in returning thanks, said he certainly was not in the form that night he would have liked to have been. He had only the day previous been to the death bed of a dear old friend, and had also a son at home whose end might come any minute, so that he claimed their indulgence if he had not quite satisfied them, but now he knew that he should have to take that chair till the end of the year, he would promise to do better another time. The toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bro. Picken, who spoke of the several Past Masters who were away on duty—Bro. Pownall at Eastbourne, Spinks at Natal, and Croisdale at Aldershot—and said those who remained must and would make up, in the true spirit of Masonry, for the absence of those who were away on duty. "The Initiate" was then honoured, and returned thanks briefly, but to the point. The toast of "The Visitors" was replied to by Bros. Gourley, Ellis, Ducker, and Aylward. Bro. Gourley said he was exceedingly pleased to be with them that night, more particularly at meeting so many old brother Masons, who he had years ago met in so many different places, and under such different circumstances. But there was one thing to be said, and that was, that he was not at all surprised to see such excellent working as he had seen that night, for he had been told in Edinburgh what he had to expect at Woolwich. His esteemed friend and Brother Picken was an old comrade, and Bro. Farr and he had seen and worked with him in Masonry many thousands of miles from here, at the Inhabitants Lodge at Gibraltar. He, Bro. Gourley, was a Scotch Mason, and he must own that Scotch Masonry had been very backward in things Masonic. This had troubled him often, for he distinctly remembered that when he was made a Mason, many years ago, in Edinburgh, he took the Three Degrees in one night, and all of them in less than three-quarters of an hour. It was a fact, but fortunately that dark period of Scotch Masonry had passed away, and a better and brighter day had dawned for it. Since then he had determined to try and see if something could not be done to raise Scotch Masonry, and he was happy to say that his efforts had been admirably seconded by many excellent brethren, and now, with its noble and worthy Grand Master, Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, at its head, assisted as he was by the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master and the Earl of Mar and Kellie, and the Grand officers generally, Scotch Masonry was taking its place among the Craft of English Masons as a brother in charity, harmony, and fraternal love. He could assure them that at his next communication to the Grand Lodge of Scotland he should mention with pleasure the excellent reception he had met with at the United Military Lodge at Plumstead, and also its admirable working and true spirit of Masonry. He again thanked the brethren for their cordial hospitality, and resumed his seat amid applause. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and Bros. Wilding and Holleyman responded. Bro. Jolly responded to an enthusiastic reception of the *Freemason*, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

SWANSEA.—Caradoc Lodge (No. 1573).—The annual installation of the Worshipful Master and officers of the above lodge took place on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Caer-street, and was attended by a large number of Provincial Grand Officers and distinguished Masons from the Eastern and Western Division of South Wales, to the number of about ninety. It was one of the most brilliant and successful gatherings which has taken place in this province for some time. The brethren assembled in the lodge room at half-past three; the lodge was then opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. W. Dobbs, P.G.S.W. The W.M. elect, Bro. D. C. Jones, was conducted to the pedestal by the Worshipful the Dep. Prov. Grand Master (Bro. M. Tennant). The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Bro. W. Dobbs acting as Installing Master. Bro. Jones, having given his assent to the ancient charges prescribed by the Constitution, was obligated, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed (who numbered no fewer than thirty-three), he was installed in due form into the chair of his lodge, the whole ceremony having been performed in an exceedingly able manner by Bro. Dobbs. The Worshipful Master appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Wm. Dobbs, I.P.M.; Dr. Thomas Walters, S.W.; J. L. Penice, J.W.; J. R. Davis, Treas.; G. W. Clare, Sec.; W. A. Essery, S.D.; C. F. Cryer, J.D.; Morgan Williams, D.C.; T. Sandbrook, I.G.; Gilbert Legge, Org.; Alfred Philp, Stwd.; W. H. Rosser, Stwd.; Geo. Bullerwill, Tyler. A most interesting feature in the afternoon proceedings was the presentation of a Past Master's gold jewel, bearing a suitable inscription, to the retiring W.M. The W.M. in presenting this token of esteem from the members of the Caradoc Lodge, paid a high tribute to Bro. Dobbs for the ability, courtesy, and zeal displayed by him while presiding over the lodge during the past year. The W.M. moved that a cordial vote of thanks be given to

the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers, for their kind attendance, and that the same be recorded on the books of the lodge. Letters were read from Bros. the Right Hon. Earl Jersey; Col. L. Philipps, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Western Division; E. J. Morris, P.P. Dep. Grand Master, and numerous other distinguished Masons, expressing their regret at being unable to attend. The W.M. having received the congratulations of the brethren, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

The brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet at the Cameron Arms Hotel, provided by Bro. Clare, which we need scarcely say was served in his usual high-class style. During the evening the following toast list was gone through. The W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," and said there were none more loyal under Her Majesty's dominion at the present time than Welshmen, and more especially Welsh Freemasons. The W.M. then gave "The M.V. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and in doing so he alluded to the successful efforts of Bro. J. Jones Jenkins (Mayor of Swansea), and Bro. Chas. Bath, who he was pleased to have with him that evening, in inducing His Royal Highness to accept the invitation sent by the Town Council and Harbour Trust to open the East Dock in October next, and he was sure the Freemasons of the Principality would give the Grand Master a right hearty welcome. The other usual Masonic and complimentary toasts were gone through, and a very pleasant evening was spent. During the evening an excellent musical programme was furnished by Bros. J. W. White (of Leeds), J. Peckover, Howell Walter Williams, J. J. Hewson, J. Lawrence Lewis, Ben Davies, and Fred. Watkins.

TEDDINGTON.—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge took place at the Masonic Rooms, on Saturday, the 26th ult., when there were in attendance, among others, Bros. Forge, W.M.; Piller, S.W.; W.M. elect; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; J.W.; J. Hurst, P.G.P. Middx.; I.P.M., and Treas.; Goodchild, J.D.; Müller, Org.; and J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middx. (honorary member). The visitors were Bros. Elsam P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, P.M. 201, 889; H. Lovegrove, P.G.S. of Wks. Middx.; H. Hughes, W.M. 1556; Cousins, W.M. 209; Lane, S.D. 788; Young, S.W. 1716; H. Craven, W.M. 1069; Beard, D.C. 946; Chandler, 1636; Townley, 3; and Frampton, I.G. 1269.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Blanchard and Barns were raised, and Bros. Finch, Lawrence, Simmonds, and Lerrey, were passed to the Degree of F.C. At this stage of the proceedings the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, was announced, and received with the usual honours. The installation ceremony was ably performed by W. Bro. Baldwin, assisted by W. Bros. Hurst, as S.W.; Walls, as J.W.; Elsam, as D.C.; and Lovegrove, I.G. The officers appointed, and invested, were Bros. Walls, S.W.; Linton, J.W. (by deputy); Forge, I.P.M., and Sec.; Beauchamp, Treas.; Goodchild, S.D.; Stevens, J.D. (by deputy); White, I.G.; Müller, Org.; and Gilbert, Tyler (by deputy). Previous to the lodge being closed, the W.M. presented the I.P.M. with a jewel, and a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to W. Bro. Baldwin for his services as Installing Officer.

The banquet was held at the Clarence Hotel, and upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were duly honoured. In rising to respond upon behalf of "The Grand Officers," Bro. Sir F. Burdett, after speaking upon the subject toast, said that it had afforded him a vast amount of pleasure in being present that day. He was pleased to find that the Sir Charles Bright Lodge was making such steady progress. The lodge possessed many very good working Masons, and if those members who were coming on would only emulate their example the lodge would occupy a very prominent position in the province. In concluding his remarks he returned his thanks for the very warm manner in which his name had been mentioned in connection with the toast. W. Bros. Walls and Baldwin responded upon behalf of "The Prov. Grand Officers." "The Health of the W.M." was given in very flattering terms by the R.W.P.G.M. Bro. Piller, in reply, expressed his acknowledgments to Bro. Sir Francis Burdett for the honour he had conferred upon him in proposing his health. Although but a very young Mason, he, the W.M., hoped that he should be able to carry out his manifold duties to the entire satisfaction of the lodge, and thereby merit the high encomiums which had been passed upon him by the Provincial Grand Master. "The Installing Officer" followed, and W. Bro. Baldwin having modestly replied, "The Health of the Visitors" followed. In giving this toast the W.M. particularly alluded to the services of W. Bro. Elsam, who had rendered great assistance in the lodge that day. This toast having been heartily received, Bros. Elsam, Hughes, Cousins, and others returned thanks. "The Past Masters" came next in order, and was responded to at length by Bros. Forge and Hurst. "The Health of the Officers," and "The Masonic Charities" were coupled with the name of Bro. Walls, who duly responded.

BANGOR.—Royal Leek Lodge, (No. 1849).—The annual installation of the officers of this lodge took place on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Penrhyn Arms Hotel. Bro. Henry Platt, was again installed as W.M., and appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. the Hon. Colonel W. E. Sackville West, S.W.; Col. H. Thomas, J.W.; H. Kneeshaw, S.D.; Capt. R. M. Preston, J.D.; Capt. Moger, I.G.; Rev. T. Lloyd Kyffin, Chap.; J. Roberts, Sec. and Treas.; W. Cross, Tyler.

Bro. the Rev. J. Sydney Boucher, P.P.G. Chap., was the Installing Officer, and the visiting brethren included Bros. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., P.P.D.G.M. North Wales and Shropshire; Capt. Hunter, P.G.M. Aberdeenshire; F. Jones, W.M. 1115; J. Lloyd Griffiths, P.P.S.D., P.M., St. Cybi; J. Pritchard, W.M. St. David's; Rev. J. Smith, W.M. St. Elch; Bell, S.W. 1288, and others.

INSTRUCTION.

SOUTHWARK PARK LODGE (No. 879).—At its regular meeting on the 9th inst., the lodge was opened in due form by the presiding W.M., Bro. Eastbrook, his Wardens and officers, as follows: Bros. Holdsworth, S.W.; Burridge, J.W.; Kent, I.P.M., Preceptor; Beavis, Sec.; Green, S.D.; Freyer, J.D.; Powell, I.G.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Kent informed the brethren that, owing to the unanimous wish of the lodge, no other labour would be proceeded with, and the brethren therefore adjourned to refreshment, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, Bro. Kent presiding. In the course of the evening Bro. Kent presented the Hon. Secretary (Bro. Beavis) with a gold watch, in recognition of his past services to the lodge, and also as the Secretary of their Masonic Benevolent Association. Bro. Beavis acknowledged the gift in feeling terms. During the evening the chair was ably supported by the following P.M.'s and brethren, viz., Bros. Harrington, Emler, Davis, Martin, Cox, Wise, Moore, Lardent, Burridge, Bird, Freyer, Brent, Clarke, Noaks, Parker, Mison, Fontain, Hollis, Green, Barnes, Froome, Dooman, Bear, Wells, Legge, Richards, Wallace, Eastbrooke, Powell, Woldsworth, Healy, Usherwood, Wilson, Baker, and many others whose name did not transpire, upwards of fifty in all.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445).—At the usual weekly meeting held at the Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, last Monday, Bro. J. Robson, in the chair as W.M., supported by Bros. Goddard, Part-ridge, Myers, P.M., Preceptor; McDonald, Kimbell, Loring, Seymour-Clarke, Sec., the second ceremony was very ably worked by the W.M., and the First, Second, and Third Sections were worked by Bro. McDonald, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Goddard was elected W.M. for Monday next, when the Third Degree will be worked. A notice of motion was given relative to the expediency of removing this lodge to City quarters. All members are earnestly invited to attend on Monday next.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present: Bros. Bue, W.M.; William Fraser, S.W.; Rosenthal, J.W.; Joseph Langton, Treas.; J. S. Fraser, S.D., J.D.; Barrett, I.G.; E. W. Haines, Chichester, Bentley Haynes, Thorp, and others. Visitor, Bro. Gayton. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Bentley Haynes acting as the candidate. The W.M. gave the charge in a most impressive manner. The report of the Audit Committee was then taken, which proved the lodge to be in a very satisfactory financial position. Bro. H. Clay Sudlow, of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, was then unanimously elected Preceptor of the lodge. The W.M. presented two Deacons' wands to the lodge, and the thanks of the brethren were expressed. Bro. William Fraser was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

WARRINGTON.—Elias Ashmole Chapter (No. 148).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Monday, the 14th inst., for the purpose of installing the Principals elect for the ensuing year. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., performed the duties of Installing Principal. Ex. Comps. James Jackson, W. H. Robinson, and J. Rymer Young were then presented in solemn conclaves befitting their rank, and duly installed, after which the subordinate officers were invested and placed in their positions. A valuable present to the chapter from Comp. J. Paul Rylands, F.R.S., S.E., was accepted with cordial thanks. The auditor's report was of a satisfactory character, and ordered to be printed and circulated among the members.

Some other routine business having been transacted the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to light refreshment.

WIGAN.—Chapter of Harmony (No. 178).—The annual convocation of this flourishing chapter was held in the chapter-room, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at five o'clock. The chapter having been opened by the Principals and P.Z.'s, the rest of the companions were admitted and the minutes read and confirmed. The M.E.Z., Comp. C. B. Holmes, said the only business before the chapter was the installation of the chiefs for the ensuing year, and called upon E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., to perform the ceremonies. Comps. C. B. Holmes (re-elected), J. Phillips, and G. L. Campbell were then severally presented and installed according to ancient custom. The Royal Arch having been properly cemented the conclave was closed, and the remainder of the companions admitted, when the subordinate officers were invested and placed in their respective positions by the Installing Principal.

The ancient benediction having been given, the chapter was closed in love and harmony, and the companions adjourned to the Victoria Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them, to which ample justice was done. The M.E.Z. was supported by the other Principals, several P.Z.'s, officers, and a large number of members, and a most enjoyable evening was spent under his genial presidency.

HARTLEPOOL.—St. Helen Chapter of Strict Benevolence (No. 531).—The annual convocation of this chapter took place in the Masonic Hall, Regent-square, on Friday, the 11th inst. The chapter was consecrated in January, 1879. Bro. Matthew Harrison was exalted to the Sublime Degree of a Royal Arch Mason by Most Excellent Comp. R. Hudson, who proceeded to install the 1st and 3rd Principals as follows: Ex. Comps. M. Douglas, Z.; J. Hunter, H. (absent); J. Horsley (mayor), T. J. Johnson, E.; F. H. Bennett, N.; M. Spofforth, P.S.; M. Dring and C. Salt, A.S.; J. Quincey, Treas.; J. Mowbray, Janitor. The following companions and visitors were present, in addition to the above named: Comps. E. Nixey, 1290; G. Carter, 764; Beaumann, 764; J. Usher, Z.; A. S. Fowler, P.Z.; T. Bradley, S.N.; A. C. Knowles, P.Z., P.G.H. 599; H. J. Turnbull, Z. 80; A. T. Munro, A.S. 80; W. H. Craven, 80; J. J. Clay, P.Z. 94; R. Lutert, P.Z. 94; W. Liddell, P.Z. 97; G. Porteous, E. 97; J. S. Wilson, Z. 240; T. Coulson, H. 240; J. Lowe, H. 80; M. Frampton, J. 94; C. McMamara, A.S. 97; T. M. Watson, H. 97; J. Stobhart, J. Metcalfe, F. Hockaday, J. Pattison, and W. Dodd, 531.

The chapter was closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to the Cleveland Hotel, where a pleasant evening was spent.

NORWICH.—Perseverance Chapter (No. 213).—The quarterly convocation and installation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Club, 23, St. Giles-street, on Friday, the 4th inst. The chapter having been opened in solemn and ancient form, the ceremony of installation commenced and was admirably performed by the retiring M.E.Z., Ex. Comp. C. H. Capon, P.G.N., and P.Z. Ex. Comp. James Dunsford, the former installing the 1st and 3rd Principals and the latter the 2nd Principal. The chapter is now formed as follows: Comps. Joseph Stanley, M.E.Z.; G. Baxter, H.; J. E. H. Watson, J.; R. Baldey, E.; Thomas Isley, N.; G. W. G. Barnard, P.S.; F. E. Linging, 1st A.S.; J. J. Hunt, 2nd A.S.; William Murrell, Janitor; Samuel N. Berry, M.E.Z. 807, P.G. Organist. Among the companions of the chapter present in addition to those already mentioned were Comps. Charles Havers, M. J. Bailey, H. Lamb, E. Orams, Edwin Baldwin, P.Z., P.G.E. Among the visitors were Comps. G. B. Kennett, H. J. Barwell, H. F. Mills, J. C. Chittock, C. N. Gilman, of the Royal George Chapter, No. 52, A. J. Berry, H., J. B. Bridgman, J., Thomas Campling, H. A. W. Reeves, and J. W. Browne (*Freemason*), of the Cabell Chapter, No. 807.

After the usual business of the lodge had been gone through the companions adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a most sumptuous banquet had been prepared, and upon the removal of the cloth the usual loyal toasts were proposed and duly acknowledged. We congratulate the Principals on their preferment and exaltation. There are not in the whole province of Norfolk three more worthy and ardent Royal Arch Masons than Comps. J. Stanley, G. Baxter, and J. E. H. Watson, and we trust they may have a successful year of office. Comp. C. H. Capon, the I.P.Z., should also be congratulated on his year of office upon retiring from his position of First Principal of this chapter. During the evening several songs and glees were given, and the companions separated having spent a very pleasant evening.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.—(No. 975).—A meeting of this eminent chapter of improvement was held last Tuesday evening at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, and was numerously attended by Royal Arch Masons, the night being specially appointed for the installation of the Three Principals, a ceremony that is seldom performed in any chapter of instruction. The chapter having been duly opened, the chairs were filled by the following companions: Comps. W. Stephens, Z.; Turquand, H.; and H. Thompson, J. Comp. Massa having been presented as the First Principal elect, he was most impressively and correctly installed into the chair of Z. by Comp. Stephens, and seldom has that important ceremony been so ably performed. The next business was to install Comp. Storr into the chair of H., which was gone through in an equally satisfactory manner, and the same remark will apply to the installation of Comp. Brown, the worthy Preceptor of the chapter, into the third chair. At the conclusion of these ceremonies, Comp. Massa moved that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes of the chapter to Comp. Stephens for the very able, correct, and impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation of the Principals that evening, and for his readiness at all times to render any assistance to the chapter. Comp. Storr seconded the motion, which was supported by Comp. H. Thompson, M.E.Z. 610, and carried unanimously. Comp. Stephens, in reply, thanked the companions for their kindly recognition of his humble services, and assured them that at any time when he could be useful to the chapter his services were at their disposal. The chapter of Installed Principals was then closed, and the rest of the companions were admitted. Amongst the installed Principals, in addition to those filling the three chairs, were Comps. Mickley, Pounceby, N. Green, and Myer. The ceremony of installation was then rehearsed, Comps. Pounceby, Z.; Lardner, H.; Dotteridge, J.; W. Fraser, N.; J. Payne, P.S.; and Goodenough, candidate. The following companions were also present: Comps. Lardner, King, W. Fraser, J. Payne, Edwards, and Lovegrove. The ceremony was most ably performed by Comp. Pounceby, and at the close a cordial vote of thanks was voted to him for the very efficient manner in which he had worked the business of the past First Principal's chair for the first time. Comp. Pounceby replied, and thanked Comp. Brown for the attention and great assistance he had given him in mastering the duties of the three chairs. The following were then elected members of the chapter: Comps. Goodenough, 303; Mickley, 948; and Turquand, 1339 and 890. The chapter was then closed, and adjourned until Tuesday, March 22, at half-past six o'clock.

Mark Masonry.

BRIGHTON.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 75).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Royal Pavilion, when W. Bro. T. J. Pulley, P.M., P.G. Steward, Prov. G. Sec. for Berks and Oxon, was very ably installed by the R.W. Bro. Thos. Trollope, M.D., P.M., Prov. G.M. Sussex, who also eloquently delivered the addresses to the Wardens, Overseers, and brethren, and before leaving expressed his pleasure in seeing the working, and particularly noticing the progress of the lodge, and the evident advancement of Mark Masonry generally. Bro. H. W. Charrington, I.P.M., was presented, in well chosen remarks by the W.M., with a Past Master's jewel, which he suitably acknowledged. The following brethren attended the meeting, viz., Bros. H. W. Charrington, W.M.; J. Newman, S.W.; W. T. Clarke, J.W.; T. Cable, M.O.; S. Peters, S.O.; G. P. Lockyer, P.M.; J. O.; W. G. Bayliss, J.D.; G. Rose Johnson, Chap.; G. Smith, P.M., Treasurer; R. Paige, Secretary; T. Packham, I.G.; A. Burrows, Steward; Thos. Hughes, Tyler; J. Pearson, P.M.; J. Braithwaite, P.M.; T. J. Pulley, P.M., W.M. elect; C. Golding, E. Bridges, C. J. Carter, R. B. J. Powell, and Thos. Holloway. Visitors: Bros. F. Binckes, G.M. Sec.; Don. M. Dewar, Asst. G.M. Sec.; Thos. Trollope, M.D., P.M., Prov. G.M.M.; C. J. Smith, P.M., P.G.M., S.W.; F. H. Cozens, P.G. Org.; R. Pidcock, W.M. 166; S. R.

Legg, P.M.; J. Harrison, P.M.; T. Benham, P.M. 54; E. Margrett, P.M. 235; W. A. Swan, and B. H. Hammett. The W.M. appointed the following officers, giving a kind and encouraging word to each: W. Bro. W. T. Clarke, G.M. Steward, P.P.G.M. Sec., S.W.; T. Cable, J.W.; S. Peters, M.O.; R. Paige, S.O.; T. Packham, J.O.; G. Rose Johnson, Chap.; J. Braithwaite, D. of C.; George Smith, Treasurer; W. G. Bayliss, Secretary; A. Burrows, R. of M.; H. E. Cox, S.D.; E. Bridges, J.D.; Geo. Cole, Org.; R. B. J. Powell, I.G.; C. J. Carter, 1st Steward; T. Holloway, 2nd Steward; and Thomas Hughes, Tyler.

At the close of business the lodge was closed, and the majority of the brethren (twenty-eight) adjourned to a splendid banquet, served only as it is to be done by the notorious caterers Bros. Sayers and Marks. The wines were excellent. The toast list was then proceeded with, the W.M. proposing the usual loyal toasts, and in eulogistic terms "The Health of the M.W.G.M.M.M., the R.W. Dep. G.M.M.M., and Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was heartily received, and admirably responded to by the G.M. Sec., who after referring to the annals of this Degree, dating back to 1813, stated the brethren had occasion to be very proud of their present flourishing position, and encouraged them to persevere, stating no honours were given from Grand Mark Lodge except for merit, also as a fact that all the P.G.M.M.'s of this Degree are now living and in the enjoyment of good health. The W.M. next proposed "The R.W. Prov. G.M.M., the W. Dep. Prov. G.M.M.," and appealed to the brethren to support them in their onerous positions. The Prov. G.M. S.W. responded. The I.P.M. then proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which was humorously responded to by Bro. Margrett, P.M. 235, and other P.M.'s present, all agreeing and expressing their united pleasure in attending so good and influential a gathering in Sussex. Bro. Binckes, P.M., G.M. Sec., proposed "The W.M., W. Bro. T. J. Pulley, P.M., P.G.M. Steward, Prov. G.M. Sec. Berks and Oxon," and said words failed him to speak sufficiently in his praise, and of the great talent he possesses in furthering the Mark Degree; also that the M.V.G.M.M. has entrusted him with the power to consecrate a Mark Lodge at Gibraltar next month. All wished him success. The W.M. briefly responded, by thanking the brethren for the high position in which they had placed him, and begged his officers to support him, and trust in the sustaining power of T.G.A.O.T.U., to go on, persevere, and prosper. The toast of "The P.M.'s" followed, and was responded to by all the P.M.'s present. "The Mark Benevolent Fund" was not forgotten, and an appeal made to the brethren's sympathy. Bro. George Smith, P.M., P.G.M. Asst. Dir. of Cer., replied, stating the principles and mode of distribution, that the accumulated fund amounts to £1500, from which two boys are receiving collegiate education. "The Officers of the Lodge" were next proposed, to which the S.W., M.O., S.O., and Secretary, responded. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, and the brethren reluctantly separated after spending a most enjoyable evening. The musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. F. H. Cozens, P.G.M.O., were very satisfactorily carried out, he contributing greatly by his fine comic singing. Bros. T. J. Pulley, W.M., T. Packham, and C. J. Carter, also sang. Bro. R. Paige gave a fine Masonic recitation—well rendered. A word of praise is due to the Stewards, Bros. Carter and Holloway, for their excellent arrangements.

CROYDON.—Croydon Lodge (No. 198).—The annual installation meeting of this young and now flourishing lodge of Mark Masons was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at Harewood House, under most favourable auspices. At the retiring W.M. (Bro. Walter J. Nicholls) had emblazoned on his banner the strange device, "nothing succeeds like success," he would only have proved that he was able to carry out everything he had undertaken, as from the very commencement to the completion of the long and arduous work of the lodge no hitch of any kind occurred, and all went off most successfully. The lodge was opened to the strains of the rich toned three-manual organ, erected in the hall by Professor Rhodes, Prov. G. Org., who presided at that instrument with his accustomed ability; and the musical portions of the ceremonies (which are great attractions in this Degree) were rendered with due effect and solemnity. The instrument has recently been considerably improved by the addition of some extra couplers, by which the performer is enabled to increase the effects to a great extent.

The brethren present included the following: V.W. Bros. Davison, Deputy Prov. G. Mark Master Middx.; and Surrey; Poore, P.G.I.G.; W. Bros. Turquand, P.M. Tenterden Lodge; Gunningham, W.M. Tenterden Lodge; Money, Tenterden Lodge; George Yaxley, P.M., P.G.S.; J. K. Pitt, P.M.; W. J. Nicholls, W.M.; Bro. R. W. Brown, S.W.; S. N. Griffith, J.W.; Byron H. Ridge, M.O.; W. Lambert, S.O. and Treas.; W. Bro. Haynes, G. Stwd., Bros. J. Rhodes, S.D. and Org.; D. E. Lake, J.D.; and Harrison, as Tyler.

The W.M. (Bro. Nicholls) resumed the chair for the last time previous to retiring to the ranks of the P.M.'s, and opened the lodge in due form. The ballot was then taken for a joining Mark Master Mason, who hailed from a Scotch Royal Arch Chapter, where it is customary to be advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. before exaltation into the Arch, and the lodge was edified by the remarks of W. Bro. George Yaxley, P.M., who narrated some experiences of his own while out in Ontario, and other parts of the United States, where an intending visiting R.A. companion could not be admitted into a Royal Arch Chapter working under the Scotch Constitution, because of the want of qualification as a Mark Master Mason. The joining brother afterwards expressed in suitable terms his thanks for the opportunity of observing the working of a M.M.M. Lodge under the English Constitution. Work being the order of the day and the agenda lengthy, no time was lost in balloting for three F.C.'s and M.M.'s, and they being in attendance, the ceremony of advancement was worked by Bro. Walter J. Nicholls, W.M., in an impressive manner; and in presenting the working tools to the candidates, it was evident that he had carefully considered the nature of the work he had undertaken, as no point was left which was not well rendered. The lodge then proceeded to the chief business of the evening, namely the installation of Bro. Richard W. Brown as W.M. for the ensuing year, who was introduced by Bro. Yaxley, P.M., and having given evidence of his proficiency and ability to

govern a Mark lodge was presented to the W.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters was formed and there were found to be no less than eight P.M.'s present, amongst whom the W.M. elect was proud to observe some Grand as well as Provincial Grand Officers, who by their presence evinced the interest taken by them in the proceedings. Upon the withdrawal of the brethren below the exalted rank, Bro. Brown was duly installed in the chair of A. by Bro. Nicholls, in a manner which called forth much encomium from the P.M.'s present; and upon the re-admission of the brethren, Bro. Nicholls proclaimed Bro. Brown as W.M., who was then saluted in due form. The addresses from the respective columns of the S.W. and J.W. were given, and the new W.M. invested his officers. W. Bro. George Yaxley, P.M., then proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring W.M., Bro. Nicholls, and highly eulogised him for the eminent services rendered to the lodge. This was passed unanimously, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Brown, the new W.M., then presented to Bro. Nicholls a Past Master's jewel, richly chased and suitably engraved, and affixed it on the breast of the recipient, expressing, in emotional terms, the feeling the lodge experienced in making the presentation to such a worthy M.M.M.; to which remarks Bro. Nicholls suitably responded.

After other Masonic business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Greyhound Hotel for banquet, which was served up in excellent style. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by Bro. Brown, W.M., in succession. Bro. Poore, responded for "Grand Lodge." In giving the toast of "The R.W. the Prov. G. Mark M., Colonel Sir Francis Burdett," it was announced that the gallant Colonel had been expected to attend in person, but he had sent a telegram stating that at the last moment he had been prevented coming. The V.V. Bro. Davison, the Dep. Prov. G. Mark M., in responding, expressed the pleasure he had derived from witnessing the work of the lodge, and the excellent manner in which the Installing Master, Bro. Walter J. Nicholls, had performed the duties, and stated he should make a special point of reporting favourably to the Prov. G.M. of the excellent working of the lodge in general, and of strongly recommending Bro. Nicholls for some further mark of the Prov. G.M.'s favour at the forthcoming P.G. Lodge in June next. Bro. Turquand, P.M., responded to the toast of "The Visitors," as did also Bros. Money and Gunningham. Altogether the whole affair was an immense success, and did credit to all concerned in it, the new W.M. shewing by his manner in the chair that he was determined not to be outdone by any predecessor in office. We are very glad to remark in conclusion that the advice we gave in these columns two years ago about getting out of "leading strings" has been followed, and that officers of this lodge have now proved themselves willing and able to rule it, and perform its ceremonies without having to encroach on the kindness of those who so cheerfully assisted and gave their services on former occasions, and who as honorary members of the lodge were so good as to devote so much of their time to foster and bring forth the talents of their younger members.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithfull Lodge (No. 229).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Station-street, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Capt. Sewell, P.G.S.O., Bro. W. F. Lamsonby, P.M., P.G. Secretary, presided, supported by Bros. R. W. Robinson, S.W.; J. Black, J.W. and Treasurer; T. C. Robinson, M.O.; H. Peacock, S.O.; T. Mason, Sec. and Reg. M.; T. Bird, S.D.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Org., P.P.G. Org.; and J. Hewson, Tyler, P.G. Tyler. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Mason's notice of motion was brought forward, viz., "That unless there be a clear balance of £10 in hand, no part of the lodge funds be devoted to the installation expenses, except for the entertainment of visiting brethren." After some discussion, all in favour of the motion, Bro. Mason agreed to let the matter stand over, so as to insure a fuller attendance. Bro. E. L. Waugh, of Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, was proposed as a candidate for advancement, after which the lodge was closed in form.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

IPSWICH.—Victoria Chapter Rose Croix (No. 22).—The usual meeting of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on the 7th inst., Bro. Fred. Long, presiding as M.W.S. Amongst those present were Bros. Col. Somerville Burney, 33; Rev. A. J. Beaumont, 31; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, 30; and J. Stanley, of Norwich, Invictus Chapter, No. 10. The chapter having been opened, Bro. C. H. Capon, P.M., P.Z. 213, P.G.N. of Norfolk, and J. Snow were duly perfected and advanced to the Sublime 18th Degree. After lodge was closed, a capital banquet was served, amongst those present were, in addition to those already named, Bros. Dr. Mills, P.M.W.S.; W. T. Westgate, N. Tracy, and others. This chapter has made great progress during the past year.

QUEEN ANNE'S BOUNTY.—The Governors of the Corporation on Wednesday distributed their surplus income for the year 1860 amongst poor beneficiaries. The number of beneficiaries approved for augmentation was 103, of which 74 received one grant, 15 two grants, and 14 three grants—each grant consisting of a capital sum of £200. The contributions offered by those personally interested in the welfare of the beneficiaries and the incumbents, or by diocesan and other societies, amounted in money and property to £33,324, making, with the bounty grants of £20,200, the total capital sum of £62,524. Four newly-created beneficiaries were without any secured income whatever; and the beneficence highest in annual value was only £200. Legacies recently received have been found most valuable by the Governors; their corporate funds would have been otherwise insufficient to meet the demands upon them, and their usefulness consequently diminished. The Board can accept gifts of real and personal estate, either for specified poor beneficiaries or for the charitable purposes of the Corporation. The meeting was attended by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishops of London, St. Albans, Ely, and St. David's; Lord Penrhyn, Mr. F. Calvert, Q.C.; Mr. W. Forsyth, Q.C.; and Mr. Alderman Staples.

Scotland.

DUMBARTON.—Kilwinning Lodge (No. 18).—The one hundred and fifty-sixth anniversary of this lodge was celebrated on Friday, 25th ult., by a supper and assembly in the Burgh Hall, which the *Lennox Herald* says was, without exaggeration, one of the finest gatherings that has taken place in Dumbarton for a number of years. The hall was tastefully festooned with flags, banners, pictures, &c., whilst the tables were adorned by a choice collection of stove and hothouse plants. The company numbered about one hundred and twenty ladies and gentlemen, who filled comfortably the area of the hall. The ladies appearing in evening dress, and the brethren wearing the regalia of the Order, the assemblage had a splendid appearance. The chair was occupied by Bro. William M'Nidder, R.W.M., supported by Bro. H. C. Moore, I.P.M., and at this table we noticed Bros. P. Denny, P.M.; W. M'Lean, jun., R.W.M., 31; J. D. Duncan, Substitute P.G.M. of Glasgow; Lieutenant Proudfoot Dick, 607; Paul, P.M. 170; Glen, R.W.M. 321; Doig, 335; and Provost Babbie, P.G.S.W. The croupiers' chairs were occupied by Bros. Robert MacFarlan, P.M.; W. Hodge, P.M.; and Peter Cameron, S.W. Deputations were present from Lodges 50, 333, and 543. Several of the brethren were wearing the jewels of the higher orders of Masonry, one distinguished brother displaying that of the 31st Degree. Some also displayed the jewel of the Royal Order of Scotland.

After the cloth had been removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, and interesting speeches were made by several well known brethren. An assembly followed, which was a brilliant affair. Bro. Ralph Allen acted as M.C. with much tact. The whole gathering was of a highly satisfactory character, and reflected credit on the Dumbarton brethren.

COLDSTREAM.—St. John's Lodge (No. 280).—This lodge, which has only been recently revived, after being dormant for fourteen years, is now showing a considerable amount of vitality and energy. A special meeting was summoned for Wednesday evening, the 9th inst., in the assembly rooms of the Newcastle Arms Hotel, for the purpose of installing office-bearers, and initiating candidates. Over forty brethren signed the attendance book, and the lodge was opened at six o'clock by Bro. A. Bulman, jun., I.P.M., of Kelso Lodge, No. 58, assisted by Bros. Shearer and A. Steel, as S. and J. Wardens; Bros. Burden acting as S.D., and G. Creare, as I.G. Bro. Bulman then vacated the chair in favour of the Installing Master, Bro. W. Fred. Vernon, P.M. 58 and 261, and D.P. G.M. Berwickshire and Roxburghshire, and the R.W.M. elect, Bro. A. Cameron, was properly presented and assented to the charges. A Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, Bro. Baird, who had been Master of the lodge over twenty years ago, installed the new R.W.M., Bro. Cameron, into the chair of K.S., who was duly saluted. The R.W.M. then installed his office-bearers as follows: Bro. W. Baird, P.M.; W. I. Beloe, D.M.; W. C. Munro, S.W.; A. Shiel, J.W.; J. Davidson, S.D.; W. Turnbull, J.D.; J. Pike, Secretary; J. Smith, Treasurer; J. Robertson, Steward; A. Bennet, I.G.; and J. Rogers, Tyler. After the ceremony of installation it was announced that Messrs. R. M. Donald, W. Hepburn, A. Palmer, G. Rule, W. Henderson, and Jos. Pattison, who had been regularly proposed, balloted for, and duly elected, were to present themselves as candidates for initiation that evening, and having been properly prepared by the respective Deacons, were admitted and ultimately initiated into the mysteries of our ancient Order, the ceremony being rendered with great impressiveness by Bro. A. Bulman, I.P.M. 58; Bro. Nisbet, the parish minister of Coldstream, officiating as Chaplain.

After the lodge had been closed the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a sumptuous supper had been spread by the Steward, Bro. J. Robertson. The chair was occupied by the R.W.M., Bro. Cameron, supported on the right by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Vernon, and on the left by Bro. Bulman, P.M., the croupiers being Bros. W. C. Norris, S.W., and A. Shiel, J.W. Having done justice to the ample spread, the R.W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received with great enthusiasm by the brethren. The toast of the evening, "Prosperity to Lodge St. John, 280," was given by Bro. Vernon, who coupled with it "The Health of Bro. W. Baird," the oldest member of the lodge, he having joined No. 280 forty-five years ago. The toast having been received with acclamation, Bro. Baird feelingly replied. Bro. Henderson then proposed "The Deputations from Kelso," which was replied to by Bro. Bulman, No. 58, for himself and the thirteen brethren accompanying him, Bro. McKenzie, No. 261, replying for himself and four companions. "The New Initiates" was proposed by Bro. Smith, and Bro. Pike replied on their behalf. Bro. Turnbull, J.D., in a neat speech, proposed the toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Berwickshire and Roxburghshire," and said he hoped that No. 280 would not be the least jewel in the coronet of their Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Haddington. Bro. Vernon, D.P.G.M., replied for himself and the other members of P.G. Lodge who were present, and before sitting down begged to propose "The Health of the Newly-installed Master, Bro. Cameron," who, he had no doubt, would worthily fill the chair of K.S. With the wisdom he would also include the strength and beauty of the lodge in the persons of "The Wardens, Bros. Munro and Shiel," and along with them, as time pressed, he would also join "The other Office-bearers of No. 280." The toast was drunk with musical honours, and Bro. Cameron, in his reply, said it would be his endeavour to keep the lodge, now it was set going again, up to the mark. "The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. Beloe, and replied to by Bro. Rankine. Bro. Tait proposed "Absent Brethren;" Bro. Bennet "The Host and Hostess," which latter was replied to by the Steward, Bro. Robertson, who thanked the brethren on behalf of his wife and himself. Some excellent songs were sung by Bros. Beloe, Shiel, Shiels, Burn, Smith, Bennet, Donald, and others, and a very pleasant evening was spent, the whole of the brethren expressing at parting the sentiment "Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again."

The Lord Chamberlain (the Earl of Kenmare) will represent the Queen at the funeral of the late Emperor of Russia.

Masonic Tidings.

The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., visited the Queen at Windsor Castle on Tuesday, and remained to luncheon. His Royal Highness returned to London in the afternoon, and went to the House of Lords in order to be present at the moving and seconding of an address of condolence to the Queen and the Duchess of Edinburgh on the death of the late Emperor of Russia.

We understand that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., accompanied by the Princess of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, and H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., P.G.W., intend honouring Norwich at the forthcoming fisheries' exhibition, to be held in Chapel-Field, Norwich, on Easter Monday next.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, P.G.W., will preside at the annual festival dinner of the University College Hospital, at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's, on May 20th.

Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, P.G.W., will open the Masonic Hall at Nottingham on the 20th June, and on the 30th will formally open the fine University Buildings which have just been erected in the town at immense cost. His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, as Prov. Grand Master, is making every arrangement for a very large Masonic gathering, this being his first appearance in his high office since the installation about two years ago.

The Empress of Austria hunted with Bro. Sir Watkin Wynn's hounds on Saturday.

Bro. His Grace the Duke of Marlborough has taken a residence in Grosvenor-street for the season.

Bro. the Right Hon. Earl Percy entertained a select circle at dinner on Saturday at his residence in Grosvenor-street.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury presided on Tuesday last at the fourth annual meeting of the schools attached to the Shoreditch Tabernacle.

GENERAL SIR FREDERICK ROBERTS, G.C.B., K.C.S.I., V.C., BART.—We think it is not generally known that this distinguished general is a member of the Craft. He was initiated in the Khyber Lodge, at Peshawur, India, either in 1854 or 1855. We are not aware whether he has filled the chair of a lodge or attained any other Masonic rank, but our correspondent states that at his initiation the General acted as junior Warden.

Bro. Lord Wolverton has arrived in town from Cannes.

Bro. Henry Irving will preside at the next anniversary festival of the Royal General Theatrical Fund.

Bro. J. L. Toole is negotiating for a further lease of the Folly Theatre for a term of twenty-one years.

Bro. Frank Uffner, of the American Midgents, intends bringing from New York and establishing in London his museum of living wonders. Among the curiosities is one well and beautifully-formed lady weighing 840 pounds. This, will, indeed, be a contrast to Lucia Zarate, who weighs but 4½ pounds.

Bro. Joseph Jefferson, the eminent comedian, whose impersonation of "Rip Van Winkle" endeared him to lovers of dramatic representations in both hemispheres, is a member of Concordia Lodge, No. 13, of Baltimore, Md., and has been since 1857. Quite recently the members of that lodge tendered him a reception, which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Bro. Arthur Roberts has, we understand, already been engaged for next year's pantomime at Drury Lane. He joins Miss Lizzie Coote's well-organised company on Easter Monday.

A very successful statue in bronze, half life-size, of Bro. Henry Irving in the character of Hamlet has recently been executed by Mr. E. Onslow Ford.

Bro. H. Clay Saunders, of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, has been unanimously elected Preceptor of the Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.

Bro. Cornelius Moore says, in the February *Voice of Masonry*, "The Grand Lodge of England, as well as the Grand Lodge of Canada, who follow the usages of the body from which to a great extent they sprang, never allow of public installations." He then goes on to say that many Grand Lodges in this country do permit this practice (which unfortunately appears to be the fact); but Bro. Moore, while he in terms justifies such a course, plainly sees its evils, for he adds, "I would not advise frequent repetitions of public installations—once in two or three years is sufficient." Yes, more than sufficient. Once in any lodge's history is once too often.

Bro. H. G. Barwell, the P.G. Sec. Norfolk, exhibited one of his admirable water-colour paintings in the Grosvenor Gallery, and which was highly commented upon and praised as a work of art by the *Times* and other newspapers. We congratulate Bro. Barwell upon his success.

Bro. W. H. Boswell informs us that a lodge of instruction in connection with the Stockwell Lodge, No. 1339, has been formed and will meet every Wednesday evening, at seven o'clock, at the Cock Tavern, Kennington-road. The first meeting was held on Wednesday week, the 9th inst.

Bro. Jonas Lindon Burns-Lindon, J.P., ex-High Sheriff, P.M. Kenlis Lodge, No. 1267, and P.P.G.S.W. of Cumberland and Westmoreland, will lay the corner-stone of the new parish church of Egremont, Cumberland, on Tuesday, April 5, with Masonic honours. Most of the nineteen lodges in the province will send deputations to assist in the interesting event. The only other occasion of the kind in Cumberland or Westmoreland was in the year 1856, when the corner-stone of St. Matthew's Church, Westerton, was laid, under the auspices of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland, Bro. Dr. Greaves being D.P. Grand Master.

By an accident the name of Bro. G. Holdsworth, Org. 377, who is well known for his musical abilities, was omitted from our report of the Consecration of the Lechmere Lodge as having given his valuable assistance in the preparation and the rendering of the beautiful consecration music performed at that ceremony.

Bro. His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway will pass through Berlin in April on his way to England, with a view of escorting his consort on her return home.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., is, we understand, expected to be present at the consecration of the new lodge at Portsmouth, of which Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, Past G.W. Devonshire, will be first Master.

Bro. Sir Michael Shaw Stewart's yacht, the Cavalier, has, we learn, left Cowes for the Mediterranean.

Bro. His Grace the Duke of Richmond and the Duchess are staying at Goodwood with a family party, and are expected to remain there until after Easter.

New Masonic halls are to be erected in Bombay and in Dunedin, New Zealand.

The building of a new Masonic Hall has been taken up by the brethren of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales with great enthusiasm. The list of provisional directors include the names of many influential brethren.

We record with regret the death of Bro. Alex. K. Smith, R.W.D.G.M. Victoria, S.C., which occurred in that colony on Sunday evening, the 17th of January.

Bro. James Terry will rehearse the ceremony of consecration in the Kennington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1381, on Tuesday next, at the Horns Tavern, Kennington.

The Grand Lodge of Sweden has we learn had two lithographic views of the Masonic Temple—exterior and interior, at Stockholm, printed, and copies of them, and also of a chromo-lithographic portrait of His Majesty Oscar II., Grand Master of Sweden, presented to the Grand Lodge of Scotland and other Grand Lodges with which it is in fraternal intercourse.

Bro. William Sugg has addressed a letter to the Metropolitan Board of Works, requesting, in the event of the Board not continuing their contract for electric lighting on Waterloo Bridge, that he may be allowed to submit a plan for lighting the bridge with gas by means of his patent gas burners and wind-proof ventilating lanterns.

Bro. Bancroft announces that the Haymarket Theatre is to be let for an autumn season.

In our report of the installation meeting of St. David's Lodge, No. 1147, Manchester, it was incorrectly stated that the ceremony was performed by Bro. T. R. Peel, P.M., assisted by Bro. Ellis Jones, P.M., P.G. Treas.; the reverse was the case, Bro. Ellis Jones, P.M., P.G. Treas., performed the ceremony, assisted by Bro. T. R. Peel, P.M.

Bro. Polydore De Keyser was entertained at a complimentary banquet on Thursday week, the 10th inst., at Willis's Rooms, St. James's. The dinner was given by a few friends of various nationalities in celebration of his appointment as a Knight of the Order of Leopold, a distinction fully earned by Bro. De Keyser's many and varied disinterested services to Belgium, and especially to the poor of that country settled in London.

Bro. George Augustus Sala left London for Russia on Tuesday, at three hours' notice, for the purpose of describing the Imperial Funeral in St. Petersburg.

Bro. the Most Noble the Marquis of Londonderry, Grand Master of Durham, accompanied by the Marchioness, has arrived at Londonderry House, Park Lane, W., from Wynard Park.

Bro. Howard Paul has been appointed manager of the Alhambra Theatre, and, from his vast experience in theatrical and literary matters, will doubtless well fill the post.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgecumbe, G.M. Cornwall, with Lord Valletort and Lady Albertha Edgecumbe, have left the Alexandra Hotel, Hyde Park Corner.

Bro. Lavender, of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, has had the misfortune to break his arm. A vote of sympathy with Bro. Lavender was accorded at the meeting of the lodge on Monday last.

Bro. Sala has undertaken to write a serial romance of modern society and civilisation for *Pan*, entitled "A Party in the City."

A new departure has to be noted in connection with the entertainments at the Royal Victoria Coffee Music Hall, where every Thursday evening for some six weeks a special ballad concert is to be given. The first took place on Thursday last, under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O.

Bro. James Willing's drama "Delilah" reached its 100th night on Thursday last. Notwithstanding the great success which has attended its production at the National Standard, it will be withdrawn this (Saturday) evening, in consequence of a prior engagement with Bro. Wm. Creswick, who appears on Monday.

The testimonial fund to Bro. Lord Holmesdale, R.W.G.M. Kent, will be closed at the end of the month.

A soiree in connection with the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, will be given on Saturday next, the 26th inst., when Craft clothing and jewels may be worn, by permission of the M.W.G.M.

PRESENTATION TO A MUSICAL BROTHER.—Last week the gentlemen connected with the various departments of the Prince of Wales Theatre, Liverpool, entertained Bro. J. F. Bayliss, No. 1609, musical conductor of that establishment, at supper at the Union Hotel, Clayton-square, and during the evening took the opportunity of presenting him with a valuable gold watch, chain, and appendages, as a mark of their esteem. This presentation was accompanied by a gold-mounted ivory baton, the gift of the marvellous Miltons, who have been engaged at the theatre during the pantomime season. The chair was occupied by Bro. Frank Emery, the popular lessee, the vice-chair by Bro. J. F. Doyle, author of the pantomime, and amongst others at the merry-meeting were Bros. Lindo Courteney, F. Wilkinson, J. L. Shine, J. M. Boyd, W. Addis, E. Brammell, H. Round, Neubert, Dr. Whittle, H. H. Harold, and others.

Bro. W. S. Rindle, of Lodge No. 851 (Working), was re-elected W.M. for the ensuing year last Wednesday week.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, presided on Wednesday last, at the tenth Anniversary Festival in aid of the United Kingdom Railway Officers and Servants' Association and Orphan Fund, at Cannon-street Hotel.

Mr. John Maude, printer and publisher of the *Scarborough Mercury*, was on Wednesday committed for trial at the York assizes for printing and publishing a defamatory libel upon Bro. Sir Charles Legard, Bart.

We understand a new lodge of Mark Masons will shortly be opened in Workington, there being over a dozen members belonging to the Order in the town. This will make eight lodges in the province of Cumberland and Westmoreland.

The Earl of Derby, on Thursday last, formally opened the Science and Art Schools just built at Oldham at a cost of £10,000. The event was celebrated by general rejoicings.

Bro. C. Russ will be installed W.M. of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, on Monday next, at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Lodge will open at half-past two o'clock, and will immediately proceed to business, which consists, exclusive of the installation, of two raisings, one passing, and three gentlemen for initiation. A report of the proceedings will be given in our next.

WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.—The March meeting of this flourishing lodge was held, under the Mastership of Bro. Walter Hallett, at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, on Thursday last. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

A meeting of the Grand Masters' Council, No. 1, of the Degree of Royal and Select Masters of England will be held in the Masonic Rooms, 2, Red Lion-square, on Thursday next, at half-past five o'clock.

A convocation of the Grand Chapter of Hertfordshire was held at the Chequers Hotel, Bishop Stortford, on Wednesday last, when a large number of companions were present.

Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., consecrated the Wallington Lodge, No. 1892, at Carshalton, on Thursday afternoon. The W.M. installed was Bro. Chas. Sawyer, P.M. 1619, who invested as his S.W. Bro. John G. Horsey, 186, P.M. 1619, and Bro. W. Pile, J.W. A report will appear in our next.

Bro. Edward Breese, Clerk of the Peace for Merionethshire, died somewhat suddenly at his residence in Carnarvon, on Friday, the 11th inst.

Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff, M.P., who was absent from the House on Monday night, is, we regret to say, still confined to his bed by an attack of quinsy, and bronchial congestion.

Bro. the Earl of Fife has promised a donation of £500 towards the erection of a new town hall for Elgin.

General Tidings.

The eleventh annual ball of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage will take place at the Cannon-street Hotel, on April 27th.

The Princess Louise of Hesse-Cassel, sister of the Duchess of Cambridge, is lying seriously ill, and owing to her age grave doubts are entertained of her recovery.

Her Majesty the Queen of Sweden and suite left London on Thursday evening at eight o'clock, by the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Company's express train from Victoria Station, for Dover and Calais, on her return to Sweden.

Mr. Russell Lowell, the American Minister, opened a free public library at Worcester on Wednesday last. At the luncheon which followed a congratulatory telegram from Worcester, Massachusetts, was read.

THE AMERICAN POLAR EXPEDITIONS.—The *New York Tribune* publishes intelligence from Washington stating that two expeditions will be despatched to the Polar regions during the coming summer, under the direction of the Chief Signal Officer. These expeditions will be undertaken for purely scientific purposes. One of them will go to Lady Franklin's Bay and the other to Point Barrow and the north coast of Alaska.

LONDON COTTAGE MISSION.—It is well the weather has moderated, at least for the poor folks in East London, for on Wednesday, the 16th inst., the last of the series of the weekly Irish Stew Dinners to the poor there was given by the London Cottage Mission, so far as is yet decided. For the coming week the Mission Hall in Conder-street, Limehouse, will on two or three evenings be open to the children attending the Mission Schools, and entertainments, consisting of magic lantern exhibitions, recitations, &c., as well as the distribution of various book prizes, will take place, and a good tea will accompany them. If winter does come back, as yet it may, the dinners will be resumed, but to do it funds must be had, as the resources have been now reduced to the lowest ebb. Funds are very greatly needed, and all contributions will be thankfully received, either by Miss Napton, the Lady Superintendent, 304, Burdett-road, Limehouse, E., or by Mr. Walter Austin, 44, Finsbury Pavement, E.C.

In close proximity to the University buildings at Nottingham which Prince Leopold will open on the 30th June, is a fine Masonic hall now approaching completion. The Masons of the county and of the northern midland district generally are anxious that His Royal Highness should, during his visit, take part in the ceremony of opening this hall, and efforts are now being made to induce him to fix either June 29th or July 1st for this purpose. The negotiations are in the trustworthy hands of the Duke of St. Albans, and we have good reason to believe there is good prospect of a favourable reply.—*The Cuckoo*.

No member of the Masonic body who takes the slightest interest in the Craft should be without the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book*, published by Bro. George Kenning, of Fleet-street. This is the eleventh year of its publication, and this year's book has already nearly exhausted its second edition. It is without doubt the most comprehensive Masonic book of reference extant.—*Observer*, March 13th.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 26, 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, MARCH 19.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
- " 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1767, Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, S.W.

Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers Hot., Walthamstow.

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, MARCH 21.

- Lodge 1, Grand Master's, F.M. Tav., Great Queen-st.
- " 8, British, F.M.H.
- " 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.
- " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
- " 1537, St. Peter 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.
- 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.
- United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
- Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-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 Churchyard, 7.
- 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.
- Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
- Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
- Strong Man, George Hot., Australian Av., Barbican, at 8.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22.

- Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
- " 92, Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly.
- " 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
- " 186, Industry, F.M.H.
- " 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- " 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot.
- " 1348, Ebury, Regent M.H., S, Air-st., W.
- " 1441, Ivy, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1719, Evening Star, F.M.H.
- " 1744, Royal Savoy, F.M.H.
- Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.
- " 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
- " 1339, Stockwell, Crystal Palace.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, 7.30.
- Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
- Domatic, 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 Bds., 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.
- Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
- Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
- Mount Edgcombe, 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, MARCH 23.

- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
- " 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
- " 212, Euphrates, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- " 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., N.W.
- " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tav., Tottenham.
- " 1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H., S, Air-st., W.
- " 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot.
- " 1818, Clapham, Grosvenor Hot., Pimlico.
- " 1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
- Chap. 907, Royal Albert, White Hart T., Abchurch-lane.
- Red Cross Con. 15, St. Andrew's, 8, Air-st., 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.
- Burdeft 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, Prince Alfred, 13, 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.
- 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.
- Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.
- Creton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, S.
- Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
- Thistle Mark L. of I., F.M. Tav., at 7.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24.

- House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
- " 60, Peace and Harmony, F.M. Tav.
- " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.
- " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 861, Finsbury, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
- " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
- " 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park.
- Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.
- " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot.
- Mark 13, Hiram, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
- " 118, Northumberland, M.H. Tav., Basinghall-st.

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, Ponsoby-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, at 8.
- 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 8.30.
- 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.
- 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, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
- Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7.
- Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25.

- Lodge 107, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
- " 599, Fitz-Roy, Hd. Qrs. Hon. Artillery Co., City-rd.
- " 780, Royal Alfred, Star & Garter, Kew Bridge.
- " 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
- Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Hot., City.
- Grand Master's Council, No. 1, Royal and Select Masters, 2, Red Lion-sq.
- K. T. Precept, 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.

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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26.

- Lodge 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
- " 1679, Henry Muggersidge, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- " 1686, Paxton, Crystal Palace.
- " 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
- " 1777, Royal Hanover, Albany Hot., Twickenham.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 26, 1881.

MONDAY, MARCH 21.

- Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool (Installation).
- Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22.

- Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1675, Ancient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
- Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Prince Arthur L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23.

- Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
- " 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
- " 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 605, De Tabley, Queen's Hot., Liscard.
- Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
- Encamp. Wm. de la More, A.R., Bootle.
- Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25.

- Chap. 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

- ALLANSON.—On the 10th inst., at The Close, Exeter, the wife of Mr. Albert Allanson, of a son.
- CANNY.—On the 5th inst., at Kintore, Bromley, Kent, the wife of Mr. J. M. Canny, of a son.
- CARPMAN.—On the 7th inst., at Sutton, the wife of Mr. Ernest Carpmann, of a son.
- HUNTINGTON.—On the 11th inst., the wife of Mr. Chas. P. Huntington, J.P., Astley Bank, Darwin, Lancashire, of a daughter.
- LLOYD.—On the 4th inst., at Hershaw Vicarage, Surrey, the wife of the Rev. Jorwerth Grey Lloyd, M.A., F.S.A., of a daughter.

- MOSS.—On the 28th ult., at Caroline House, Ladbroke-grove-road, Notting-hill, the wife of Mr. Edward J. Moss, of a son.

- PADDOCK.—On the 13th inst., at Aston Hall, Stone, Staffordshire, the wife of Mr. William Webb Paddock, of a daughter.

- WHITAKER.—On the 10th inst., at Minster Court, York, the wife of Mr. Charles H. T. Whitaker, Lieutenant 105th Light Infantry, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

- LARKING—MOORE.—On the 12th inst., at St. Paul's Church, Canonbury, N., Richard Larking, of Maidstone, to Ellen, daughter of the late Mr. Francis Moore, of Hackney.
- TRUMAN—HERRING.—On the 8th inst., at St. James's, Piccadilly, Charles Edwin Truman, M.R.C.S., M.A., Cantab, son of Mr. Thomas Edwin Truman, of the Home Field, Putney, to Charlotte Fanny, daughter of the late Mr. William Herring, of Putney.

DEATHS.

- BATESON.—On the 13th inst., at New Heys, Allerton, Liverpool, Mr. William G. Bateson, aged 64.
- CHEYNE.—On the 6th inst., at Naples, Mr. George Cheyne, M.D. Edin., of 5, Bryanston-street, London.
- DOUGLASS.—On the 21st ult., at Lion House, Shore-road, South Hackney, Mrs. Jane Isabella Douglass, after many years of severe suffering, aged 65 years.
- GIRLING.—On the 12th inst., at The Heath, East Dereham, Norfolk, Barry Girling, D.L. for Norfolk, formerly Captain in the West Norfolk Militia, in his 93rd year.
- HAWKES.—On the 13th inst., in London, Annie Hawkes, daughter of the late Alderman Hawkes, J.P. for the city of Coventry.
- JULL.—On the 12th inst., at Stanstead, Wrotham, Mr. John Jull, aged 66 years.
- LYNE.—On the 13th inst., at 43, Ferndale-road, Clapham, Mr. Charles Lyne, of the Copyhold and Tithe Commission Office, aged 56.
- MORLEY.—On the 11th inst., Mr. Joseph Morley, of Midhurst, in his 64th year.
- ROBINSON.—On the 10th inst., at 27, London Wall, the wife of Francis Robinson.

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