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THE meeting of Grand Lodge on the 7th inst., will be not without importance to the Craft. The agenda paper is now before us and the lodges. One of the first motions will be a very proper, and seasonable, and fraternal vote of condolence with the widow of our lamented Bro. General GARFIELD, late President of the United States—a vote in which all will, if sadly, concur; a vote, we make bold to add, which will elicit “sympathetic response” from every member of the English Grand Lodge. The usual nomination of a GRAND MASTER will take place, and the usual appointments in reference to the Board of Benevolence will be made. One point we do not profess even to understand—what the object is of “running” another brother, to use a common expression, against our esteemed Bro. JOSHUA NUNN for the first Vice-President of Board of Benevolence. If there is one brother amongst us who understands the work and routine of the Board, if there is one brother of our Order, we repeat, who has thoroughly mastered the subject, it is our worthy and zealous Bro. JOSHUA NUNN. To reward his long services and zealous and loyal interest in this grave question by this enforced change, would argue that, as Freemasons, we are at times oblivious of faithful devotion to the best interests of Freemasonry. We hardly think that such opposition can be pushed to a division. Several appeals are before Grand Lodge, which will be dealt with on their merits and by the advice of the GRAND REGISTRAR. The Board of General Purposes calls attention to the expenditure of the Board of Benevolence. After our last report of fifty-six cases and votes of £1600, there is little likelihood, if any, of any prospective reduction of the grants. We would earnestly impress upon all our readers the sacred and imperative duty in their various localities of checking the indiscriminate admission into the Order of healthy and unhealthy, prosperous and unprosperous candidates alike. THERE IS GREAT REASON TO FEAR THAT MANY ENTER INTO MASONRY KNOWING WELL THAT, ERE LONG, THROUGH FAILING HEALTH, OR PECUNIARY DISABILITIES, THEY WILL HAVE TO COME ON THE CHARITIES OF THE ORDER. Bro. PERCEVAL’S motion is an attempt to assimilate the procedure of the Grand Lodge to that of the House of Commons. No doubt, a priori, much may be said in the abstract for such a proposal and change. But in the concrete it may, we think, be fairly doubted whether it is advisable to seek to throw round our Grand Lodge any of the “formule” either of a “debating club” or of the “Great Talking House,” or “Speech House”—“morning or evening speech,” as our Anglo Saxon forefathers used to say. So far the present system has worked very well for our little peaceable “Masonic Parliament,” and though we do not ever object to reasonable and seasonable changes, admitting fully that times change and we change with them, yet we confess that, on the whole, we venture to think, that the old adage is still sound and true, “Quieta non movere.” Bro. RAYNHAM’S STEWART’S motion is a most important one. How far Grand Lodge will consent to such proposed increase of the annual grant remains to be seen. There seems, we think, little reason to doubt that some increase of the grant is fairly to be expected and asked for, alike from the special facts of the case and the peculiar position of the Charity quoad Grand Lodge, and of Grand Lodge quoad the Charity. The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution gives a good deal for what it has received and for what it still receives; and, though we think that perhaps it would have been more advisable to proceed by steps in the matter,—first, that is, to obtain the assent of Grand Lodge to an increase, and then to “fill in the figure of increment” by an unanimous vote, yet there are patent difficulties in the way of such a course; and Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART’S motion has the merit of straightforwardness and unambiguity in highest measure. We shall await the discussion in Grand Lodge with much interest. The arguments for a “sensible increase,” arising from the altered circumstances of the case, are so many, that we shall be surprised, without pledging ourselves to any certain amount at present, if Grand Lodge does not cheerfully and unanimously grant a distinct increase of annual subsidy. We speak thus cautiously and reservedly, not because we have any doubt of the essential justice of the request in the abstract, but because

we deem it to be more deferential to Grand Lodge, neither to discount nor anticipate its eventual resolution.

WITH regard to the “application from a body calling itself the Grand Lodge of New South Wales,” &c., requesting “their recognition,” &c., the terms of the notice are sufficient to decide, we think, what its fate must be in Grand Lodge. This is the “Body” which, in a district occupied by the lodges of three jurisdictions,—English, Scottish, Irish—formed a Grand Lodge of some Irish lodges, two Scottish, we believe, three at the outside, and no English. The widest charity and the largest toleration cannot see in this “fact” a legitimate creation of a Grand Body. There ought to have been a concurrent majority, at the least, of the three jurisdictions.

SOME changes have been recommended in the laws of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution by a Sub-Committee, and unanimously approved of by a Special General Meeting of the Managing Committee, and come before the Grand Lodge for approval or rejection. We do not think that there is anything in these proposals which will require debate, or entail opposition. They seemed to be very needful and sensible alterations when before the Managing Committee, but as they are still “sub judice,” we think it better to keep back all detailed remarks anent them, until after the meeting of Grand Lodge on the 7th.

THE roll of lodges under the Grand Lodge is rapidly increasing. The last recorded on the Grand Lodge agenda paper, is No. 1953, Chard, Somersetshire, the Lodge of Prudence and Industry, though probably before the end of 1881 the number in general will be close on to 1970, such increase not being the proper number by any means. Indeed, we venture to think that in 1882 the lodges ought to be renumbered.

THE question of whether the “Warden” can do the “work” of the “chair” is one which for many long years has “exercised” the opinions and “dicta” of English Freemasons. A good deal may be said on both sides, as the letter of our able Bro. CHADWICK shows; but we have no doubt ourselves that, strictly speaking, in the absence of any “P.M. of the lodge” the Warden can “rule the lodge,” alike for technical business and ceremonial purposes, but as a “Warden,” not as an “Installed Worshipful Master.” It is not said any “P.M.,” but “a P.M. of the lodge,” and a P.M. of the lodge is one who has been an Installed Master of the lodge, and after legal service becomes a “P.M.” of the same. But a “P.M. of the lodge,” is not the same thing as a “P.M. in the lodge,” and this is a point which many forget,—a fact, which we nearly lose sight of. How far if a Warden rule the lodge, he could, “virtute officii” he temporarily holds, and in exercise of the “plena potestas” of every presiding officer for the time being, call on a P.M. in the lodge to execute the proper duties of the chair, is a somewhat abstruse point in Masonic procedure, custom and law, which we do not feel inclined to make a deliverance upon off hand. We are ourselves inclined to think that whatever right the actual lawful occupant of the chair has in this respect, the Warden who “ex necessitate rei” is acting in accordance with the specific directions of the Board of Constitutions on the subject, possesses likewise. But on this point, as on others, we prefer to listen to the “wisdom” and “light” of other experts, “Doctors in Israel,” and “bright Masons,” rather than rely on our own conclusions, or expatiate on our own lucubrations. We can all afford to “live and learn,” and humility both in the disciple and the “didaskalos” is, Masonically speaking, a “sure indication of merit.”

THE farewell dinner to Sir GEORGE BRAMWELL, better known to the public and Bar as “Baron BRAMWELL,” was not only, as Lord COLERIDGE observed, “unique” in itself, but was a gathering alike significant and touching in the highest degree. It was “touching” in that it manifested that affection and reverence, which the “Bar” ever retain and display for the “judges of the land.” It was significant in that it clearly marked what are the qualities which constitute a just judge in the honest and loyal opinion of English barristers. Under the solemn sanction of “Law,” we in England have been accustomed not only to rest on its “enduring sanction,” alike for the preservation of individual liberty and the maintenance of national rights, but we have accustomed ourselves to regard the “unsullied sanctity of the ermine,” as the best guarantee for public prosperity, the true index of private safety. Long may this happy union continue; and may great judges, like Sir GEORGE BRAMWELL, meet with such just tokens of professional sympathy and patriotic approval. It is a very pleasant spectacle for us all to contemplate and to realize.

THAT unhappy young man and precocious criminal, LEFROY, having now paid the legal penalty for his fearful offence, whether manifold or single matters little now, let us seek to dismiss his hateful and fearful story from our

minds and memories. Let it be to us henceforth nothing but a grim, dark legend of the past. For the greatest harm has accrued, and is daily accruing, to the tone and temper of society, as well as to all classes, old and young, by the prevailing morbidity of the hour in respect of "murders and murderers." It has been most lamentable and depressing to note the eagerness which some have displayed in expatiating upon and listening to unwholesome details of prison life and revelations; the illogical arguments of would-be detectives; the specious assumptions of "psychologists," which offend equally against the safety of society and the dictates of common sense. We think, on the contrary, that that portion of the Press which has had the courage and self-denial to discourage a tendency to prurient curiosity and unwholesome discussions, deserves the best thanks of all who value aright the assured well-being, and the well defined progress under safe and legitimate condition of social life amongst us.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the 7th inst. :—

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 7th of September, 1881, for confirmation.
2. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
3. The M.W. Grand Master will move that this Grand Lodge agree to a vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late Bro. General James Abram Garfield, President of the United States of America, who died on the 19th September last, of wounds received from the hands of an assassin.
4. Appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
5. Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
6. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the year ensuing.
7. Reports of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

A brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 80, Sunderland	£50	0	0
A brother of the St. Mary's Lodge, No. 707, Bridport	100	0	0
A brother of the St. Edward's Lodge, No. 966, Leek	50	0	0
A brother of the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxford	75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1588, Stretford	75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Segontium Lodge, No. 606, Carnarvon	50	0	0
A brother of the Burdett Lodge, No. 1203, Hampton Court	100	0	0
A brother of the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, London	150	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Franklin Lodge, No. 838, Boston, Lincolnshire	75	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Finsbury, No. 861, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Silurian Lodge, No. 471, Newport, Mon.	50	0	0
A brother of the Mount Edgcombe Lodge, No. 1446, London	200	0	0
A brother of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1043, Leeds	50	0	0

8. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.—To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England.—The Board of General Purposes feel it their duty to bring to the notice of Grand Lodge the fact that the Lodge of Benevolence have within the last eighteen months so increased their grants that the total expenditure out of their funds has been in excess of the income.

At the present time, as will be seen by the subjoined statement of Grand Lodge funds, the Benevolent account has been overdrawn to the amount of £1242 7s. 8d. In addition to which an amount of about £1570 will be required to meet the grants to be confirmed by the next Lodge of Benevolence, and those by the Grand Lodge in December, while the amounts which will come in before the end of the year will not, in all probability, be more than sufficient to meet the grants which will be made in November and December.

The Board therefore recommend that £3000 consols be sold out from the accumulated balance of £50,016 10s. 6d., now standing to the credit of the Fund of Benevolence, and the proceeds placed to the current account of that fund.

(Signed)
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
15th November, 1881.

JOHN B. MONCKTON,
Vice-President.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 11th ult., showing a balance of £4870 11s. 1d. to the credit of the Fund of General Purposes, less £1242 7s. 8d. applied to cover an amount overdrawn on account of the Fund of Benevolence, leaving a balance in the Bank of England of £3456 8s. 5d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75. and for servants' wages £96 15s.

9. An application from a body styling itself "The Grand Lodge of New South Wales of Free and Accepted Masons," requesting their recognition by the United Grand Lodge of England as a regular Grand Lodge.

10. A report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, agreed to at a special meeting of the Governors and Subscribers on Wednesday, the 9th ult., will be submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge, at which special meeting it was resolved that certain alterations should be made in the rules and regulations of the Institution, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge.

II. APPEALS—

(1) From Bro. Thomas J. Mountain, of the New Zealand Pacific Lodge, No. 517, Wellington, New Zealand, against a sentence of expulsion passed on him by the District Grand Lodge of Wellington, New Zealand, for defrauding members of his lodge, and for having written to a candidate warning him against Ma-onry.

(2) From Bro. Samuel H. Dougal, of the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 398, Halifax, Nova Scotia, against a vote of the lodge removing him from his office of Senior Warden.

(3) From Bro. Isaac Cohen D'Azevedo, of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 356, St. Thomas, West Indies, against a sentence of exclusion passed on him by his lodge for unmasonic conduct.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION.

(1.) By Bro. CHARLES JOHN PERCIVAL, P.M. 1607, London :—

"That in all cases when a question is brought before Grand Lodge, for which a division is demanded, the telling of the same shall be conducted in a similar method to that pursued in the House of Commons, viz. :—Two tellers from each side of the question be appointed to record the votes as the Members pass out, and make their report accordingly."

(2.) By Bro. RAYNIAM W. STEWART, P.G.D. :—

"That having regard to the enormous increase in the number of lodges since the grant made by Grand Lodge in 1858 to the 'Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons,' and for which the Institution has to send to the W.M. for the time being of each lodge two voting papers every year, the amount to be contributed in future by Grand Lodge be increased to £1000 per annum to the Male Annuity Fund, and £600 per annum to the 'Widows' Fund; such payments to be borne in equal proportions by the Funds of Benevolence and of General Purposes."

Names of brethren nominated for election to the office of Senior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence :—

Bros. George Lambert, G. Sword Bearer; and Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.

Name of the brother nominated for election to the office of Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence :—

Bro. James Brett, P.G.P.; and none other was nominated.

Names of Past Masters nominated to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence :—

Bros. Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; George P. Britten, P.M. 183; Joseph D. Collier, P.M. 1366; John Constable, P.M. 185; Thomas Cull, P.M. 1446; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; Henry Garrod, P.M. 749; Charles F. Hogard, P.M. 205; William Mann, P.M. 186; James H. Matthews, P.M. 143; William Stephens, P.M. 1489; and Edward Francis Storr, P.M. 22; and no more than twelve were nominated.

NEW LODGES.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge :—

- Lodge 1937, The Addington, Durban, South Africa.
- " 1938, The St. Blaize Lodge, Mossel Bay, South Africa.
- " 1939, The White Hope, Tarkastad, South Africa.
- " 1940, The Feilding, Feilding, Wellington, N.Z.
- " 1941, The St. Augustine's, Rugeley, Staffordshire.
- " 1942, The Minerva, Fenton, Staffordshire.
- " 1943, The Parramatta St. George, Parramatta, N.S. Wales.
- " 1944, The Glebe, Glebe, N.S. Wales.
- " 1945, The Cobar, Cobar, N.S. Wales.
- " 1946, The Beaufort West, Beaufort West, South Africa.
- " 1947, The Stanford, Hove, Brighton.
- " 1948, The Hardman, Rawenstall, Lancashire.
- " 1949, The Brixton, Brixton.
- " 1850, The Southgate, New Southgate.
- " 1951, The Union, Tientsin, China.
- " 1952, The High Peak, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire.
- " 1953, The Lodge of Prudence and Industry, Chard, Somersetsh.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

The annual festival of this lodge of improvement was held on Friday evening, the 25th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Previous to banqueting at Freemasons' Tavern the lodge was held, when Bro. T. Fenn, P.G.D., presided as W.M. Bro. A. W. Duret, W.M. 1768, P.M. 1223, acted as S.W.; Bro. W. G. Kentish, S.W. 1293, acted as J.W.; Bro. W. Smallpeice, P.M. 1395, J.W. 909, Sec.; Bro. J. W. Jones, J.D. 5, as S.D.; Bro. J. Truman Tanqueray, 1768, J.D.; and Bro. A. C. Spaul, Prov. G. Reg. North Wales and Salop, as I.G.

The number of brethren present was some 250, those occupying the dais being

Bros. the Lord Mayor; R. W. H. Giddy, Dist. G.M. Griqualand West; Jno. Bevan, Dist. G.M. Westland, N.Z.; J. H. Sectt, D.P.G.M. Sussex; Ambrose W. Hall, G. Chap.; Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, G. Sec.; E. E. Wendt, G. Sec. German Corres.; G. Lambert, G.S.B.; Capt. A. B. Cook, Assist. G.D.C.; W. Clarke, G. Purst.; C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Fenn, P.G.D.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Frederick Binckes (Sec. R.M.I.B.); W. A. Dawson; S. B. Wilson; and W. Smallpeice, Secretary.

The other brethren present were

Members: Bros. Geo. N. Watts, Thos. Vincent, Jos. Birch, G. Powell, F. A. Warner, Alfred Tyson, Ralph Gooding, M.D., R. Gooding, Chas. Fredk. Hogard, R. G. Barton, T. A. Greene, Geo. French, John Abbott, John C. Walker, W. H. Baily, J. R. Jones, J. H. P. Brown, A. C. Wickins, J. H. Watts, Rudolph de Cordova, S. G. Glanville, W. C. Beaumont, T. C. Winkfield, C. J. Craig, Geo. S. Bigley, Jno. G. J. Shaw, John Oldis, 1288; Edwin B. Hillory, 108; F. W. Prior, Ashley Gibbings, Henry Gland, Ernest T. Smith, V. R. Adams, J. Holah, Frederick Laurance, H. J. Bertram, H. N. Wyatt, G. R. Ousby, Wm. Brown, W. Hollingsworth, H. W. Roberts, Wm. Saint, B. Newstead, William Proudfoot, Walter Wood, M. Boaz, S. S. Hasluck, W. Russell, G. Stacey, W. G. Sams, H. Bishop, George Greenley, Alfred Brookman, C. A. Woods, Robert Roy, A. Pooock, Jas. W. Gaze, R. S. Besant, R. C. Hallows, Edwd. L. Horne, T. W. McCauley, L. Steingraber, Chas. Ed. Birch, R. A. Ziederberg, Josiah Boule, W. A. Blackmore, Charles Belton, J. E. Anderson, Geo. L. Creswick, G. W. Armstrong, G. F. Thomson, E. Culver, W. Maxstead, Chas. Stoddart, Robert Mount, E. W. Money, Henry Nuding, Charles B. Cooper, F. Ernest W. Collard, Hugh M. Goodrid, 1293; Geo. F. Marshall, W. S. Dunkley, G. Cosby Harpon, Frederic Davison, Albert St. Paul, Frank Green, H. Ed. Cooper, Edwd. F. Green, 475; Percy F. Sutton, and S. J. Westing, P.M. 194.

Visitors: Bros. W. Cuming, W.M. 1593; W. Winnett, M.C. 59; W. Pincombe, 893; Byron H. Ridge, 1347; J. W. Fuller, 1; Rudolph G. Glover, 259; C. G. Browne, Prov. Grand Steward, 1589; Baron Emm. Theotoky, 766; A. Levy, 975; Thomas Dinwiddy, 1; Eustace Andrew, 771; Edward Grishbrook, 771; J. Williams Sanders, 1293; J. Felsheim, 1329; Charles Nicholas, 63; Fred. H. Colliers, 104; T. Snowden, 90; D. Stroud, 55; Walter E. Gompertz, 869; Wm. R. Williams, 975; S. T. H. Saunders, 551; Edward Schluser, 222; Arthur Sneas, 1190; William C. Dewey, 1512; Edward B. Graham, 19; Nathan Salmon, 177; Alfred E. Woodward, 1820; John J. Alley, 898; Charles J. Wildy, 256; J. Padott, 715; W. S. Berbiham, 1426; B. F. Swallow, 49; G. G. Stratton, 282; G. B. Blount, 1593; Charles Claudius, 201; John A. Burton, 1924; J. D. Tare, 1293; G. H. Hunt, 1194; Edward E. Levy, 1658; H. S. Stower, 1584; Thos. Goodchild, 1793; Richard Crew, 1; H. Garland, 1673; Geo. Baker, 526; G. Couchman, 1320; R. C. Knight, 51; W. William Hobson, 142; H. Gamble Hobson, 142; Henry Weld, 1579; E. C. Sturgeon, 1670; Arthur J. Style, 1216; Frederick A. Jewson, 1827; J. Drygale, 1491; A. Whetham, 18; A. Darch, 72; W. Lloyd, 72; J. G. Carter, P.M. 1044; F. T. Reade, 1581; J. Phillips, 256; Isaac Padden, 715; T. Beauchamp, 1793; W. G. Collier, 1793; Wm. P. Browne, 90; Frank Griffin, 1793; F. Chandler, 1656; J. Barber Glenn, 3; F. Smith, 1768; John Pillar, W.M. 1793; J. Hanier Owens, P.M. 1347 and 55; T. Harding, J.W. 859; G. W. Weldon, 4; W. Synost, 255; Chas. J. Davison, 77; W. McNaught, 1298; Thos. B. Biddle, P.M. 193; R. Brittain, 1278; Geo. Porter, 140; M. E. Stoke, 72; Samuel L. Green, 1445; Thos. Henry Gardiner, 1150; William Skelhorn, 1745; W. Malthouse, 1623; Henry Wright, 1827; Richard R. Collick, 1585; William Hickinbotham, 1793; F. G. Bamfylde, 1820; W. T. Rickwood, 192; Wm. C. Roberts, 16; R. Goodchild, 554; J. G. Tongue, 534; Samuel Ward, 1861; Welter J. Nicholls, 463; S. T. Lucas, 192; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason).

The Stewards of the festival were :

Bros. J. E. Anderson, 18, J.D. 255; W. Beattie, P.M. 142; H. Bué, J.D. 1820; G. Brooke, P.M. 63; J. March Case, P.G.D.; Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, G. Sec.; J. H. Davidson, 1820; R. R. Davis, P.M. 256; W. A. Dawson, P.M. 1768; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; A. W. Duret, W.M. 1768, P.M. 1223; A. Escott, W.M. 1593; T. Fenn, P.G.D., Treas.; Montague Gosset, P.M. 66; R. Grey, P.G.D.; W. H. Johnston, 1820; J. W. Jones, J.D. 5; C. Lowther Kemp, 63, J.D. 1924; W. G. Kentish, S.W. 1203; J. W. Lambert, W.M. 1415, P.M. 142; P. de L. Long, P.G.D.; A. Marvin, J.W. 1768; J. H. Matthews, P. Dist. G.D. Bengal; Sir J. B. Monckton, Pres. Board of General Purposes; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; J. Muzio, P.M. 1150; T. W. Ockenden, P.M. 1512; G. C. Pulstord, Sec. 1593; A. A. Richards, P.G.S., P.M. 8 and 865, P. Prov. G.J.W. Middx.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Sir Bruce M. Seton, Bart., 6; S. W. Shaw, J.D. 709; W. Smallpeice, P.M. 1395, J.W. 969, Sec.; A. C. Spaul, P.G. Registrar N. Wales and Salop; F. R. Spaul, P.M. 1768, S.W. 1124; R. Clay Sudlow, 18 and 263; A. C. Tanqueray, 33; J. Truman Tanqueray, 1768; Sir Erasmus Wilson, P.G.D.; and S. B. Wilson, P.M. 59.

The lodge was opened at six o'clock, when the Second Lecture was worked by Bro. Fenn and the following brethren :

1st Section	Bro. J. W. Jones, J.D. 5.
2nd "	J. Truman Tanqueray, 1768.
3rd "	J. H. Davidson, 1820.
4th "	C. Lowther Kemp, 63, J.D. 1924.
5th "	S. W. Shaw, J.D. 709.

It is almost needless to say that all this work was done to perfection and fully maintained the character of the Emulation as a lodge of improvement for Master Masons.

At the conclusion of the work,

Bro. T. FENN said that the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was a very large lodge, and met every Friday evening throughout the year at seven o'clock. Some of the most eminent members of the Craft belonged to it. A subscription of half-a-crown constituted a life member, and the brethren who attended the weekly meetings paid one shilling each time they came; or, if annual subscribers of five shillings, sixpence. After paying the expenses of the lodge the rest of the expenses were devoted to the Three Charitable Institutions of the Order, and these contributions were very large. Last year they contributed about £80 to the Institutions. They really contributed very largely.

The LORD MAYOR, in proposing a vote of thanks to the brethren who had so ably worked the Sections that evening, said that all the brethren knew Bro. Thomas Fenn; in fact his was a name known throughout the whole of Freemasonry as one of the most distinguished and remarkable men, one whose devotion to the work of Freemasonry they could not praise too much. Nevertheless, he thought they must congratulate him on having some very apt pupils. To him (the Lord Mayor) it seemed astonishing how the brethren learned their work so well, for they all knew the acquisition of the long and difficult ritual must occupy a great deal of time. Such industry and perseverance must win the sympathy of all the brethren, who would, no doubt, accord a hearty vote of thanks.

Bro. J. M. CASE, P.G.D., seconded the vote, which was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. THOMAS FENN, P.G.D., in reply, said although he could scarcely be called one of the working brethren, he believed it was usual for the Master in the chair to respond to this vote of thanks. He heartily thanked the brethren for cordially responding to the proposition so kindly made by the Lord Mayor. The brethren would be pleased to know that with the exception of one of the brethren who had worked that evening this was the working brethren's first year, and he thought the way they had acquitted themselves did them great credit, and also reflected credit on the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, where they got their knowledge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to banquet. The Right Hon. Bro. the Lord Mayor presided. Afterwards the customary toasts were proposed and honoured. Those of "The Queen and Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." having been drunk.

The LORD MAYOR proposed "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, &c.," and, in doing so, said this was a most appropriate toast for Bro. Bevan to respond to, because the Earl of Carnarvon had been the Minister for the Colonies, and the Colonies felt that in him they had a master mind. The Earl of Carnarvon was a man who had endeared himself to his countrymen by the honest labour of his life, by the true devotion of a powerful intellect, although of not very strong physical frame, to the interests of his country. The Earl of Lathom was well-known among the brethren as a great agriculturist, and the name of Bro. Bevan, of New Zealand, he was sure, would be received with pleasure, as he had just come fresh from that other world, and could give a great deal of information respecting it.

Bro. BEVAN, Dist. G.M. of New Zealand, who was received with loud applause, in reply, said he felt it a special and great compliment to be called upon to respond for those illustrious gentlemen, brethren connected with the Craft, whose names had been associated with his that evening and with the Grand Officers, Present and Past. Indeed, he hardly felt equal to such an occasion when coming to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. All he could tell the brethren was that he would consider his journey to England had not been made in vain after he had met in such a brilliant assemblage a concourse of worthy and good working Masons. It was, indeed, with pride that he referred to the pleasures and associations of Masonry, for by experience he found that it was one of the grandest passports in the world. It opened the hearts of men; it appealed to their sympathies and to the greatest of all virtues—Charity. Especially it gathered together men of varied creeds and opinions, and all joined together in the one grand determination to make this grand institution of Freemasonry flourish in all corners of the earth. Even in the distant lands of the Colonies, that had been well referred to by the Lord Mayor, the spirit of Freemasonry existed, and the desire was there to promote its genuine influences; and it had been instrumental in doing a great deal of good in affording relief to those who were in need, and in its humble mission doing it all without coming before the general public. He, indeed, felt very proud to have his name associated with those noble names mentioned to-night, but he felt still prouder at being called a Freemason when he thought for a moment that the greatest minds of the universe felt proud at having their names associated with Freemasonry. When he found the chief magistrate of the greatest city in the world presided at a Masonic meeting, and was proud of being one of the body; when they took up the morning papers and saw that Masons were guiding the destinies of nations; that men in Parliament and other prominent positions were Masons, they must feel that Masonry was exerting its influence in every walk of life. Therefore, they had every reason to be proud of Masonry, and to attach themselves to its traditions. And was not it pleasant to come there and to find Masonry so well expounded in the Lodge of Emulation? The greatest credit and

praise was due to the W.M. and Preceptor of the lodge and his officers, who had so effectually taught them. Without further dilating on the principles of the Craft and the kind reception the brethren had given his name in association with the names of the Grand Officers of Grand Lodge, he thanked the lodge very heartily for this compliment and honour.

The Rev. C. J. MARTYN, P.G.C., Dep. Prov. G.M. for Suffolk, in proposing "The Health of the Lord Mayor," said he was very pleased to have had the honour of having that duty to perform. If any of the brethren had come into the room that evening ignorant of the merits of the Lord Mayor, if they judged of what he did by what he said, and the way he expressed himself would feel that in having selected him for the chief magistrate for the year the Corporation of London had done a good and excellent thing. The brethren must all have been pleased and delighted with the graceful way in which he had introduced the various toasts that evening; but as Masons they must hail the presence of his lordship as a very great honour, the time was now very recent since he assumed that office which he so well and worthily filled, and it was a great compliment to Freemasons that so soon after his acceptance of that office he had found time from all his numerous engagements, which they had some idea of, to spare to preside over this meeting. It showed the interest he took in Freemasonry, and although this was the first time during his mayoralty that he had made his appearance in Freemasonry publicly, he hoped and trusted it might not be the last. It was within his (Bro. Martyn's) recollection that there had been Lord Mayors of London who had been Junior Wardens of Grand Lodge, and he only hoped and trusted the omen might prove a good one in this case. He (Bro. Martyn) had another very great reason to be exceedingly pleased at the high honour imposed on him, and that with a personal one to himself, viz. that he had the honour of being the grandson of a Lord Mayor, and although his grandfather was Lord Mayor a great many years ago, he ventured to tell the Lord Mayor that his (Bro. Martyn's) grandmother, who was Lady Mayoress in 1809 was living four or five years since—she was a past Lady Mayoress of London of seventy years standing. He hoped the Lord Mayor would tell the Lady Mayoress that when he went home, as it might shew her that although dispensing the hospitality of the Mansion House the duty was not always such as to cause people to succumb under its weight. Let the brethren in drinking this toast wish long life, health and prosperity, and a most happy year of office to the Lord Mayor, and might he be preserved from dangers and harms of every sort and kind.

The LORD MAYOR, responding, said he was very much delighted to hear of the longevity of the Lady Mayoress just spoken of. "Charity hoped all things," and perhaps the brethren's charity might extend to a hope that he might live as long as that Lady Mayoress. If he did he might add he most heartily wished that every brother he saw before him might live equally long, and that they would year after year—and certainly if he could aid them in obtaining that end he would—have a Lord Mayor to preside over them. Of one thing he was perfectly certain, that if they carried on this lodge in the same manner in which it had been carried on, if they had such a W.M., and such Wardens, and such apt pupils as they had seen that night, then the Lodge of Emulation would remain for centuries—not for years—yet to come an example to the other lodges of England; and he was quite sure that there was no honour which could be conferred upon the chief magistrate greater than that of asking him to take the chair on such an occasion as the present.

The LORD MAYOR said he had now to propose a toast which came a little near home—"Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement," and he should couple with the toast the name of Bro. Thos. Fenn, the Treasurer. They all knew that Freemasonry was wisdom. The master in wisdom, King Solomon, was the originator of the Order of Freemasonry; and they saw the wisdom by the constitution of what were called lodges of emulation, or lodges in which the art and ritual might be learned. He knew of no institution, until technical education came into vogue, which could vie with Freemasonry in the wisdom of that arrangement. The Emulation Lodge of Improvement was the best known and the most justly and highly esteemed of the lodges of instruction. It was founded many years ago, and is now attached to a lodge bearing a high rank in the Craft, viz., the Lodge of Unions. He was not learned enough to describe what the Lodge of Unions was, but he understood the Lodge of Emulation was a lodge which had the greatest possible consideration of the Craft, and under the late Bro. Hervey, whose name he had only to mention to win the respect it so well deserved, and also Bro. Murton, and subsequently under the accomplished Treasurer, Bro. Thomas Fenn, it had risen to a very high state of efficiency, and was considered in the Freemason world as most useful in preserving the ritual of the Craft. When he got on his legs he was always anxious to make a long speech, but since he had been a Freemason he had found it of the greatest possible use to be educated in the ritual of short speeches. He believed he had now said enough to imbrue the brethren with enthusiasm in the cause of the toast which he then proposed, "Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement."

Bro. THOMAS FENN, P.G.D. Treasurer, in returning thanks, said the office of Treasurer was not a very onerous one in that lodge, in fact at that moment he might say they had given so well during the last year to the Institutions of Masonry that there was very little cash left in his hands. He was rather proud of that; it was better than keeping money in their hands. But although the duty of Treasurer was very light, there were other duties connected with his office, which he shared with the other members of the Committee of that lodge, which were not so light, and they looked to the brethren to support them so far as they were able, and to lighten the duties which devolved upon them. The constitution of this lodge was, as they were aware, very peculiar. They numbered among their members a vast number of Freemasons, so vast, in fact, that he did not suppose it would be possible to ascertain how many they were; yet they met each Friday in comparatively small numbers, averaging perhaps not more than forty. Many of these brethren came for the purpose of learning Masonry during the time they were passing through their various offices in their lodges, and disappeared after learning all they wished to learn. The voting power of the lodge was, therefore, not a very changeable body. On the contrary, the Committee of the lodge had appeared as prominent and active members for many years; in fact, there were three of the members of the Committee who he might say had been active, and constantly active members of the lodge for a period of a quarter of a century. He alluded to Bro. Murton and Bro. Richards. He (Bro. Fenn) and they were all pupils under Stephen Barton Wilson, and had been staunch supporters of the lodge during that very extended period. He thought, therefore, they had a right to ask this changing body to repose their confidence in the Committee. The toast which had been proposed, and which he was now responding to, was "Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement," and he was certain that success could not be better achieved

than by the members reposing their confidence in the Committee, who took so deep an interest in the lodge. They could have not other object in their constant attendance at and their staunch support of the lodge than its prosperity, its efficiency, and its usefulness. He thanked the brethren himself for the kind way in which they had responded to his name as Treasurer of the lodge, and on the part of the Committee for the success which they had so cordially wished the lodge in which the Committee took so deep an interest.

The Rev. AMBROSE W. HALL, G. Chap., proposed "The Health of the Working Officers." Those brethren deserved both the praise and the gratitude of those who were present, because every part of the work that they gave deserved that admiration which it should receive, and every brother was grateful because he could not follow the lecture without feeling a better man and Mason. The brethren who worked the lecture handed down to others what they themselves learned of honoured fathers in Freemasonry. Many of the older brethren would remember the day when in most lodges there was a stock brother, who was ready to do any work of the W.M. Some W.M.'s went into the chair and did not know how to open or close their lodges, or if they knew that, they knew little or nothing more. That time, he was happy to say, had passed away, and brethren now took their places in the lodge and did their work. Consequently Masonry had risen to its present position. It might rise still higher, not only in the hearts of those who composed the Craft, but also in the hearts of the world at large, when they saw those truths carried out into their various positions in life.

The LORD MAYOR at this point left amidst hearty applause.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; took the chair. Bro. Duret, S.W., responded.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S., proposed "The Health and Prosperity of the Lodge of Unions, No. 256." The Lord Mayor had just told them the intimate connection which existed between the Lodge of Unions and the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. It worked under the banner of the Lodge of Unions. The Lodge of Unions was itself an old and worthy lodge which had worked for many, many years with the greatest success, and, as in many cases, it was found that parents looked up to their children with a great deal of pride at their success in life, so they must all feel sure the Lodge of Unions looked with the greatest pride and satisfaction at the success and prosperity of its child—the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. Of that success and prosperity there could be no doubt. They had heard many years past of its continued existence, and the progress it had made in impressing on their minds all the landmarks of Masonry; and, therefore, the Lodge of Unions must feel a just and proper pride at being the mother of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. As the Master of the Lodge of Unions was not present, he would call on Bro. Davis, P.M., to return thanks.

Bro. R. R. DAVIS, P.M. 256, very much regretted the absence of the W.M. of that lodge, on account of illness. On behalf of that worthy brother, however, he expressed his thanks for the toast just so kindly proposed and honoured. There was nothing in connection with the history of the Lodge of Unions which afforded the brethren of that lodge so much gratification as the association that had existed half a century between it and the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke had just said very truly that sometimes children looked up with pride to their parents. In this instance the parents looked down with pleasure on their child. The pride felt by the Lodge of Unions was a justifiable one, from the admirable manner in which the work had been done that evening.

Bro. H. J. P. DUMAS, P.G.D., proposed "The Masonic Institutions." He believed all of us were doomed to die insolvent debtors to our mothers; but there was no reason why we should be insolvent debtors to our mother lodges. We were bound to support the Charities, in respect of which lodges mainly and chiefly existed. He exhorted the brethren to be as little insolvent to the Charities as they possibly could. As they had done in the past, so let them do in the future. The Lodge of Emulation had done nobly; as they had heard that evening it had given last year £80 to the Institutions.

Bro. F. BINCKES, P.G.S., replied. It was very well known that the Festival of the Benevolent Institution would be on the 22nd February, when no doubt success would attend the Chairmanship of Colonel Lloyd-Phillips. At the Festival of the Girls' School, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught would preside. To that Royal brother the Boys' School was already indebted some few years ago for taking the same office. He need hardly say the best wishes of the Institution went in furtherance of that success. The Boys' School was not quite so fortunate, because they had not yet secured the services of a Chairman. He did not know what might be in the womb of time. He had no doubt that at no distant date he should be in possession of a name that would win support. It was a very satisfactory announcement he had to make, that when the accounts of this year were made up the results to the Charitable Institutions of Masonry would not be much less, if any less, than in the most successful year which had already gone by. He ventured to indulge in the very fond anticipation that in the coming year they should not be without that support which their great Institution both needed and deserved. He was struck by the observation of the Treasurer with regard to the changing character of the lodge. As an old member of a quarter of a century's standing of the lodge, he looked around him, and the great majority of the brethren were almost unknown to him. It must be explained that coming here for instruction, having received the instruction which the lodge could give, they left. But there was one respect in which the lodge had never changed—its constant, annual, generous, liberal support of those Institutions to which Bro. Fenn, so gracefully alluded. On behalf of all the Institutions he tendered the Committee of this lodge his warmest thanks for the manner in which they took care of the wants of the Institutions. Under the fostering care of Bro. Fenn who was one of the noblest supporters, the Institutions had, they would never be forgotten, and he could only indulge the hope that unlike many of the Institutions outside the Order they might never have to sell any of their funded stock. In Masonry it did not seem to matter what might befall commercial circles, whether trade was good or bad, whether the money market was tight or easy, there was something that seemed to him so sound in the hearts of Freemasons that they took very good care that the great Masonic Institutions did not suffer, and they never did suffer. They never sold funded stock, but some more and some less were always ready to add something to it. Let them go on in this good course, and do what they could in this lodge in the way of perfecting the ritual and ceremonial of the Order, but bear in mind what had been said, that the keystone of the Order was charity, and let that not be forgotten by the supporters of the great Masonic Institutions, which were at once their pride and their pleasure.

Bro. SCOTT, Dep. Prov. G.M. of Sussex, proposed "The Stewards."

Bro. W. SMALLPEICE, Secretary, thanked the brethren as he had had the honour of doing for some years, for the kind appreciation they had of

the services so feelingly given to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. They were placed this year in such a position that they might have been excused if the meeting had been less successful than it had; while they could produce the programme and get the Stewards a month or six weeks before the annual festival, they could not put the name of the right Hon. the Lord Mayor on the tickets till the 8th of November when he was sworn in. The number of brethren present that night shewed either that the Stewards had been more than ordinarily assiduous in their duties, or that the Committee had been peculiarly fortunate in the selection of a W.M. to preside over them that evening. It might be that the brethren of the Emulation Lodge would like to tell their children that they sat at the table at which presided the Lord Mayor of London. They might have heard that night the song of the dying swan, but even if the mayoralty of London should cease, he thought the annual festival of the Emulation Lodge, under the patronage, and with the kind care and thought of the brethren, would not cease.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

CONSECRATION OF THE CASTLE CHAPTER OF HARMONY, No. 26.

A new chapter, to be attached to the venerable Lodge of Harmony, No. 26, one of the centenary lodges, and whose warrant is dated 1725, was consecrated on Wednesday evening, at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.P.S., acting as H.; the Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.A.G.S., as J.; and Comp. Peter de Lande Long, P.G.P.S., as D.C. The complete list of Companions present contained the names of—

Comps. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.P.S.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.A.G.S.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.P.S.; W. C. Beaumont; Dr. George B. Brodie, M.D.; R. Warner Wheeler; William Robert Wood; Marston C. Buszard, O.C., M.P.; T. S. Soden; General J. S. Brownrigg; R. W. H. Giddy; Edward Milner; John Sampson Peirce, G.A.S.; Gerald Ford, P.Z. 271; Col. Creaton, Grand Treas.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.S.N.; Walter V. Morgan, 259; Joseph L. Lavies, 1706; George Benson, 1709; H. H. Shirley; Fred. H. Cozens, 907; Albert Hubbard; Fountain Meen; J. Bevan, Dist. G. Supt. Westland, New Zealand; Robt. King, 1159; Clement Godson, 259; John Smith, 1189; J. P. Edkins, 8; H. Sadler; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*).

The musical portion of the ceremony was performed by Comps. Hodges, G. T. Carter, Fountain Meen, and Hubbard, under the direction of Comp. F. H. Cozens.

The chapter having been formally opened, and the Comps. below the rank of Installed Principals admitted,

Comp. SHADWELL H. CLERKE said it was, as they were all aware, one of the great objects and ambitions of every Craft lodge, sooner or later, to have a Royal Arch chapter attached to it. Some of the lodges attained to that distinction sooner than others, but in the present case the Castle Lodge of Harmony, after considering the matter for some years, had not had a chapter for 155 years, but at the end of the 155 years the brethren had made up their minds that they would like to have a chapter attached. They therefore petitioned Grand Chapter to accede to their request, and that request had been granted. Accordingly the companions were there that day for the purpose of consecrating the chapter, and installing its First Principals. Most of the companions present were well acquainted with the Castle Lodge of Harmony, and knew the very high and excellent character of the lodge—the name it had borne for many years. Personally he was well acquainted with it, and had been so for years, and he could testify that it was one of the most distinguished lodges in London. It was always renowned for the way in which its work was done, and in every possible way. No doubt the chapter now to be attached to it would be conducted on the same lines; and from what he knew of the interest the companions took in its welfare, he had the greatest pleasure in attending to assist and take part in the ceremonies of the day.

The Rev. C. W. ARNOLD, J., in delivering the oration, said: Most Excellent and Companions,—On similar occasions I have spoken of the nature and principles of Freemasonry, and the great basis on which it is founded. I have also spoken of the Temple of God into which every Mason ought to be built as a true and living stone—that temple which is commenced on earth and completed in heaven. I have also pointed out that Freemasonry is an allegorical representation of human life, and that the Royal Arch represents that search after something which is better, holier and more enduring than the things on earth, which is planted in the breast of man. But there have been so many lodges and chapters of late years consecrated, that the subjects of moral duty and virtue are well-nigh exhausted. The question is frequently asked—What is it that draws so many men into Freemasonry? Some persons have said that it is the gregariousness of human nature; but, however strongly this may be developed, I do not think that it will account for it, because it might easily be gratified without any Masonry at all. Again, others have said that it is the love of abstract goodness. There is much which is good and pure and noble in our moral character; but still this is not sufficient to account for the numbers that come into Masonry. Others have said curiosity; I should answer no, because, if it were, when curiosity was satisfied Masonry would be abandoned. It is something more than all these; and yet each of these perhaps is in some degree blended with it. It is something which represents a craving of human nature. Companions, what is it? I must say myself that it seems to me that it is the love of rest. It is this which all mankind are longing for and striving after. Is it not this which enables the statesman to pass through days and nights of anxious toil, giving up the natural comforts and privileges of his high position? Amidst his business ventures and his efforts to amass a fortune the merchant looks forward to rest—he looks forward to the opportunity of living by his well earned competency. I say, from the highest to the lowest every one is seeking for rest. Companions what is the meaning of the word "Lodge?" Is it not "a resting place." Operative Masonry has had its day, and has left behind it many beautiful and enduring records of its art. Now Speculative Masonry holds sway, and I say that the great charm of Masonry is rest from the outer world. We enter a lodge, and as we cross its threshold we leave the cares of this world behind. The first work in which we participate calms, and at the same time elevates our mind. We mix in social intercourse with men of every shade of opinion; yet no dissensions, no quarrels can arise, because those two great enemies of peace—politics and religion—are excluded, thus the best feelings of the heart are aroused; Brotherly love and charity are brought into existence and sustained; and thus I say that the lodge becomes, as it were, an oasis amidst the turmoil of the world. Anyone who has once felt the charms of Masonry will be drawn still further

to cultivate it. And what I have said of Craft Masonry applies still more strongly to the Royal Arch. In this degree the circle of Masonry is narrowed, and embraces only the purer parts. There is no jarring or quarrelling in our circles for places. Just as each stone in the centenary arch has its own peculiar place, and will fit into that place alone, so the members of the chapter have each their appropriate mark in the search after the sacred name of God. If then the lodge is a resting-place, I say that the chapter is still more so; and yet both of them are but types of a better and a more enduring rest, for the volume of the sacred law tells us that "there remaineth a rest for the people of God." Yes, Comps., a rest where all toils, and troubles, pain, sin, and suffering, will be banished for ever—where there will be no more search after the unknown—where we shall be for ever in the presence of the Reality—where we shall be for ever in the presence of the Most High himself. I trust then, companions, that this chapter which we are about to consecrate to-night may be as I have described it, in some degree, a type of this heavenly rest. May it indeed be a castle of harmony, an impregnable fortress of brotherly love. May love, and peace, and harmony dwell within its walls, and, in the beautiful words of our installation ceremony, I will conclude—"May the labour of this evening produce the fruits of wisdom and of love, and whilst we are endeavouring to erect and preserve the earthly tabernacle to the name and glory of God, may we at the same time be preparing our path to that eternal temple where peace and glory dwell for evermore."

The ceremony of consecration was then performed, and at its conclusion Comps. William Coppard Beaumont was installed as Z., Comp. Dr. Brodie as H., and Comp. Edward Milner as J. Comp. T. S. Sadler was elected and invested S.E., and Comp. M. C. Buszard, Q.C., M.P., was elected Treasurer.

On the motion of the M.E.Z., seconded by Comp. H., a vote of thanks was passed to Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Sir John B. Monckton, the Rev. C. W. Arnold, and Peter de Lande Long, for consecrating the chapter, and these companions were elected honorary members.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE acknowledged the compliment, and stated that he and the other companions named felt highly gratified by the kind and fraternal remarks made with reference to their presence there that day. It was a great pleasure to come to consecrate such a chapter, which they knew would become a credit to the Order.

The names of brethren desiring exaltation in the chapter were then given in, and the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to a choice banquet.

The toast of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" and "The Prince of Wales, M.E.Z.," having been honoured,

The M.E.Z. said he had not troubled the companions with long speeches so far, and he did not wish to weary them by giving the long speeches now; but it would not be becoming in him or agreeable to his feelings to pass over the toast of "The Pro G.Z. and the other Grand Officers" without a few words of introduction. The last two toasts were, of course, more or less official, and, with regard to the present toast, might also be treated as official, inasmuch as it was always given at meetings of Royal Arch chapters and related more or less to official personages, and it was always drunk with enthusiasm. But it did partake of an official character, and it was not always they were fortunate enough have Grand Officers present to respond to the toast. They were, however, singularly fortunate that evening in having several distinguished Grand Officers, any one of whom might very properly be called upon to return thanks for this toast. They were surrounded by many Royal Arch Masons of distinction; but there was one Grand Officer present whose name would naturally be associated by all the companions with that toast, viz., that of General Brownrigg. His two colleagues, H. and J., agreed with him that they were singularly fortunate in having the presence of Comp. Gen. Brownrigg. It was unnecessary to speak of his merits. He was well-known in London as a good Mason, but in the Province of Surrey he was more particularly known and appreciated. Many of the members of this chapter were Surrey Masons, and as a Grand Officer of that province he knew well what his work was. Having Comp. Gen. Brownrigg present he would call upon him to respond to this toast.

Comp. Gen. BROWNRI GG, said, in reply, that, although it was upwards of a quarter of a century since he was qualified by the Grand Z. of the Order of those days to return thanks for this toast, he had never yet felt that he had qualified himself decently, because really there was so very, very little to be said about it. They all knew that when they ceased to hold office in Grand Chapter their functions became dormant for the rest of their lives, except so far as to show their interest in every thing connected with Royal Arch Masonry. He did not think any of them had neglected that duty; but it was not often that one had the opportunity of seeing the work of chapters as well performed as it had been that evening. The M.E.Z.'s allusions to him, and the kind way he had alluded to him as Grand Superintendent of Surrey was extremely flattering; but he need not tell all Surrey men—and he saw a great many about him—how little he could do if he was not as admirably supported as he was by his dear old friend on his right (the Rev. C. W. Arnold). Indeed, he did not know what he should do without him. There was no work that he (General Brownrigg) asked him to take that was too hard for him, and that he did not do far better than he (General Brownrigg) could do himself. It had been very flattering to him indeed that evening to find that three P.M.'s of the Province of Surrey filled the three chairs of this chapter. It was usual—he had heard fine London people—fine London ladies especially—object to provincial. A very pretty girl sometimes came to London, and perhaps her manners were not exactly what the fine ladies of London were accustomed to. Now, he must confess he was proud of his provincials on this occasion. He did not think it could be put to a better test in this chapter than that the three First Principals' Chairs were occupied by three Provincial Masons.

The M.E.Z. in proposing the next toast, said his first feeling in rising to propose this toast he was very sorry to say was one of regret, because their principal consecrating officer who was good enough to leave a bed of sickness to consecrate their chapter, had unfortunately not felt himself well enough to stay for the banquet. He was sure they all regretted he was not able to take a little refreshment after the arduous labour of the day. The toast he was about to give was important to the Castle Chapter of Harmony—it was the toast of "the Consecrating Officers." They had had four Grand Officers who had been good enough to assist in the consecration, and, with the permission of his colleagues, he might say it was not a matter of discussion among them as to who should be asked to perform the consecration. They had a certain amount of special reason in selecting each one, Comp. Shadwell

Clerke was not, unfortunately, with them now, but he was an old friend of his (the M.E.Z.'s), and if he had been present he (the M.E.Z.) should have troubled the Comps. with some reasons why he asked him to take the principal work. The Comp. who acted as H. (Sir J. B. Monckton) for the Director of Ceremonies (Comp. Long), were very old friends of his long before he knew anything of Masonry. They had each done him many kindnesses over and over again; and in Masonry Sir John Monckton had done him the great honour and kindness of installing him in office in his mother lodge. For that and other kindnesses he thanked him very much. Comp. Long, as most of the Comps. knew, was Sir John Monckton's brother-in-law. Sir John Monckton had managed to keep those delicate lines of youth which he was sorry to say were vanishing in Comp. Long. His acquaintance with Comp. Arnold showed what they all knew—the social advantages of Freemasonry. A year or two ago he was at the consecration of a Surrey Lodge in which he had the honour of being a P.M., and he there met a clergyman who did his work remarkably well, and although he (the M.E.Z.) was totally unknown to him, he ventured to compliment him on the admirable manner in which his work was done; his name was Arnold. When he (the M.E.Z.) got home—as a rule they knew he did not like parsons—but on this particular day he mentioned to his wife that he had met a clergyman of the name of Arnold, who did his work in a marvellous manner, and who appeared to be a thoroughly good fellow. She said she thought it must be Willie Arnold. He (the M.E.Z.) said it was William Arnold, and she said it was her cousin, and asked what he looked like. He replied that he was not like David, of a ruddy countenance, but a tall, handsome, fair man, and of genial manners. The reply was, "Why, that's Willie Arnold." The next time he met Comp. Arnold he asked him whether he was Willie Arnold, and he said he was. That showed the social advantages of Freemasonry. Had it not been for that he should not have made the acquaintance of his wife's cousin—Willie Arnold. Comp. Arnold was good enough that day to volunteer to instal him into the chair of First Principal, and very glad he (the M.E.Z.) was to be asked to have him to perform that office.

Comp. Sir JOHN MONCKTON, in replying, said he had not had much to do as H. in the consecration, but he greatly admired the way in which Col. Shadwell Clerke and Comp. Arnold performed their work. From what he had heard of the health of Col. Clerke, he had expected to find a substitute in his place. However, there he was. Nothing could better show his interest in Freemasonry than when he came from a bed of sickness, and in great bodily pain, performed the ceremony of consecration. It was a good thing for the chapter that he did come, because he (Comp. Monckton) knew no man that did the work better; not only being ritual-perfect, but from the impressiveness of his manner. To listen to him, whether young Mason or old Mason, was a great treat.

Comp. the Rev. C. W. ARNOLD said it was a very great pleasure to him to attend and assist in the consecration. He himself was ill in bed till Monday twelve o'clock, and was thinking whether he should be able to come; and while he was on his bed of rest he was thinking of something as to rest, that gave him the idea for what he had said that day. He wrote to Comp. Shadwell Clerke asking him if he could get a substitute, and he got a reply to say if he got a telegram from him to say he could not come he would get a substitute. However, he had been able to come, and it had been a great pleasure to him to take part in the consecration, and help to instal three Surrey Masons in the three chairs. He had also been much gratified at seeing such a beautiful chapter and such handsome furniture; and the commencement of its career, he thought, was an augury of a splendid success for a chapter connected with such an old lodge as the Castle Lodge of Harmony.

General BROWNRI GG said as old age had its privileges as well as its penalties, one of his privileges as the oldest Royal Arch Mason present was to ask the companions to drink "Success and Prosperity" to this chapter. He was quite sure that those who had seen the stuff of which this chapter was composed would understand how good their commencement was, and how certain they might all be who took an interest in it, that this chapter would be second to none in the working, and its success. He would not detain them long, as there had been so much said that evening respecting Masonry, and this Order in particular, that there was very little left for him to say; but he was convinced that all present took the warmest interest in the success of what they had seen commenced that evening, and he wished the companions to drink "Success and Prosperity to the Castle Chapter of Harmony."

The M.E.Z., in the course of his speech, said that Comp. Brodie, as Master of the lodge this year, asked him if he did not think they should have a chapter attached to the lodge. Knowing that they would have the kind assistance of Colonel Shadwell Clerke, he considered it a happy thought, and they set to work about a petition. The result was they got the warrant. There were many members of the lodge anxious to join—many old members, who were only honorary members. Comp. Warren Wheeler was the father of the lodge, and he would join, and so would Comp. Wood, who was the actual father of the lodge, and came up all the way from Brighton to its meetings. When they found they were so well supported by the fathers of the craft they might have great hopes for the future.

Comp. R. Warner Wheeler said as allusion would be made to the lodge being so old before it had a chapter, he might say that twenty-five years ago, when he was the Master, he tried to get a chapter, but he was completely floored by two objections; one was that Grand Chapter had a law that they would not grant another chapter in London—Masonry not being so flourishing as it was in the present day, and it took three or four lodges to support a chapter. The St. James's Chapter, of which he was a P.Z., had only seven members, and could scarcely carry on its duties.

The M.E.Z. then proposed "The Visitors."

Comp. BEVAN replied, and said he had come all the way from Cheltenham to be present. Comp. Arnold had told them that Masonry generally taught us to receive it, more particularly Royal Arch Masonry, as a bright and comprehensive religion. To his mind it presented itself in that form. It had many charms, among which that it was a lodge of rest. He had found this a lodge of rest, and also a lodge of hospitality.

Dr. LAVIES also replied.

The toast of "The Officers," to which Comps. Soden, S.E., and R. H. Giddy replied, and the Janitor's toast closed the proceedings, which were most delightful throughout.

As the result of the recent visit of Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, M.P., to Middlesbrough, a preliminary meeting was held there on Wednesday evening for the purpose of forming a brigade of the Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers. The ex-Mayor, Mr. Willman, presided, and explained the duties and the privileges, and a number of names were enrolled.

THE BRIGHTON HEALTH CONGRESS.

President—B. W. RICHARDSON, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S.

Tuesday, December 13th, 1881.

OPENING ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT.

Sections A, Wednesday; B, Thursday; C, Friday;

Presidents—Edwin Chadwick, C.B.; J. R. Hollond, M.A., M.P.; Alfred Carpenter, M.D.

Evening Addresses by R. P. B. Taaffe, M.D., and Brunel Carter, F.R.C.S., in the Dome, Royal Pavilion.

Wednesday Evening—Soirée by the Mayor and Mayoress.

Many places of interest are arranged for to be viewed by Associates on presenting their tickets, as well as

The Domestic and Scientific Exhibition in the Royal Pavilion and Grounds, with Electric Lighting, to be opened by the President of the Exhibition, the EARL OF CHESTER.

Associates' Tickets, 10s. 6d., are being issued by the Congress Secretary, Brighton. Seats can be also secured.

Chairman of Executive Committee, } W. H. HALLETT, F.L.S., Mayor.

General Hon. Secretary, WM. HAMILTON, Ship Street, Brighton.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX

Will meet under SIR. W. W. BURRELL, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M., in the ROYAL PAVILION,

On Monday, December 12th, at Seven p.m.,

to welcome all Brethren (Master Masons) attending the Health Congress. Bro. V. P. FREEMAN, Brighton (Prov. G.S.), will issue tickets, which include Admission to the Opening of the Domestic and Scientific Exhibition.

JOHN HERVEY MEMORIAL FUND.

V.V. Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON, F.S.A., P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, Chairman.

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MASONIC HALL, CROYDON.

HAREWOOD HOUSE, 105, HIGH STREET.

This Hall has every requirement for Masonic purposes. It contains a large Organ, blown by hydraulic power, and has an excellent cellar for Lodges to keep their own wines. The following Lodges are held there, viz.—Frederick, 452; Addiscombe, 1556; Mozart, 1929; Croydon Mark, 198; Frederick Chapter. For terms, &c., address—

JOHN RHODES, P.M.

P.P.G.O. Surrey; P.P.G.M.O. Middx. and Surrey.

THE LATE Bro. FRANCIS ROBINSON HOOD, of Deptford, Ironfounder.

The late Bro. F. R. HOOD, when he died, left his widow and his three children homeless and penniless, and they are at present enduring great poverty and distress. It is their desire to open a little business in the Fancy Wool trade, and to enable them to do this, and to defray certain expenses which their late illness from scarlet fever compelled them to incur, they appeal to the numerous friends of the late Mr. F. R. Hood for a little assistance; and Messrs. ENTHOVEN & SONS, 17, Gracechurch-street, City, have kindly consented to receive subscriptions on their behalf.

TO ADVERTISERS.

THE FREEMASON has a large circulation in all parts of the Globe. In it the official Reports of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland are published with the special sanction of the respective Grand Masters, and it contains a complete record of Masonic work in this country, our Indian Empire, and the Colonies.

The vast accession to the ranks of the Order during the past few years, and the increasing interest manifested in its doings, has given the *Freemason* a position and influence which few journals can lay claim to, and the proprietor can assert with confidence that announcements appearing in its columns challenge the attention of a very large and influential body of readers.

Advertisements for the current week's issue are received up to Six o'clock on Wednesday evening.

To Correspondents.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Citizen," "The Hull Packet," "The Broad Arrow," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The West London Advertiser," "Die Bauhütte," "Allen's Indian Mail," "La Tolerance," "Keystone," "The Masonic Herald," "Tapis," "The Cuckoo," "The Steadfast Aim," "The Cities of the World," "Orient."

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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.]

HAMBURGH LOTTERIES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I ask through your columns if any brother can tell us whether Isenthal and Co., "the newest great money lottery" at Hamburg, are the same firm as "Luz Cohn," to whose prospectus I recently called attention in the *Freemason*. They date from the same office, propound the same tempting offers, and convey the same idea, which, as I pointed out in that previous letter, is completely illusive, alike as to actual "prizes" or amount of "ticket," to say nothing of its "illegality" in this country. As many of your readers in common with myself have probably received the same circular, I trust you will excuse my thus again trespassing on your valuable space.

Yours fraternally,

IGNOTOS.

THE RITUAL QUESTION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

There seems to me to have been a great deal of unnecessary controversy of the question of the "performance of ceremonies by others than duly Installed Masters in the chair" when a reference to the Book of Constitutions will, as is said in one of the addresses to the chair, at all times put you straight should a difference arise. I allude to that section in the aforementioned book which relates to Masters and Wardens of lodges, s. 6, where it is enacted: "If the Master shall die, be removed, or be incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the Senior Warden, and in the absence of the Senior Warden the Junior Warden, and in the absence of both Wardens then the Immediate Past Master, or in his absence the senior Past Master, shall act as Master in summoning the lodge until the next election of officers. In the Master's absence the Immediate Past Master, or if he absent, the senior Past Master of the lodge present shall take the chair, and if no Past Master of the lodge be present then the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, shall rule the lodge."

Now what, I ask, can possibly be clearer than what the so-called Book of Constitutions (and it either is or it is not) lays down as a law which we are all bound to uphold, more especially the W.M. of a lodge, who has vowed fidelity "in every case consistent with the Constitutions of the Order?"

Whilst apologising for thus troubling you, I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

THOS. PALMER, Lodge No. 73.

Chislehurst, Nov. 26th.

BEGGING MASONS.—A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you allow me through your columns to warn all lodges against a begging Mason, Bro. Lewis, late of the Milton Lodge, No. 1144, Ashton-on-Lyne. The answer to a telegram sent to Ashton-under-Lyne, run as follows: "Unworthy,—defaulting member for years. Travels the country ever since, and lives entirely on charity. Able but not willing worker."

Beggars professing to be Masons are so much on the increase that I would strongly advise all brethren:

1. Never to test an applicant by ordinary rules.
2. Never to believe without seeing the certificate, and also sending a telegram, answer prepaid, to the applicant's lodge.

In many cases the applicants will be found not to be Masons at all—and in many to be utterly unworthy.

If all lodges throughout the country would adopt these two simple rules we should soon get rid of the nuisance.

Believe me, yours faithfully,

J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG.

D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks.

Reviews.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: ITS FORMATION CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY AND STATUTES.

This is an elaborate work, carefully compiled and edited by our Bro. the Rev. H. E. Reynolds, librarian of Exeter Cathedral, which reflects all credit upon himself, and will be very entertaining to archaeological students, as all these authenticated histories of our old cathedrals are. For Masonic students the book has a special interest, in that

it contains a circular letter of the Dean and Chapter of Wells for their Master Masons, which is, we believe, a rarity. We are glad to be assured that allusion is to be made to it in our "Notes and Queries," so we forbear dwelling upon it here. The work is admirably printed and most carefully edited.

BOOK CATALOGUES.

We have been favoured with several, and select three for review this week. The one is Catalogue 340, Bernard Quaritch, 15, Piccadilly, and contains some of the most interesting and remarkable works in various departments of artistic and scientific philologic literature which we have seen for some time as offered for sale. We observe among other valuable works a copy of "Francisco, Alvarez Verdara Informacam," &c., 1540; "Assemani's Bibliotheca Orientalis," a "Codex Vaticanus," printed at Rome, 1868; "Baile's (P) Dictionnaire Historique," &c., in green morocco and large paper; "Facsimiles of historical MSS. of England and also of Scotland, as well as of Anglo-Saxon MSS.;" "Michaud et Poujoulat Nouvelle Collection," "Monumentos Ineditos, &c." "Hearne's Opera Historica," large paper; "Antiquarian Repository," "Vetusta Monumenta," and many more. The art collection is very fine indeed, noteworthy and valuable. The value of many other works is very great, and their rarity is often remarkable. We can hardly turn over a page without being struck with some scarce and important work, which the book collectors must value, and the bibliomaniacs would literally "devour." We can only recommend all our readers who like books, who care for books, who love books, and who understand books, for there are "book collectors and book collectors," to obtain the catalogue and study it for themselves. There is hardly a point on which they cannot find enlightenment; there is hardly a subject in which they may not obtain a fresh treasure.

Mr. Endean (Kerby and Endean), 190, Oxford-street, sends us his interesting catalogue of modern works, reprints, novelties, and old friends. We recommend his carefully selected catalogue to all who wish to give pleasure to the young, and improve and animate the domestic circle with healthy studies and refreshing literature.

Mr. E. W. Stibbs, 32, Museum-street, has sent us his catalogue No. 34, and has for sale some rare works on America, the Drama, Greek and Latin Classics, Voyages, Fine Arts, Dictionaries and Travels. Some of our friends in America will note his American tracts, especially the "Recueil d'Estampes," 1783, "Kennet's Bibliotheca Americana, Primordia," &c.; and, indeed, many are the interesting publications he brings to our notice. We note, among others, "Rebadaneir," "Fleurs des Vies des Saints," "Mercator's Atlas," "Purchases," "His Pilgrimages," "Neander Orbis Terra, &c.," "Nouveau Voyage," "Bulla Intimationis," &c., "Mabillon de re Diplomatica," "Chroniques Chevaleresques," "Churchill's Collection of Voyages," "Philpott's Villare Cantianum," "Mirror for Magistrates," "Granger's Biographical Dictionary," and many more. Catalogues like these are worthy of perusal, and worthy, too, of preservation.

DIE GUNDSATZE DER FREMAUREREI IM VOLKEN-LEBEN. By F. FINDER, Leipzig, 1881.

This is a very admirably printed and, as they say, "got up" book, which comes before Masonic students with a special claim, from the author's name, to attention and perusal. Bro. Findel is so well known among Masonic readers and archaeologists, that is almost "gold refined gold" to add that we always deem it our duty, no less than our privilege, to notice his Masonic works. We do not always agree with Bro. Findel. There is no fault surely in rather honest convictions, or many differences, but we are always glad and ready to accord to him all that attention and respect which his meritorious services in Masonic criticism, history, and archaeology so fully claim at the hands of all thoughtful and intelligent Freemasons, in whatever country they live or whatever hemisphere their lot is cast. The title of Bro. Findel's work is a little misleading, as we can hardly see how he at all develops his theories of the "principles of Freemasons in the lives of people and nations." Rather is his clever little work a collection of ingenious and effective essays, somewhat leaning to the sentimental rather than the authentic school of Freemasonry, in that, as he has a view of his own, he takes care to do it with great lucidity, ability, and determination. It is this paraphrastically, that the history of Freemasonry is practically to be found in the "Cultur Kaompf," in that reaction which has been raised against priestly intolerance and state tyranny in all ages, whose outcome is the revolt against the blighting influence of ultramontanism in the Reformation, the development of a deistical school, as with Toland, in England, the Illuminati movement, the attack on Jesuitism, the enlightenment of the philosophical school, the general movement for the Freethought, and the eventual triumph of the "solidarity of humanity." Bro. Findel seems still to adhere to Benedictine influences towards the Steinmetzen and a mystical arrangement of their ritual &c. by them, which fact Schauberg says is practically untenable, and so makes English Freemasonry depend on the movements and interchangeability of the German and English Guilds. The great objection to this theory is, that the Steinmetzen were in existence and well organised, as Kloss shows, until 1770, and they seem not to have recognised the "Freimaurer Lodges" nor the Deutsche Freimaurer the "Steinmetzen." That English Masonry was affected by Toland or Deism, is, as we have shown, a chimera, in that, though the "outcome" of 1723 was undoubtedly "universal," as in 1813, yet Christian teaching was very much developed during the whole of the eighteenth century in England. "Toland's Pantheisticum or cum" only appeared in English in 1751, so it could have no influence on the revival in 1717 or 1720. The Latin form appeared in 1720, but neither Anderson nor Desaguliers belonged to the Deistical School. It is too long an "excursus" to follow Bro. Findel among the Illuminati, the Philosophers, and Freethought; and we can only add that Bro. Findel's view of the "Humanitäts Religion," as the Germans say, is too transcendental for us in England. But having said this, we feel bound, as honest Masons, to add that we admire the ability which marks his latest work, and the straightforwardness which induces him to put forward what he knows must be unpopular theories to some extent. We confess that we prefer Bro. Findel in his older "terrain" of archaeolo-

tical enquiry and authentic history; but, as the French say, "tous les 'gouts' sont respectables," we notice the appearance of this new work, and commend it to all who understand German, and can safely think and decide for themselves.

THE CITY DIARY (W. H. and L. Collingridge, *City Press*).—This is the nineteenth year of the publication of this useful and carefully compiled Diary. Besides the usual space for appointments, &c., it contains everything we should imagine necessary to be known in connexion with the Corporation and the City of London generally, and its correctness is sufficiently guaranteed by its being issued from the offices of the *City Press*.

BLACKWOOD'S SHILLING DIARY.—This, too, is an excellent shilling's worth, its principal merits being a large space for entries and good paper.

WARD AND LOCK'S ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF THE WORLD, Parts I. and II. (London: Ward, Lock, and Co., Salisbury-square).—That there is room for such a history as this, which, we are told, is "for the British People," is beyond question; but we confess we were surprised to find, after a pretty careful notice of the letterpress and illustrations, that so much excellent matter, so admirably illustrated, could be supplied at the singularly moderate cost of 7d. each part. The issue is monthly, and twenty-eight parts will complete the work. We commend it to the notice of our readers, especially to those who have rising families, with whom such a work cannot fail to prove most welcome.

AMATEUR WORK, Part I. (London: Ward, Lock & Co.).—This is the first number of a new serial publication, and is edited by the author of "Every Man his own Mechanic." The contents are very various, and include articles on "Modelling in Clay;" a "Japanese Cabinet for China and Bric-a-Brac," the sketches and working drawings being contained in a supplement; "Insect Taxidermy;" "Amateurs in Council," and "Notes on Novelties" by the Editor. The device on the serial, "Help and Guidance for Self Helpers" sufficiently indicates the character, so that we need not say more than that the work is likely to prove as useful as it is interesting.

CASSELL'S ILLUSTRATED ALMANAC, 1882, (Cassell, Petter, and Galpin, London, Paris, and New York).—Contains a mass of information, and is, in all respects, worthy of the high reputation of this enterprising firm.

CASSELL'S ILLUSTRATED UNIVERSAL HISTORY, Part I.; **CASSELL'S CITIES OF THE WORLD**, Part I.: Illustrated.—These are the opening numbers of two very important publications, which have been conceived, and seem likely to be carried out, with that judgment, fulness, and ability which have invariably distinguished this class of work in the hands of the Messrs. Cassell and their able editorial and artistic staff. With Part I. of the History is issued a large presentation plate, by Mr. Alma-Tadema, R.A. It represents "An Audience at Agrippa's," and the mere mention of the artist's name is a guarantee of its merits. As to the contents and illustrations of both serials, the publishers must be congratulated on the excellence of their character. The former is well-written; the latter are well-drawn.

SALE OF THE SUNDERLAND OR BLENHEIM LIBRARY.

It has long been our intention to devote regularly a considerable portion of our space to such matters in connection with the world of letters as are likely to attract the attention of our readers. A long-established feature of the *Freemason* has been the discussion of archæological questions, both in relation to and outside the pale of Masonry. Old works, such as those of Ashmole, Picart, &c., are constantly being referred to, and portions of their contents analyzed or discussed. From time to time also we have noticed sundry of the magazines; and occasionally a few, among the multitude of books which are published year after year for our edification or amusement, have passed under review. But latterly it has occurred to us that, while strictly preserving our original character of a Masonic journal, we might make our columns more generally interesting by inserting reviews of current literature, in addition to the old Masonic Notes and Queries, which are mostly literary. By adopting this course we make our columns acceptable to the general, as well as to the Masonic reader, and by thus appealing to a more extended circle, we must of necessity do more than ever we have been able to do as yet towards awakening the sympathy and respect of the public on behalf of our Fraternity. Far be it from us to suggest that such additional sympathy is indispensable to its welfare. The scope and character of Freemasonry has become pretty widely known during the last few years, and it is generally recognised that the more the public understand about the principles of the Craft, the more unaffectedly do they appreciate it. Therefore, an increase in the sympathy and respect of the outer world, albeit not indispensable, cannot be at all likely to prove detrimental to our interests. With this in our mind's eye we have lately extended our "general tidings" columns, our Masonic intelligence being the while, if anything, fuller, more accurate, and more precise than ever. We are now about to venture in another direction, and shall do our best to make the *Freemason* an organ of literary as well as of Masonic opinion; and we do not see how we can better enter on this task than by drawing attention to the dispersion by public auction of the great Sunderland or Blenheim Library. Great sales of libraries, such as that of the Duke of Roxburghe, in 1812, of Sir M. M. Sykes in 1824, of the Fonthill or Beckford Collection in 1827, of Mr. R. Heber's in 1834-6, have taken place, but we question if any of them will be found to have excited a greater degree of interest than the sale which commenced on Thursday, the 1st inst., and will be continued—Sundays excepted—till Monday, the 22nd inst., inclusive. It must be remembered also that the auction now proceeding relates to only one fourth part of the whole collection, the disposal of the second instalment or section being announced as likely to take place about April of next year, and the two remaining sections at

times yet undecided upon. Thus the catalogue we are about to describe, somewhat more minutely than in a former number, may be said to convey only a fourth part of the idea of the great merits of this splendid library.

It is not improbable that the loss of an individual may in some measure result in the public good, and that our national library at the British Museum, as well as our University and other libraries, may be enriched by some among the best of the literary treasures of Blenheim now in process of being scattered to the four winds of Heaven. It is not the less to be regretted, however, that so large and varied an accumulation of rare books should be dispersed. As regards the Sunderland Library, the property of a nobleman, which had taken years to collect, the country felt a certain amount of pride in knowing that many of the most valued book treasures of the world were to be found within the limits of the United Kingdom. Its regret will be commensurately great when it realises that this collection has been broken up. Fine libraries, as we have said before, have been disposed of ere now, but it seldom happens that one so historically famous is offered for sale at a public auction.

Of sales that have taken place during the present century may be mentioned those of the Duke of Roxburghe's library, in 1812, the Fonthill, in 1827, the Heber Library, in the years 1834-6, and the Duke of Sussex's, in 1844. The last-named was remarkable by reason of the large and rare collection of theological books and MSS. That of Mr. Richard Heber, sometime M.P. for the University of Oxford, and half-brother of Reginald Heber, Bishop of Calcutta, was sold at intervals during the years mentioned—the catalogue being in nine parts. If our memory serves us aright, the days it lasted were 166, and the amount realised over £47,000. The sale of the library of the Duke of Roxburghe occupied forty-two days, and though the collection is said to have cost his Grace not more than £5000, the sale produced £23,314. One lot that was disposed of calls for special notice. It was a copy—believed to be the only perfect one in existence—of the "Decameron" of Boccaccio, printed at Venice, by Valdarfer, in 1471, being the first edition that was issued with a date. This was in the first instance purchased by the Duke of Roxburghe (2nd) for £100, and led to his son, the third Duke, indulging in the praiseworthy occupation, or mania, as some are pleased to call it, of book collecting. At the death of the latter, his library, as we have said, was sold by auction, and, after a long and eager competition, in which the famous book collectors, Earl Spencer, who died in 1834, the Marquis of Blandford of that day, and the then Duke of Devonshire took part, the Earl bid £2250, which the Marquis capped with £2260, and so secured the coveted work. Strange to say, at the White Knight's sale, a few years later, when the same Marquis of Blandford's works were sold, the book was purchased by his old rival, Earl Spencer, for £900.

We should greatly like to say more about this Roxburghe sale, but the demands on our space must not be overlooked, and for the present we must content ourselves with giving a short sketch of the sale now in progress.

The catalogue comprises no less than 2700 lots, among which are very many, the mere mention of which must make the mouth water of the most enthusiastic bibliophile. Of Greek and Latin classical authors the specimens are numerous as well as valuable; in some instances, indeed, they may be set down as almost beyond price, these being in each case distinguishable from the less imposing copies by the magic words "first edition," or "editio princeps." Lot 101, comprises three rare books, of which one is the "Æsop" of Pynson, of 1502. Of No. 150, the work of Albertinus "de Mirabilibus novæ et veteris urbis Romæ," in 4to., Rome, 1510, printed on vellum, we are told only two or three copies are known. No. 249 is the first twelve books of "Amadis de Gaule" in French, printed at Paris, 1540-56; while No. 250 consists of the twenty-one books of the same, also in French, but printed at Lyons, 1577-81, and is stated to be a "very rare edition, not often found complete." No. 285 is an edition in vellum of the Odes of Anacreon, Paris, 1554; and No. 408, a first edition, also on vellum, of the "Argonautics of Apollonius Rhodius," Florence, 1496, MacCarthy's copy of which sold for 1753fr. (£70 4s.); while No. 409 includes a first edition, on paper, of the same work bound up with the "Argonautics of Orpheus," Junta edition, 1500, the former having fetched nine guineas, and the latter £14 at Hibbert's sale. Nos. 443, "Apuleius," 1469, and 454, Thomas Aquinas' "Commentary on the Gospels of SS. Matthew, Luke, and John," 1467, are from the press of Sweynheim and Pannartz. Nos. 502-523, both inclusive, are all copies of the "Orlando Furioso" of Ariosto, either original or translated, several of them being marked as rare or exceedingly rare. From 555 to 638 are editions of the different works of the great Aristotle, No. 567, the Nicomachean Ethics, Sweynheim and Pannartz, 1473, and No. 612, the "Poetics," in Latin, Aldine edition, Venice, 1536. R. Arnold's rare old "Chronicle," black letter, without place, date, or name of printer, will be found at No. 649; while No. 670 is a fine MS., in bold Gothic characters, of "Le Roman du Roi Artus et les Compagnons de la Table Ronde," in two volumes, of about the fourteenth century, each volume containing several beautiful miniatures painted in colours and illuminated in gold. No. 731, Augustine, "De Civitate Dei," printed on vellum, is from the press of J. and V. de Spira, Venice, 1470, besides which there are several other editions of this or other works of the same distinguished author. Nos. 1299 to 1465 are different editions of the Bible—Polyglot, Hebrew, Greek, Latin, English, Spanish, French, Italian, &c., No. 1336 being a Latin Bible in MS. of about the fourteenth century. No. 337, also Latin, in two volumes, from the Furst and Schoiffer press, is described as being in better condition than H. Perkins's copy, which in 1870 was sold for £780. No. 1389 is a copy of the "Sixtine Bible," suppressed by Pope Gregory XIV.; No. 1413, of Cranmer's, or "the Great" Bible, E. Whitchurche, 1541; No. 1424, Bible (English), on vellum, Oxford, 1717, known as the "Vinegar" Bible. Two other copies only are mentioned by Lowndes, one being in the Royal and the other in the Bodleian Library, so that this is likely to be the only copy offered for sale. Among other editions represented is the first of the "Bear" Bible (Spanish), so called from the device on title, Cardinal Ximenes' and Waiton's Polyglot Bibles, &c.

It is time, however, we hurried to the close of our enumeration. Boccaccio is numerous represented; No. 604 being an imperfect copy of the celebrated Valdarfer edition, 1471, of the Decameron, already referred to as having realised £2260 at the Roxburghe sale. There are

likewise both first and second editions of Cæsar, the former from Sweynheim and Pannartz's press, 1469, and the latter from N. Jenson's, 1471, with editions of Cervantes, Catullus, Callimachus (a copy of the last mentioned fetched sixty guineas at the Roxburghe sale), "De Bry's Collection of Voyages to the East and West Indies," "Camoens," the Portuguese Poet; our own W. Camden's "Britannia," and his "Annals," &c. The list which, up to the present time, reaches up to only "Char," as we have remarked already, is an unusually rare collection, both of some among the choicest specimens of early editing, as well as of the earliest works of the great printers of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

PICART'S CEREMONIES.

We have not quite got to the bottom of the real history of this remarkable work; and there is even now still some mystery about its actual date of original publication. The main edition, so far generally acknowledged, is, as Brunet says, the edition of 1723-43, published in French. There are later issues in French of 1731, 1741, 1783, 1789, and 1807. The English edition of 1733, and the French edition of 1741, are both in all probability copies of the 1723 edition, some of the plates in 1733 being re-engraved by Gravelot. The Dutch edition of 1727 is, in all probability, inferior to the 1723 edition, and the plates are not so good, and probably transfers, though there may be doubts as to this. In that case the curious fact remains that the plates of 1733 and 1741 are in all probability a correct representation of the original plates of 1723, though that can only be ascertained correctly by careful collation and examination. But, in the meantime, another "hare" has been started—that there is an edition of 1720, or of 1721, of which Brunet makes no mention, and which is apparently unknown to the trade. There is no difficulty now, as regards the Masonic print of 1735, as it is covered in each case by the date of publication of the volumes; but what shall we say of this alleged edition of 1720 or 1721? How could the plate get into that edition? It may be that this is only a "partial edition," one of the "plusieurs reprises" to which Maserier alludes in his preface in 1741, as having been going on for twenty years, which would exactly bring us to 1721. It is "bene notanda" that though the essay on the "Freemasons" only occurs in the French edition of 1741, the Rosicrucian Chapter is found in all, while the "footnotes" about Freemasonry, vary considerably in the Dutch edition of 1727 and the English of 1733, and, therefore, in all probability, Maserier means when he talks of the "premiere edition d'Hollande," the edition of 1723. But one further question remains—when was the first French edition published in Paris or Antwerp?

MASONIC STUDENT.

CORDINER'S ILLUSTRATION.

By a mistake of the printer, the words "Fallou's mysteries" have been substituted in last notes for "Fellowes's mysteries." M. S.

PICART.

Gough's name is an interpolation. The edition of 1733 was published by "Du Bosc" and Jackson, if not another. The word Gough refers to the sale catalogue. M. S.

EARLY USE OF FREEMASON.

The reference to Rymer, thanks to "W. R. H.," has been verified, though not in Rymer, but in the Sloane MSS., by the help of Mr. Papworth. So that we now have the use undoubtedly of "Freemaceon" in 1396. I understand that Britton's reference to the 1396 and 1397 Exeter Fabric Rolls cannot be verified. But that matters little. Perhaps someone will now try to verify the use of Freemason in 1250, 1319, 1334, 1370, 1403, as mentioned by "W. H. R.," and as given in Mr. Papworth's work. In the earliest Fabric Roll of Wells' Cathedral, 1392, and downwards, the words "lathami," "cementarii," and "operarii" seem to occur indifferently. "Freemason" is first found, I understand, in 1490, the heading in use still being "lathamos." In 1490 the following entry occurs in the "Liber Rubus": "Admissio Willi Atwoode Lathami; the same day the Dean and Chapter being assembled at the customary hour, granted to Wm. Atwoode, freemason, pro suo bono et laudabili officio in arte sua deo et ecclesie beati andree in Dec. et cap in posterum impendendo, idem officium quod Willielmus Smythe eciam latamus nuper habuit ecclesie cum annua pensione." They gave him also a letter under their common seal, having first of all stipulated that he should have his home or house in the city of Wells, and be at all times ready to carry out faithfully and diligently the orders of the chapter. The purport of this circular, missive, or testimonial was as follows. It is too long to publish "in extenso" here, and so I only give a "precis" of it now, hoping (D.V.) to publish it in full, under "Archæological Notes," in the "Masonic Magazine" for January, 1882. "John Gunthorp, the Dean and Chapter, make known to all the faithful that they have grated to Wm. Atwoode for his good and faithful service in his art of freemasonry, and also because he had sworn with good faith and deliberate mind that he would, without hindrance, make a bodily use of his art for them and their successors, as well for their church, as for its successors, so for themselves and their successors (they had granted) an annual pension of twenty-six shillings and eightpence, payable by quarterly payments to the end of his life, namely, on Christmas Day, Easter, St. John the Baptist, and Michaelmas Day." This is a very important document, in respect of this circular, letter, or certificate, now, I think, for the first time published as such.

MASONIC STUDENT.

ELIAS ASHMOLE.

My esteemed friend, Bro. W. J. Hughan, still slightly misapprehends the "point" of our friendly difference. I had said originally, in reference to certain discoveries at Warrington, that it was generally held, not that I held it, at any rate when I wrote, that the lodge at Warrington was mainly operative. To this Bro. Hughan demurred, and this "point" I reasserted, giving reasons and illustrations for what I said. At one time, some years back, I held the view, and said, that I certainly believed that the operative lodges of the seventeenth century were the precursors of the eighteenth century speculative Masonry. But for some

time I have been exercised by this "Crux"—when did the operative lodges and speculative lodges really conjoin? The eighteenth century theory of Masons origin was untenable, and all the evidences of the seventeenth century seemed to be mainly speculative after all, not operative, as was once supposed. Could we find some other point of contact? I think I have found it in the dissolution of the Guilds, 1. Edw. VI. But then came up this further query, What support is there for the commonly received opinion that the lodge at Warrington, for instance, was mainly operative? And then it seemed to me, as to others, that we could hardly sustain the theory. A good deal turns upon the precise age of his "New Articles" in the later Harleian MS., if it be later, after all, but on the whole I now believe that the seventeenth century Masonry is also mainly speculative. Thus, though the utter difference between Bro. Hughan and myself is "not a distinction without a difference," it is after all more in words than in reality. I will adhere to my original statement as to the generally understood character of the operative nature of the lodge at Warrington, which I think very rational under the circumstances, though recent investigations seem to show that the process of the absorption of the speculative element was earlier and fuller than we once generally held. The old "Crux" of the "point of Masonry contact" between operatives and speculatives where, as the Americans say, we "hitched on" to the "old channels," has always been before me; and, curiously enough, the recent discoveries by "W. H. R." at Warrington, (see December "Masonic Magazine"), bring me back to the point I started from when I delivered my first lecture on "Masonic archaeology," now, alas! nearly twenty-three years ago.

MASONIC STUDENT.

BRITISH BUILDERS ON THE CONTINENT.

I add the following instances from Fallou, and as they tell against his pet theory I presume we may accept them, in spite of his general unreliability:—A.D. 582, St. Peter's Convent, Salzburg, under the Irish monk, Rudbert; Ca. A.D. 610, Convents at Costnitz and Augsburg, under the Irish monk, Edumban; Ca. A.D. 606, Convents at Regensburg, under the Irish monk, Rudbert; Ca. A.D. 740, Convents at Eschstadt, under the Irish monk, Willibald. It is probable, however, that very little Masonry entered into the composition of these buildings, and the instances I am most anxious to find are between the tenth and thirteenth centuries.

ENTERED APPRENTICE STUDENT.

LODGE HISTORIES AND HISTORY OF 183, LONDON.

I am always delighted to greet the last "newcome" on the history of lodges, and so most warmly hail the advent of that of the "Lodge of Unity," No. 183, by Bro. Speth, P.M. It is quite certain that until the importance of such lodge histories (*especially pre-Union lodges*) is more generally recognized we shall not be in possession of many facts of interest, hidden in old volumes neglected or unknown by the present owners. Of late years, stimulated by the many articles in the *Freemason*, and other means, there have been several sketches of lodges added to our stores, and the wonder is, that considering the repeated enquiries and the numerous searches after finds of value, there are, after all, so few published. Some brethren are probably deterred by fears respecting the expenses of publication, and to such the columns of the "Masonic Magazine" offer an excellent medium for a concise account of the career of old lodges. When a limited edition only is needed, the cost is not very high, and I feel sure that my good Bro. Lake, P.M., &c., at 16, Great Queen-st., will be only too pleased to advise anyone desirous of writing a history of his lodge as to the probable outlay, quite irrespective of who is to be the publisher, just as he has frequently done for me in my little ventures. The point is to furnish whatever is of general value to the Craft, and of interest to the members particularly, and there are some histories now in circulation which are models of their kind, and most useful as guides for those who are laudably ambitious of handing the career of their lodge "down to posterity." The history of the "Lodge of Unity," No. 183, is, in fact, a model one of its kind, and I congratulate Bro. Speth on so happy a result to his labours. Of course some lodge histories would not require the research, patience, and Masonic intelligence to write, as that of 183, because *all* their Records are preserved, but unfortunately those of the "Unity" are missing of the very period for which they were most wanted, and so Bro. Speth has had to study hard to fill up the lapses in its history from other sources than the ordinary minutes. This he has done well; and a continuous record, as far as possible, is presented of the lodge from its origin in 1709 to 1881. There are several interesting narratives in the racy volume now lying before me; but as it is published for the benefit of the Charity Fund (at half-a-guinea each), I must not say too much about its contents here, but refer intending purchasers to the author direct. The introduction is well and carefully written, and will prove to be a handy medium for glancing at the chief points in English Freemasonry prior to the constitution of the lodge for those who have hitherto refrained from so interesting a study. It is a good idea to give the old by-laws, warrant, and other documents, little often known to the brethren; but it is not many who would have taken the trouble to compile such exhaustive tables, exhibiting the fluctuations of membership, lists of officers, places of meeting, and numbers of the lodges from the earliest records and those of the Grand Lodge registers. In these respects, while they are not at all attractive features in a printer's view, they are most useful to the members, and will increase in value "as time rolls on." The book, typographically and Masonically, leaves nothing to be desired. Few brethren have ever better deserved a vote of thanks and gold centenary jewel than our Bro. George William Speth for such services, and I am pleased to hear that the members of the Lodge of Unity, No. 183, have thus acknowledged his handy and readable history.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PICART'S RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES.

Bro. Hughan in referring to an account of this book in his "Masonic Sketches and Reprints," evidently thinks that he has got to the bottom of the whole subject. In that account he has seemingly worked on defective information; but bibliography is a subject which requires

extreme care and exactitude, and I must confess that, as far as I am able to judge, the description in "Masonic Sketches" leaves the subject not very clear, and the letter in your last issue does not improve the appearance of things. To turn to "Masonic Sketches" it would be interesting to know in which edition of Picart's work, Bro. Hughan's friend was "unable to find any allusion to Freemasonry." We are told in a note that the volumes of Picart differ as to date; the first being 1723, and the fifth, 1737. Bro. Hughan winds up his description of the note on Freemasonry thus, no number of volume being given: "à Amsterdam chez J. F. Bernard, MDCCXXIII. fol." From this we can only judge that the note in Picart was published 1723, i.e. twelve years before Lord Weymouth was Grand Master, therefore it could hardly be copied, as he informs us, from Pine's list of 1735, and how are we to account for this date given in brackets by him in the French text. Bro. Hughan, in his letter in your last issue, informs us that Vol. IV. of Picart, containing the note on Freemasonry, "is of the year 1735," and we are told that "Picart's List of Lodges" has been given in the *Freemason*, and it and many others are to be found in Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges." This does not agree with the original date given, 1723, and I have looked in vain in Bro. Gould's work for either Picart's or Pine's list of 1735. Indeed, in Bro. Hughan's account of "A Curious List of Lodges, A.D. 1736" ("Masonic Magazine," Vol. VIII. p. 404, &c.) we are told that Pine's list of 1735 is still wanting in the collection of Grand Lodge. The real facts of the case seem to be these. The list on Picart's plate is taken from that of Pine, as stated in the original text of Picart, and as mentioned by Bro. Hughan. The first edition of the "Ceremonies" is, apparently, that printed at Amsterdam, which is, as we learn from the title page, a series of plates designed by Bernard Picart, with an historical explanation and curious dissertations, evidently to a great extent a series of articles written to a series of plates. Of this edition, printed in French, the only volume which need be noticed is Vol. IV., in which the note on p. 251, &c., contains a dissertation on Freemasonry, (and the double plate). This volume is dated on the title 1736. An edition in Dutch was issued in 1727-1738, "translated from French into Dutch by Abraham Moubach." This was also published at Amsterdam (and Rotterdam, &c.); and in Vol. VI., pp. 233-4, is what appears to be nothing more than a translation from the note in the edition in French. The plate also is in every respect the same as that in Vol. IV. of that edition. From the title of the edition in French, published at Paris by Rollin, we learn that the text was written by the Abbé Banier, and the Abbé Mascier. Vol. IV. is dated 1741, and on pp. 334-342, we have a discussion on "La Société des Frémasons," based on "Masonry Dissected," the "Constitutions of 1723," and "certain manuscripts." This forms chapter 5 of the "Ceremonies, &c., Religieuses des Protestans," and takes the place of the note of the Amsterdam editions. The plate is also given, but all the "signs of houses" and figures in the foreground being reversed even to the coat-of-arms of Lord Weymouth, proves without any doubt that it is only a transfer from the original plate. The lettering and certain lines have been re-engraved, and the list of lodges commences at the right-hand top corner of the *screen*, whereas in the original edition it commences properly at the left-hand top corner. An edition in English appeared, Vol. VI., London, 1737, in which there is no account of the Freemasons; but on page 203 occurs the following note to the chapter on the Labadists (following the original editions as to its place): "The Free-Masons, who are so well known in England that we need not give our Readers any account of them: Besides it is out of the Sphere of this Work: But the ignorant or curious Reader may consult the 'Book of the Constitutions' and 'The Defence of Masonry,' occasioned by a Pamphlet called 'Masonry Dissected.' The Prints here annexed represent Free-Masons." We have here again the reversed plate, as in the edition published by Rollin. The title informs us that the book was "written originally in French," and we learn from the "Preface Generale" of the edition in French (Vol. I., à Amsterdam, 1723) that the original intention of the publisher was to print the work in four volumes, according to the programme they issued in November, 1720. We may, I think, fairly conclude that, except some of the plates were issued separately at an earlier date, we have in the edition in French, Amsterdam, 1723-1737, the earliest example of the work. If Pine's list of 1735 is still extant, it would be interesting to know if it bears any mention of Lord Weymouth or Sir Richard Steele. The position of the former at the head of Picart's list would be correct for the year 1735, but surely there must have been some reason for adding the portrait of the latter, who died on the 1st September, 1729, six years before the list was printed.

N. Y. Z.

ABBAY OF ARBROATH.

In my letter of last week appears a most curious sentence, viz., "Are any Abbeys or Convents extant bearing an impression of this seal?" I cannot help surmising that the printer is responsible for this, and that I wrote, as I certainly intended to, "Are any documents of this Abbey extant bearing, &c." Masonic Student in his letter on the subject is scarcely so accurate as usual. Fallou does not give a representation of this seal. M. S. however probably speaks from memory and not by the book, as his edition of Fallou happens at the present moment to be in my possession. I am quite unable to agree with his statement that the seal represents the martyrdom of Thomas à Becket. The only person present that could represent the martyr is kneeling, with his right arm bared to the elbow and his eyes hoodwinked, is a young beardless man and not in clerical attire. The three men, represented with drawn swords are clothed as workmen, not as knights, and do not appear particularly blood-thirsty. Their eyes and actions are directed towards the kneeling figure, not towards the personage behind the pedestal or altar. Which figure does M. S. call the king? It must be either the one behind the altar or the one on his knees. In that case the kneeling figure must either be the martyr or the king, and in neither case would the costume or the bandages over the eyes be appropriate. I take the interpretation of initiation to be fully justified, and to my mind the chief question is, to whom did the seal belong.

ENTERED APPRENTICE STUDENT.

THE RABBI LEON.

Can any one identify this personage, in whose possession, according to Dermott, "Ahiman Rezon," second edition,

1764, p. 34, the Freemasons' arms now in use were found, and whom he terms the "learned and famous Hebrewist, architect, and brother, Rabbi Jacob Jehudah Leon?" I say this because, as Chyle tells us of him, in the "Statutes of Wells," his existence, and his model of the temple, to which Dermott also alludes, it is important, if possible, to verify him, as the very model may still be in existence. Chyle talks of his model about 1680. Dermott says he saw it, and a description of it, dedicated to King Charles II., and that he had the pleasure, in 1759 and 1760, of perusing and examining both these curiosities. Dermott also mentions a patent under the Great Seal, by Charles II., permitting the exhibition in England, signed Killigrew. Chyle's words, as quoted in the Statutes of Wells, are as follows: "That model of Solomon's Temple composed by Rabbi Leon, of the Hebrew nation, which has been, and still is, common to be seen in London, and if we may believe their papers and report, was seven years in contriving, making, and finishing, doubtless very exact, and worth any inquirable persons view and contemplation." Can nothing be done to verify these statements? Is this Rabbi Leon, the same as the Rabbi Leon of Modena, who is said, in the preface of the English Picart of 1733, to have written the "Jewish Antiquities" for Gaffarel, or Gaffarelli, in his "Curiosités Inouïes?"

ANTIQUARIUS.

MASONIC RECORDS.

In Bro. John Yarker's little book, "Speculative Freemasonry," published 1872, the following references appear:—I shall be glad of information on the various subjects mentioned, p. 104 note. Some stray document has been turned up in America, which says: "In the spring of 1658, Mordecai Campaunall, Moses Packeckoe, Levi, and others, in all fifteen families, arrived at Newport (America), from Holland. They brought with them the first three Degrees of Masonry, and worked them in the house of Campaunall, and continued to do so, they and their successors, to the year 1742."—Rev. Edward Paterson, History of Rhode Island, page 101. Of Charles I., Dr. Leeson has some letters alluding to Freemasonry, p. 113: "Brother Matthew Cooke has ready for republication a book printed in England in 1722, and dedicated to the Grand Lodge, March 1st, 1721, which contains the following at p. 10," &c., &c., (Bro. Yarker gives some extracts):—p. 128, "Bro. H. B. Leeson, 33," is possessed of an old charter granted by the Pretender for the High Grades, and has asserted that some French edition of the English Constitutions of 1720, printed at Brussels in 1722, contains in the 37th clause allusion to the following—"i.e., the High Grades."

MASONIC ENQUIRER.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

The Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of this province was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., in the Apollo University Masonic Hall, Oxford. In the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Grand Master, H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. Reginald Bird, M.A., presided. There was a good attendance of the brethren of the province.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the reports of the various lodges in the province were read, and stated to be satisfactory.

The Treasurer read his report, and the usual votes to Masonic and Local Charities were passed.

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER alluded to the great services of Bro. Randall, who had for twenty-six years served the Provincial Grand Lodge as its Treasurer, and by the vote of the lodge presented Bro. Randall, who was now retiring from office, with a Past Provincial Grand Treasurer's jewel, which was acknowledged by Bro. Randall in a very feeling speech.

Bro. W. G. Emberlin was unanimously elected Treasurer. A grant of £10 10s. was made to the "Hervey Memorial Fund," and a vote of thanks was given to Bros. Wyatt and Davison for service recently rendered to the province. A pension was voted to the late Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. Hobbs. Bars of the Charity Jewel were presented to Bros. Withington, H. R. Cooper Smith, Wigram, and J. Potts.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then invested the officers for the ensuing year, as follows:

Bro. J. Potts	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. J. Hughes	Prov. J.G.W.
" F. H. Penny	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. H. White	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. G. Emberlin	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. Winkfield, P.P.G.W.	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. P. Ellis	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. Salter	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. Atkins	Prov. G.S. of W.
" R. E. Baynes	Prov. G.D. of C's
" M. H. Humsfrey	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" H. G. Drinkwater	Prov. G. Org.
" A. Rowley	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. Houghton, P.P.G.W.	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" W. L. Morgan	Prov. G. Purst's.
" T. E. Withington	Prov. G. Stwds.
Bros. S. D. Darbshire, T. Lucas, A. Breakspear, C. Head, S. Sandbach, and — Monckton	Prov. G. Tyler.
Bro. G. Norwood	Prov. G.A. Tyler.
" W. Biggs	Prov. G.A. Tyler.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Clarendon Hotel, when Mr. Attwood supplied a repast of the most *recherché* description, which was served up in excellent style.

After the usual loyal toasts, the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "The Grand Master," "The Provincial Grand Master," "The Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. F. J. MORRELL, P.G.D.

"The Provincial Grand Master, H.R.H. Prince Leopold," was then proposed by the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, who explained the causes of H.R.H.'s absence that day.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then proposed "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was replied to by Bro. POTTS, the Provincial Grand Senior Warden.

Bro. F. J. MORRELL then proposed "The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master," to which Bro. BIRD replied.

"The Masonic Charities" and the Tyler's toast completed the list. By the courtesy of the Great Western Railway Company the Banbury brethren returned the same evening by special.

CONSECRATION OF THE ISRAEL CHAPTER, No. 1502, AT LIVERPOOL.

The interest taken in the progress of Freemasonry in his Province by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom was again evinced on Tuesday last by his presence at the consecration of a new Royal Arch Chapter, in connection with the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, which has enjoyed an amount of prosperity arising in a large measure from the enthusiasm and fine Masonic spirit which has been displayed by every one of its members. The proposal to form a chapter as a necessary adjunct of the lodge was taken up some time ago with much spirit, and the consecration, which took place on Tuesday last, at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, was carried into accomplishment with the surest augury that this, the most recent addition to the long list of Royal Chapters will prove both valuable and honourable. Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Prov. G.S., whose warm and active interest in the chapters under his control is recognised and fully appreciated, was present on the occasion to give additional eclat to the interesting ceremony, and the very large and highly influential gathering of companions from various portions of the extensive province showed that his presence was thoroughly appreciated. Besides the P.G. Superintendent, there were present Comps. W. B. Ackerley, P.P.G.H.; William Ashley Clayton, P.G.J.; H. S. Alpass, Prov. G.S.E.; John Houlding, P.G.S.N.; J. W. Ballard, P.G.A.S.; John Wells, P.G.D.C.; Robert Wylie, P.P.G.H.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; Jos. Skeaf, P.G.O.; Samuel Wylde, P.P.G.S.B.; Jas. Winsor, P.Z. 203, 241, T. Webster, H. S. 23; John Lunt, P.Z. 241, 1086; J. L. Houghton, Z. 594; Dr. A. Samuels, Z. 241; Capt. J. W. Newman, Z. 680; Alderman J. F. Newell, P.P.G.P.S.; Rev. H. Davis Marks, P.S. 204; Hugh Williams, P.P.G.S.B.; Geo. Broadbridge, P.Z. 680; Alex. Levy, P.Z. 185; John Pemberton, P.P.G.S.B.; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.H. (Cheshire); Thomas Armstrong, P.P.G. Treas. Dr. Bailey, J. 680; H. Ashmore, Z. 823; John Wray, Z. 703; Walter C. Erwin, J. 1393; Jos. Wood, 249 (*Freemason*); and others.

A chapter was provisionally formed, Comp. R. Wylie acting as Z., Comp. Ackerley acting as H., Comp. Ashley Clayton acting as J., Comp. J. Lunt acting as S.E., Comp. John Houlding acting as S.N., Comp. J. W. Newman acting as P.S., Comp. J. W. Ballard acting as 1st A.S., and Comp. J. Wray acting as 2nd A.S.

The companions then received the R.W.P.G. Superintendent with Masonic honours. His lordship took the chair and briefly addressed the chapter, expressing the great pleasure he experienced in being present to open the Chapter of Israel, 1502. He then called upon Comp. H. S. Alpass, P.S.E., to read the petition to Grand Chapter and the charter authorising the formation of the new chapter, after which he proceeded with the ceremony of consecration, assisted by Comps. Ackerley and Clayton, Comp. R. Wylie acting as D.C. At the conclusion the R.W.P.G. Superintendent expressed his "Hearty good wishes" for the success of the new Chapter of Israel.

Comp. R. Wylie then proceeded to instal the three Principals designate, assisted by Comps. J. R. Goepel, viz., Comps. Maurice Hart, M.E.Z.; Sigismund Schönstadt, H.; and H. Asher Tobias, J. The ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner. The elections of S.E. and P.S. were postponed, but the following were elected and invested: Comps. M. Aronsberg, W.M. 1502, S.N.; D. Gabrielson, Treas.; and W. H. Ball, Janitor. A number of brethren were proposed for joining. The R.W.P.G. Superintendent was unanimously elected a life member.

His LORDSHIP, in returning thanks, said he very highly esteemed the honour which had been conferred on him that day. He had no doubt, he said, that, judging from what he had seen on that occasion, and the list they had just heard, the new chapter would be a flourishing one. He must own that the ever increasing number of lodges and chapters made him feel a great responsibility. If, as was possible, it should ultimately be necessary to divide this province of West Lancashire into two or more provinces, he had every confidence that the Chapter of Israel, No. 1502, would be one of the foremost on the roll of this city. His lordship then took leave of the companions, as he had guests to entertain at Lathom Hall.

At the banquet which followed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Comp. W. Ashley Clayton responded for "The R.W. Prov. G. Supt." in his absence; Comps. Wylie and Alpass spoke for "The P.G. Officers." Comp. Alpass proposed "The Chapter of Israel," and Comp. Alderman J. F. Newell gave "The Three Principals" in highly flattering terms. "The Officers" and "The Visitors" followed; the latter being coupled with the names of Comps. John Wells, P.G.D.C.; Dr. A. Samuel, Z. 241; and the Rev. H. Davis Marks, P.S. 204.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. Jos. Skeaf, P.G.O., assisted by Comps. T. Armstrong, P.P.G.T.; H. Ashmore, Z. 203; and J. P. Bryan, S. 203. Several members and visitors contributed to the harmony of the evening.

PROVINCIAL GREAT PRIORY OF NORTHUMBERLAND, DURHAM, AND BERWICK-UPON-TWEED.

The Provincial Great Priory of Northumberland, Durham, and Berwick-upon-Tweed was held under the banner of the Royal Kent Preceptory, at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Friday, the 25th ult.

The Royal Kent Preceptory was opened by Sir Knight Robert Allan Luck, E.P., at four o'clock, and after installing a candidate, received the E. Prov. Prior, Sir Knight C. J. Banister, and the Great Officers under an Arch of Steel, who then opened the Provincial Priory in due form.

The V.E. Prov. Prior of Staffordshire and Warwickshire was also received under an Arch of Steel, and duly saluted, and returned thanks to the knights.

The roll of preceptories being called, satisfactory reports were received from each Commander. The officers for the ensuing year were then appointed as follows:

- Sir Knt. Major James Monks ... Prov. Sub-Prior.
- Rev. Canon Tristram ... Prov. Prelate.
- W. Brandt ... Prov. Chan.
- Adam Winlaw ... Prov. Constable.
- James Gibson Toull ... Prov. Marshal.
- Henry Hotham ... Prov. Treas.
- Robert Allan Luck ... Prov. Reg.
- Thos. Wm. Watson ... Prov. Vice-Chan.
- Henry Maddison ... Prov. Sub-Marshal.
- Rev. C. Jackson ... Prov. Chap. and Almoner.
- Charles Rutter Fry ... Prov. W. of Reg.
- Martin ... Prov. Herald.
- Bousfield and Ness ... Prov. Std. Brs.
- Meek and Kinmond ... Prov. Aide-de-Camps.
- John James Wilks ... Prov. Chamberln.
- Wilson and Barrow ... Prov. 1st and 2nd Cpts. of Guards.
- Tovey ... Prov. Org.
- Treuholme and Sims ... Prov. Equeries.

The E. PRIOR delivered an impressive address, which was listened to with marked attention, and called forth a vote of thanks. The Very Emt. Pro. Prior of Staffordshire and Warwickshire, Sir Knight Charles Fendelow also addressed the meeting, and expressed his great pleasure in being privileged to meet his old and valued friends again in Provincial Conclave.

After the alms were collected the Provincial Priory was closed in due form, and the Illustrious Knights retired under an arch of steel.

The Royal Kent Preceptory was closed, and the knights adjourned to the dining hall where they thoroughly enjoyed the banquet, which was all that could be desired, under the presidency of the Very Emt. Pro. Prior, Sir Knight C. J. Banister, who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily responded to by each knight. Many of the knights contributed to the harmony of the evening by songs and recitations, and the last toast brought a truly enjoyable meeting to its close.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS
Craft Masonry.

HAMPTON HEMMING LODGE (No. 1512).—This lodge met on the 17th ult., at the Lion Hotel, Hampton, when there were present, among others, Bros. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., W.M.; John Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., acting S.W.; Moody, J.W.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., Secretary; T. W. Ockenden, P.G.S. Middx., I.P.M.; Tozer, S.D.; Davey, J.D.; Bartlett, I.G.; Jessett, P.M.; and Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Bird was duly passed to the Second Degree. Communications were then read from Bro. E. Hopwood, P.M.; Hiscox, S.W., and several other members.

Apologies for non-attendance having been read, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent collation, admirably served by Bro. Ballard. Upon the removal of the cloth some of the principal Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured. W. Bro. W. Hammond replied in fluent terms upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers," and then gave "The W.M." Bro. Walls having responded, proposed "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. Ockenden, I.P.M., who briefly acknowledged the compliment. "The Health of the Officers," responded to by Bros. Tozer, Davey, and Bartlett, terminated the proceedings.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 1563).—On Thursday, the 24th ult., the installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, Bro. J. E. Shand, W.M., presiding. Among the Past Masters were Bros. E. White, B. H. Swallow, B. Philips Turner, and E. J. Scott, Sec. There was also a good attendance of members of the lodge, and the following visitors: Bros. Julian Hooper, 1515; E. Farwig, P.M. 180; A. Dippie, 645; A. Fish, P.M. 1366; J. L. Anderson, 554; G. P. Festa, S.W. 1000; John G. Wynn, 201; S. Carrington, P.M. 1314; Alfred G. Winsor, 1314; J. B. Docker, P.M. 1687; Egbert Roberts, Org. 1623; D. Haslett, P.M. 145; James Crossland, W.M. 1687; W. H. Jackson, jun., P.M. 1745; Joseph S. Gabriel, Treas. 1765; T. P. Martin, 1765; L. Valeriani, J.D. 1687; W. W. Morgan, jun., J.W. 1107; G. F. Hammond, 1765; W. Carrington, S.D. 1791; J. Swaagman; and H. Massey, W.M. 1928, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*).

Bros. Hofman and Radcliffe were passed to the Second Degree, after which Bro. Shand duly installed Bro. John Waugh, S.W., as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The following brethren were appointed to office: Bros. J. E. Shand, I.P.M.; Hammond, S.W.; Eastgate, J.W.; Shand, I.P.M., Treas.; Edwin J. Scott, P.M., Sec.; E. J. Jones, S.D.; H. S. Lee, J.D.; W. C. Smith, I.G.; Hoare, Org.; James, D.C.; Hill, W.S.; and Potter, Tyler. After the adoption of the report of the Audit Committee, Bro. Turner, P.M., accepted the office of Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and on the motion of Bro. E. White, P.M., seconded by Bro. May, ten guineas was voted to his list.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," and "The Pro G.M.," &c., had been proposed and disposed of, Bro. J. E. Shand proposed "The Health of the W.M." In doing so, he said Bro. Waugh had been a member of the lodge for many years, ever since its formation, and he was a good and worthy Mason who would discharge the duties of Master of the lodge with credit and satisfaction. The toast having been drunk, the W.M., in reply, said he felt very deeply the responsibility which rested upon him in the position in which he had been placed, but he should immediately proceed to put himself in the confidence of the brethren by laying claims to their generosity to support him in that position. Without them he could do nothing; with their assistance the most onerous work would be a labour of love to him. If he could do anything it would only be with their good favour; and if he failed it would be his own fault, because it was not from want of love for the Order. He should do his best to do honour to the office; that would be his mission. He hoped

when he had been a year in office, if the G.A.O.T.U. spared him so long, he should instal his successor. They must all endeavour to make themselves happy, and communicate happiness to each other. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of Bro. John E. Shand, I.P.M." The way in which that brother had conducted his work, the way in which he had always attended to his duties during the year and through the whole existence of the lodge, his ability in installing his successor, all marked him as an eminent Mason. The brethren all appreciated the ability in which he had discharged his duties, and they would all concur in drinking his health. An important part of the ceremony was now to come, and that he would at once perform. He would present him with a Past Master's jewel which the lodge had voted as a testimonial of their appreciation of his ability and worth, wishing him at the same time long life to look upon it as some slight reward for his performance of his Masonic duties in the lodge. The jewel, a handsome gold one, of the value of ten guineas, was then presented. It was surmounted by the City of Westminster Arms, and above, on the ribbon, the arms of Bro. Shand. The inscription on the jewel was "Presented by the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, to Bro. John Edward Shand, P.M. and Treasurer, as a token of fraternal regard, and in appreciation of his valuable services and the excellent manner in which he discharged the duties of Worshipful Master. 24th Nov. 1881." This jewel having been fastened on the breast of Bro. Shand, he said, in acknowledgment, it was quite true he had been very attentive at all the meetings of the lodge; indeed, he had never missed a meeting of the City of Westminster Lodge since it was consecrated, and had never been absent from the opening of the lodge. He thought he knew something about this lodge. He was present at its consecration, and he had then the temerity to accept the collar of D.C. He had then his eye on the chair of the lodge, and now he had passed the chair. He felt very proud of that; but though he had passed the chair he could not disguise from the brethren that the responsibilities of W.M. were onerous, and occupied a great deal of time and attention; but his interest was centred in the lodge, and though now a P.M. it should not diminish. He had heard it said the P.M.'s were the backbone of Freemasonry. If that were so, the City of Westminster Lodge would not be without a backbone, although recently some of them had been much absent, nevertheless to-night they were present, which showed that their interest in the lodge had revived. Reverting to the presentation of the jewel, he thanked the brethren very much for it; when he went home he was sure his wife would say he had been very good. He begged in conclusion to say that he should continue to take the same interest in the lodge that he had heretofore taken. Bro. Crossland, who was one of the brethren who responded to the toast of "The Visitors," said that they had heard something about the onerous responsibilities of a W.M. One of those was the duty of replying to the toast of "The Visitors," especially if he happened to be present on such an occasion as this. He could not on any other ground interpret the honour done him on this occasion by calling upon him. He had before had the honour of being a guest at the City of Westminster Lodge, when Bro. White was W.M.; although he (Bro. Crossland) was then young in office in his own lodge, he went away from the City of Westminster Lodge with the feeling that if he should ever attain to the same excellence in working that he had seen in this lodge he might be deemed worthy to be a fit member of the fraternity. From what he had seen that evening he could say the brethren had had a great treat in the working, and also in the hospitality of the lodge at the banquet table. That hospitality was too well known to justify dilution upon it. He was glad to see the spirit of Masonry instilled so thoroughly in the lodge. They were endeavouring to carry it out in a practical sense by contributing to the Charities. Every one should give his mite in his sphere of life, whatever that might be. There was something grand to every true and honest thinking man—and more especially in this 19th century, when all sorts of creeds were being distributed and tossed about, and everything was in a turbulent condition—to see the barque of Freemasonry sail calmly over the ocean, doing that which was right to our fellow men, rendering justice and equity one to another, and assisting one another as we passed through life to the best of our ability. Though the brethren met together and had banquets, they had a higher motive, and they were pleased to be brought more and more together for the expansion of their hearts and the instilling those principles in their natures, which fostered and encouraged acts of charity. Bro. Farwig also replied, and recalled the time when he was at the consecration of the lodge. Looking round he was surprised to see what a success it had been. When he saw such an excellent Secretary as Bro. Scott, and such excellent Past Masters, he was not surprised that the lodge grew. It must be so; and so long as they had such officers the lodge must be a success.

Bro. Jackson likewise responded, as did Bros. Docker and Festa, S.W. Montague Guest Lodge. Bros. Swallow, E. White, Philips, and Turner responded to the toast of "The Past Masters," the last brother calling on the brethren to assist him in taking up a good list for the Benevolent Institution. The other toasts afterwards were given, and the proceedings were brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

SIR CHARLES BRIGHT LODGE (No. 1793).—This lodge met on the 26th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Teddington. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Piller, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W.; Goodchild, acting J.W.; R. W. Forge, I.P.M. and Secretary; Stevens, J.D.; and Finch, acting I.G.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a letter from Bro. Linton, J.W., was read, to the effect that, in consequence of the bad state of his health and by the advice of his medical adviser, he declined not only to stand for the office of W.M., but resigned his office as Warden. Bro. Goodchild was then unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing, subject to a dispensation being obtained. Bro. Beauchamp was re-elected Treasurer, and Gilbert, Tyler. The bye-laws having been read, a notice of motion, proposed by the I.P.M., "That the day of meeting be altered from the fourth Saturday to the fourth Wednesday in the months of February, April, September, and November," was unanimously carried. A Past Master's jewel having been voted to Bro. Piller, W.M., that brother then gave a notice of motion, "That the lodge be removed to the Clarence Hotel, Teddington Station." The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to

the Clarence Hotel, where a substantial repast awaited them. The only toasts proposed were "The Queen and Craft," "The W.M.," and "The Officers;" the latter toast being coupled with the name of Bro. Goodchild, who responded. The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

SHEPHERD'S BUSH LODGE (No. 1828).

The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Athenæum, Shepherd's Bush, on which occasion the following officers and others were present: Bros. A. B. Baker, W.M.; G. Harrison, S.W.; B. Pierpoint, J.W.; W. Game, P.M., Treas.; A. C. Alais, P.M., Sec.; Lewis Bryett, P.M.; Richard Josey, S.D.; Peter Burton, J.D.; W. Williams, I.G.; Robt. Schofield, P.M., Tyler; W. Clarke, G.P.; J. Terry, J. Carter, and S. H. Parkhouse, honorary members.

Amongst the visitors who signed the book were Bros. G. P. Hazell, 697; W. R. Holman, P.M. 246; John F. Maidment, 1681; H. G. Penney, 836; E. H. Vowle, 834; J. R. Allman, 1425; W. G. Vassie, 1767; C. Cordingley, W.M. 45; Robert Whitaker, 1672; T. Collings, W.M. 1585; R. King, 1642; W. Cubitt, 193; A. Love, 1587; George Read, P.M. 511; L. Lichtwitz, 1642; A. Barfield, P.M. 35; W. W. Morgan, jun., J.W. 1107; H. Phillips, 1642; Stephen A. Cooper, I.P.M. 1637; James Baker, 511; Joseph Moyle, 834; W. H. Gastrell, S.D. 246; James Houghton, 173; John Avery, P.M. 511; C. Holland, 1681; E. Collins, 733; F. J. Oliver, S.D. 834; and others.

The lodge having been advanced, Bro. Paul was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The ballot was taken, and proved favourable on behalf of Mr. G. White. The other business before the lodge was the installation of the W.M., and into that office Bro. G. Harrison was in due form inducted.

The newly elected W.M. having appointed his officers, and the ceremony of installation having been completed, the lodge was closed, the brethren afterwards dining together under the presidency of the newly installed Master. At the conclusion of the banquet grace was said, and then the W.M. gave the toast of "The Queen," coupling with it "Prosperity to the Craft." This toast was duly honoured, as were also those of "The Grand Master," "The Pro Grand Master," "The Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers." With this latter was coupled the name of Bro. Clarke, who, in acknowledgment, tendered his thanks. He assured the company that it was with a great amount of pride and pleasure that he heard his name associated with this toast, more especially in the Shepherd's Bush Lodge, of which he had the honour of really being one of the founders, having taken part in the ceremony of its consecration. He hoped that at all times the Grand Officers would enjoy the confidence of the Craft as they did at the present, and that the brethren generally would consider they really did their duty. The I.P.M., Bro. Baker, then proposed the health of the W.M. The toast, he considered, was one of which Masons were wonderfully proud to drink no matter in what lodge it was proposed. He congratulated the Master on the number of the brethren who had assembled to support him on the first night of his presidency as W.M. of the Shepherd's Bush Lodge. Considering the short time it had been in existence, but two years, he thought the presence of so many visitors was a happy sign. It proved that the Shepherd's Bush Lodge had acquired some reputation, and that Masons of other lodges were not ashamed of giving it their approval. He trusted that the W.M. might have health and prosperity during his year of office. He felt sure that he was capable of ruling the lodge to the satisfaction of the brethren, and only hoped there would be ample opportunities for him to show his ability. The W.M. tendered his sincere thanks. He could only hope that the predictions of Bro. Baker as to his ruling of the lodge would be fulfilled. It would be his endeavour to do everything possible to advance the comfort of the members and the prosperity of the lodge. He then proposed what he might term a toast somewhat nearer home than any he had that evening called the brethren to drink. It was that of the Past Masters. He felt somewhat at a loss to express his feelings concerning them. This was his first appearance in the chair, where they had had long experience, and consequently felt more at home. He could not make a long speech on their behalf, neither did he think it was necessary. He cordially wished them good health, and felt sure that the brethren would, in the same sincere manner, join in drinking the toast. The I.P.M. was the first to reply. Speaking for himself, he could not omit to thank the members for the very high compliments they had paid him, he was really very proud to listen to their expressions of approval of the remarks of the W.M. He hoped the lodge would always go on with the same amount of cordiality that had been enjoyed in it during the short period of its existence. With regard to their W.M., he could but again wish him success, and trusted he might at all times meet as hearty a reception as had just been accorded to the toast of the Past Masters. Bro. Bryett also thanked the brethren. As the first Worshipful Master of the lodge he looked around with feelings of great pride on the Shepherd's Bush Lodge as presented that evening. It was true very many of those then present were visitors, but even that fact reflected to the credit of the few members of the lodge. It showed, as the I.P.M. had said, that the lodge working was approved of, and that the efforts of the members were appreciated outside their own circle. He felt he could add little to the remarks of his brother P.M. in his wishes for the prosperity of the new Master, but at the same time he felt he could endorse all that brother had said. He looked forward to continued prosperity under the rule of Bro. Harrison. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," welcoming them and expressing the thanks of the members at the honour the guests had paid them. Bro. Barfield was the first to reply, congratulating the lodge on the successful prospect it presented. Bro. Collings also congratulated the brethren on the way in which they had established the lodge, and thanked them for their hospitality. Bro. Cordingley, who had the pleasure of being present at the consecration of the lodge, thought its advancement could but be gratifying to its founders; he was delighted to see that the true Masonic spirit prevailed among its members, and that the working of the ritual was so well accomplished. This he thought was exemplified by the way in which the I.P.M. had installed his successor. Bro. Collins and others followed, endorsing the remarks of the previous speakers. The Worshipful Master gave the next toast, that of "The

Honorary Members of the Lodge," to which Bro. Terry in a very humorous manner replied. He referred to the fact of the investiture of two of the Consecrating Officers of the Shepherd's Bush Lodge with the purple of Grand Lodge, and trusted the day might arrive when H.R.H. The Grand Master might confer the coveted prize on the others, so that the Lodge might, if possible, have greater cause to honor the brethren who really brought it into existence. He thought the lodge was one to which any brother might be proud to belong, and to which any brother might consider it a great honor to be attached as an honorary member. For himself, he might say that he looked forward year by year to the pleasure of attending their installation, and of the many Lodges he had assisted to bring into being, none occupied a warmer place in his affections than did theirs. He hoped it might be his good fortune to attend with his brother honorary members for many years to come, and that from time to time they would be able to congratulate the members as heartily as they could on the present occasion. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given. The W.M. considered that very much of the prosperity of a Lodge depended on the sort of man who was entrusted with the office of Treasurer at the start. It was then necessary to be prompt with every payment, and as it was not always the case that the receipts were also prompt, it very often fell upon the Treasurer to come to the rescue. The brother who had undertaken the duty in the lodge had done everything it was possible for man to do, and he could but feel that no very small portion of the success of the lodge was due to him. As regards their Secretary, he was also a brother suited to the office, and was ever ready to do anything that laid in his power for the lodge or its members. The W.M. trusted that the lodge might long have the benefit of these two brethren to assist in its management. Bro. Game thanked the W.M. and brethren for their approval. He felt it a great compliment to be spoken of as the W.M. had spoken of him that night, especially in the presence of so many visitors. He felt that if the lodge went on in the future as it had done in the past, it would always enjoy the reputation of being a great success. After a reply from the Secretary the W.M. gave the toast of "The Charities," to which Bro. Terry replied in a forcible speech. "The Officers of the Lodge also received the honour due to them, and the Tyler in due course brought the proceedings to a close.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).

The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 12th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, W.C. The following officers were present: Bros. T. C. Corpe, I.P.M., acting W.M.; W. A. Maloney, P.M.; G. F. Smith, jun., S.W.; A. Stokes, J.W.; J. W. Dewsnap, Treas. and I.D.; J. C. Wilkins, S.D.; G. F. Smith, I.G.; A. Williams, D.C.; H. S. Trego, Org.; H. Cattermole, W.S.; R. H. Goddard, Tyler; J. Brooke, P.M., Hon. Secretary; J. Miller, F. Gent, A. T. Baschinski, E. J. Hodge, C. H. Cox, A. H. Jakins, F. Darton, and visitors, Bros. A. C. Payne, 192, and J. E. Aldis, 359.

In the absence of Bro. W. Gibson Bott, the W.M., on account of the death of his amiable and esteemed wife, whose funeral had taken place that day, the chair was taken by the I.P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The ballot was taken for, as a re-joining member, Bro. Henry Cruse, of Lodge 1381, and a founder of this lodge, which was unanimous in his favour, and Bro. Cruse was warmly welcomed on his return to the lodge. A ballot was next taken for Mr. Francis Arthur Darton as an initiate, which was unanimous in his favour, and that gentleman being in attendance he was duly initiated into the Order. A proposition was made for the initiation of Mr. Joseph Bladon at the next meeting of the lodge. Bro. J. W. Brooke, proposed, and Bro. T. C. Corpe seconded, that a letter of condolence be written by the Secretary on behalf of the lodge to the W.M., expressing their deep and heartfelt sympathy with him under the heavy affliction that had befallen him in the untimely death of his amiable and beloved wife, which was carried unanimously.

There being no other business, the lodge was closed. On account of the sad circumstances under which the lodge met the brethren separated immediately the working was over.

GATESHEAD - ON - TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).

Another of these interesting and agreeable meetings which always are looked forward to in connection with this lodge was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the rooms No. 34, Denmark-street. The W.M., Bro. J. G. Smith assumed the chair, and the proceedings commenced shortly after seven p.m. There was a good muster present, amongst whom we noticed Bros. John Wood, I.P.M.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M.; D. Sinclair, P.M.; B. P. Ord, P.M.; M. H. Dodds, P.M.; E. Liddell, S.W.; E. W. Middlemast, J.W.; W. B. Elsdon, Treas.; A. Rhagg, Sec.; J. Moul, S.D.; W. M. Pybus, J.D.; Wm. Dalrymple, J.S. as I.G.; Robt. Ferry, Org.; W. F. Raeburn, S.S.; J. Curry, Tyler; J. R. Bewley, R. T. Swallow, R. Locke, A. Simpson, W. Whitfield, R. Tate, Jos. Ridley, W. F. Brown, R. Dixon, J. Ivison, T. Campbell, R. Brason, J. Snowdon, W. F. Carmon, Jos. Cook, P.M. 481; T. Dinning, J.D. 481; W. M. Lyons, J.S. 406; Wm. Cooper, I.P.M. 1342; D. G. Anderson, S.W. 1664; W. B. McLaren, S.W. 431; T. S. Miller, 424; W. A. Gillies, 424; and others.

The minutes having been confirmed, the W.M. initiated Mr. John Phillips into the mysteries. The J.W. explained the working tools, and the I.P.M. gave the charge of the Degree. A proposition to increase the yearly subscription from fourteen shillings to twenty-one was then afterwards debated and agreed to. Other minor matters were discussed, and the lodge was closed in due form at nine o'clock.

A couple of hours were afterwards spent in love and harmony at the refreshment board, and the brethren dispersed after listening to the glees and songs by the noted musical brethren with which this lodge abounds.

LIVERPOOL.—Derby Lodge (No. 724).

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult. There were present Bros. Geo. Gordon, W.M.; H. Trevitt, I.P.M.; Thos. Chesworth, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C. Cheshire; R. Crisp, P.M.; J. Pendleton, S.W.; J. Commings, J.W.; S. Davis, S.D.; J. Thomas, J.D.; H.

Ellis, I.G.; J. Sharples, S.S.; J. Hoblin, J.S.; H. Evans, S.; R. Cain, P.M., Treasurer, and a number of members and visitors.

The lodge was opened at 6.30 p.m., by the W.M., and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Mr. Cretney, who had been balloted for, was initiated. Bro. Green having given proofs of his proficiency, was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the work in both degrees being very ably rendered by the W.M.

After the lodge had been closed the brethren adjourned to the banquet room for refreshment. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Bro. Trevett, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and spoke in eulogistic terms of the manner he had done the work that evening. After the W.M. had responded, "The Health of the Newly-Initiate" and other toasts followed. After a very pleasant evening had been spent the brethren separated.

WHITEHAVEN.—Lewis Lodge (No. 872).

The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 21st ult. Bro. Chas. J. Dalton, W.M., P.G. Stwd., occupied the chair, there being a good muster of Past Masters, members, and visitors. After the minutes were confirmed, the chief business was one initiation and election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. By a unanimous vote Bro. George Dalrymple, P.M. 1660, P.G. A.D. of C., was declared W.M. elect; and, by a similar vote, Bro. John Spittal, P.M. 872, P.P.G.D. of C., Treasurer. After several propositions was made, the lodge was closed in form and good harmony.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).

The monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Bro. John Atkin-on, W.M., was in his place, and there were also present Bros. W. W. Sandbrook, I.P.M.; W. J. Constantine, P.M., acting S.W.; W. Savage, J.W.; J. M. Boyd, Secretary; H. P. Squire, S.D.; J. L. Shrapnell, J.D.; O. W. Sanderson, I.G.; Dr. Whittle, S.S.; H. Round, J.S.; J. J. Monk, Asst. Organist; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the members of the lodge present were Bros. B. B. Marson, P.M. 1356, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Keet, W.M. 1356; Captain Conby, Captain Anscow, D. Cumming, C. Buchanan, Hould, John Wainwright, J. F. Calder, Chambers, E. Graham, Webster, Williams, Parker, J. Ballard, P. Buck, G. Martin, W. Campion, Neubert, Watterson, H. Williams, Harries, Walter Hildyard, N. Green, Luya, Jones, Striem, Carter, Penny, and others. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. Lightfoot, W.M. 425; Thompson, 241; Captain Marley, 1374; Godfrey, P.M. 93; J. C. Leuman, P.M., P.G.O., N.; Jones, 292; Cook, J.D. 1325; W. Moulding, 1356; Trevitt, 1356; Luya, 667; Butters, 807; and Warren, 241.

Mr. T. L. Duncan, duly elected, was initiated, and Bro. Cumming and Calder were passed to the Degree of F.C. During the business proceedings it was resolved to send a letter of condolence to Bro. R. Williams, one of the founders of the lodge, in connection with the loss he had sustained by the death of his wife.

The brethren subsequently sat down to banquet, and during the evening songs and recitations were given by Bros. W. Williams, Carter, Manley, Constantine, Leuman, and Monk, who accompanied.

MANCHESTER.—Avon Lodge (No. 1633).

The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place at the Denmark Hotel, Greenheys, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult. The following members were present: Bros. A. B. Whittaker, W.M.; G. MacFarlane, S.W.; W. Brown, J.W.; T. Cavanah, P.M., Treas.; A. F. Forrest, Sec.; H. Bracewell, S.D.; George Yates, J.D.; W. Byway, I.G.; G. Burrows, Tyler; W. H. Leigh, I.P.M.; W. Bostock, P.M.; T. J. Hooper, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; J. D. Curtis, A. Fairbank, Joseph Lytle, R. A. Green, C. Sivinn, John Edgar, G. F. Webb, W. T. Allitt, J. N. Squirrell, W. Craven, and B. T. Marshall. Visitors: Bros. John Chadwick, P.M. 44, Prov. G. Sec.; G. Fisher, P.M. 129, Paisley, P.G.S.W. Renfrewshire, G. Bible Br. Scotland; W. W. Dawson, W.M. 1219; W. Needham, P.M. 1219; W. Schofield, 1219; J. H. Roberts, 993; J. Boden, S.W. 1588; R. Dottie, W.M. 1161; W. Hardcastle, S.W. 1773; W. Nicholl, W.M. 317; J. Nettleton, W.M. 1011; F. Garner, 992; Matthew Owen, 163; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The brethren met at tea at six o'clock, and at seven o'clock congregated in the lodge-room. After the lodge had been opened the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Jacob Samuel Leigh, and being declared in his favour, he was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the W.M. in a very careful and painstaking manner. The S.W. presented and explained the working tools to the candidate, and Bro. H. Bracewell, S.D., delivered the charge in such masterly style as is seldom heard in any lodge, and for which Bro. Bracewell was deservedly complimented later on. The W.M. delivered what was announced on the circular as an explanation of the third tracing board, but which, in our humble opinion, and also that of several of the visitors, was a recapitulation of the Third Degree ceremony. It was, however, exhaustively treated, and well delivered, and reflects great credit on Bro. Whittaker for the study and time he has devoted to the various duties which have fallen to his lot during his Mastership. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, at 8.50. The brethren afterwards spent a pleasant two hours at the social board, during which Bro. T. J. Hooper proposed "The Health of the Initiate," which was heartily drunk, and responded to.

LIVERPOOL.—Kirkdale Lodge (No. 1756).

The fourth annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 23rd ult., at the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall. There were nearly 100 brethren present at the anniversary. Amongst the visitors were Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G.S.; Councillor M. Arthur (Bootle), P.M., P.Z., 1086; John Houlding, P.P.G.R.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; and numerous representatives of the Ancient Union, No. 203, of which the Kirkdale Lodge is an offshoot. The W.M. elect, Bro. James Grierson, was presented by Bros. E. Johnson, P.M., and Dr. Costine, P.M. 216, and was installed by Bro. H. Ferguson, the retiring Master. The newly appointed W.M. began his year of office by initiating three candi-

dates. He invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Ferguson, I.P.M.; R. E. Mitton, S.W.; C. Bargery, J.W.; Dr. D. Hendry, Treas.; H. Marshall, Sec.; J. Croxton, S.D.; J. A. Kellie, J.D.; George Marsden, I.G.; R. T. Britten, S.S.; R. Pollock, J.S.; W. Warhurst, A.S.; A. Child, Org.; W. Gick, P.M.; M.C.; and W. Watson, Tyler. At the after proceedings a P.M. jewel was presented by the brethren to Bro. Ferguson in recognition of his services to the lodge.

INSTRUCTION.

ISRAEL LODGE (No. 205).—At the last regular meeting of this lodge, at the Rising Sun, Globe-road, E., Bro. I. P. Cohen, P.M., was W.M., and opened the lodge with the assistance of Bros. Shingfield, S.W.; Abrahams, J.W.; Hughes, S.D.; Moss, I.G.; W. Musto, P.M.; Preceptor; Jones, P.M.; J. H. Pringle, J. T. K. Job, W. Yctton, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Musto, M. Isaacs, G. H. Stephens, and others.

Lodge was duly opened and the minutes read and confirmed, and in due course the ceremony of initiation was worked in favour of Bro. Pringle, candidate. The W.M., Bro. Cohen, worked, with the assistance of the brethren, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sections of the First Lecture. Bro. J. R. Shingfield, S.W., was duly elected to be W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and lodge was closed.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Green Dragon, Stepney, E., on the 29th ult. Bro. Ellingford was W.M., and had the assistance of Bros. J. R. Shingfield, S.W.; J. Andrews, P.M., J.W.; G. H. Stephens, S.D.; J. Taylor, J.D.; Jas. Taylor, I.G.; T. J. Barnes, P.M. Preceptor; J. J. Berry, P.M. Treas.; W. Cross, Hon. Sec.; A. Symes, Harris, Hopkins, W. Vizzard, 1472; T. J. Easy, A. Wood, and others.

Lodge was duly opened and the minutes read and confirmed, and the ceremony of initiation was worked. Bro. A. Symes was candidate. Lodge was advanced in the Second and Third Degrees, and on its resumption Bro. J. Taylor worked the First and Bro. Hopkins the Second Sections of the First Lecture, the brethren assisting. The sum of two guineas was unanimously and cordially voted from lodge funds upon the list of Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M. of the mother lodge, and until recently the Preceptor of instruction, who again acts as Steward for the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Shingfield was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting on the 16th inst., and lodge was closed.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Duke's Head, 79, White-chapel-road, E., on the 25th ult. There were present Bros. Hopkins, W.M.; Richardson, S.W.; Lloyd, J.W.; Stewart, Deacon; Hirst, I.G.; W. Musto, P.M., Sec.; B. Cundick, P.M.; Preceptor; J. Gaskell, P.M.; L. Norden, P.M.; T. Maidwell, P.M.; R. Durell, D. Moss, Taylor, Tait, Macgregor, Butler, J. Siegenberg, Job, Darley, Macdonald, Stephens, and others.

After due formalities the brethren devoted the evening to the working of the Sections, in accordance with the new bye-laws. Bros. Stewart worked the 1st; Lloyd, 2nd; Macgregor, 3rd; Richardson, 4th; Moss, 5th; Cundick, P.M., 6th; and Durell, 7th. This business fully occupied the evening, and on the W.M. rising, Bro. Darley, of the Langthorne Lodge, 1421, was duly elected a member. Bro. W. Richardson was elected to the chair for the ensuing Friday evening. The lodge was then closed. Another novel feature just introduced is the following: When the funds in the hands of the Treasurer amount to £5 5s. a ballot for a Life Subscription in either of the three Masonic Institutions is to be taken. Brethren who have attended the lodge eight meeting nights during the last three months are entitled to participate in the ballot. This inducement, together with the excellent instruction to be derived here, will doubtless render the Doric Lodge of Instruction even better attended.

UPTON LODGE (No. 1227).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E., on the 30th ult. Bros. Clark, W.M.; Dawson, S.W.; Cleverley, J.W.; Marsh, S.D.; Stroud, J.D.; Ford, I.G.; A. W. Fenner, P.M., Preceptor, and many other brethren.

After due formalities the ceremony of raising was worked, Bro. T. Horley being the candidate. Lodge was closed at the conclusion of the ceremony when Bro. D. Moss introduced a proposal to form a Masonic Benevolent Association to enable each member to become a Life Governor of the Masonic Charitable Institutions. The idea was warmly supported, forty-eight brethren immediately joining. Bros. A. W. Fenner, P.M., Preceptor, was elected President, Percy, Vice-President; Gieseki, Treas.; and D. Moss, Hon. Sec. A Committee of the brethren was formed to decide upon the bye-laws, and to submit them to the brethren in print on Wednesday next, the 7th inst. We wish the Association every success, and as there is still room for a few more members, recommend brethren to send in their names to Bro. Moss at once.

KING HAROLD LODGE (No. 1327).—A meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Saturday the 26th ult., at the Britannia Hotel, Waltham, Herts, under the presidency of Bro. Martin, J.D. 879. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. It being previously arranged to work the Fifteen Sections, Bro. Beavis kindly consented to take the S.W.'s chair, while the J.W.'s chair was occupied by Bro. Reilly, P.M. 1327, P.P.G.P. Herts. The Sections were worked as follows: First lecture, Bros. Moyes, Searle, Sillis, Reilly, Davies, Lewis and Sheppard. Second lecture, Bros. Sproat, Moyes, Robinson, Beavis and Smith. Third lecture, Bro. Bradstock. Bros. Sillis, Smith and Emblin were afterwards elected as joining members. Votes of thanks were passed to the W.M. and S.W. for their assistance, and also to the brethren who had assisted in working the sections. It was then proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that Bros. Martin and Beavis become honorary members, who, in expressing their thanks, congratulated the lodge upon its efficient working and flourishing condition, and expressed their willingness to assist the lodge at any time their services might be required. The lodge, although situated twelve miles from London, is open every Saturday evening, and is well attended;

it is beautifully furnished with every requisite for use and ornament. It has contributed to the three charities, and intends placing a donation on the Hon. Sec.'s (Bro. Sproat) list at the coming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. After "Hearty good Wishes" had been expressed, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on the 30th ult., at Bro. Kingston's, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavment, E.C. Bro. Partridge, the Worshipful Master, and the following brethren were present: Bros. J. Robson, S.W.; C. Robson, J.W.; Lakoum, S.D.; C. Smith, J.D.; Kimbell, I.G.; W. H. Myers, P.M., Preceptor; Seymour Clarke, Sec.; McDonald, Holdon, Job, Ewen, Kempton, W. Batchelor, 1178; G. H. Stephens, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and on being advanced, Bro. Partridge was presented as W.M. elect, and the ceremony of installation was excellently rendered by the esteemed Preceptor, Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M., and was highly appreciated by all present. Bro. Partridge next worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Ewen being the candidate. Bro. Macdonald worked the First and Second Sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Kingston, 1349; Stephens, 1623; and W. Batchelor, 1178, were elected members. The services of the Preceptor were next recognised, a cordial vote of thanks being accorded to Bro. Myers, who briefly returned thanks, and lodge was closed. At the meeting to be held on Wednesday next, a ballot will be taken amongst those brethren who have attended six times during the three months then ended, in accordance with the bye-laws of the lodge. The sum of five guineas is at the disposal of the successful brother to be devoted to either of the Masonic Institutions.

TREDEGAR LODGE (No. 1602).—The regular meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Royal Hotel, Mile End, on the 28th ult. Bro. G. H. Stephens was the W.M., and the evening was devoted to working the Fifteen Sections. The W.M. was numerously supported, there being present Bros. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554, S.W.; W. H. Myers, P.M. 1445, J.W.; B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, I.P.M.; T. Wooding, Preceptor; B. Stewart, Sec.; J. Taylor, S.D.; Hammond, J.D.; Hubbert, I.G.; C. Kendal, W.M. 1625; R. Durell, W.M. 1349; W. Musto, P.M. 1349; C. H. Webb, P.M. 1607; J. Magrath, W.M. 1306; J. T. K. Job, W.M. 1076; H. Tapley, P.M. 1076; J. Andrews, P.M. 1227; H. Phillips, W.M. 205; W. Pennefather, P.M. 1623; Bonner, Coote, Brittain, Austen, W. Hawes, F. C. D. Fenn, Richardson, Isaacs, Macdonald, J. R. Shingfield, Clements, H. Coningham, D. Moss, J. H. Pringle, A. Robertson, Bull, Siegenberg, and many visitors.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and, after usual formalities, the Fifteen Sections were admirably worked. At the conclusion of the working the following brethren were elected members of the lodge: Bros. F. W. Jones, P.M. 917; J. Catling, 1679; H. Phillips, W.M. 205; W. Pennefather, P.M. 1623; W. C. Brasher, 1623; H. Tapley, I.P.M. 1076; C. Richmond, 205; W. Hancock, 1259; J. Laurence, 1326; Gilroy, 1259; J. Siegenberg, 212; A. Billinghurst, 933; Pearcey, S.W. 1227; T. Horley, 1227; James Taylor, 5 (Scotch Constitution); J. Simkins, 1421; and J. Morton, 1259. Bro. Clements having been previously elected W.M. for the next lodge meeting, to be held on the 12th inst., Bro. Cundick, I.P.M., proposed that a vote of thanks be accorded Bro. Stephens for the very able manner in which he had discharged the arduous duties of the W.M. that evening; also that Bro. Stephens be elected an honorary member. The W.M. briefly thanked the whole of the brethren for this mark of appreciation of his endeavours, also thanking the brethren for rallying round him so numerously. A vote of thanks was proposed from the chair to Bro. Barnes, P.M., for his kind and able services, and also to Bros. W. H. Myers, P.M., and B. Cundick, P.M., in recognition of their valuable services. This was carried unanimously, and after other business, requiring the attendance of the Treasurer and Secretary, was pleasantly disposed of, a highly successful meeting was brought to a close.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 24th ult., when there were present Bros. Stoddart, W.M.; Money, S.W.; Hallows, J.W.; S. T. H. Saunders, S.D.; Barnett, I.G.; Duret, Preceptor; J. D. Langton, Sec.; Steingraber, Pocock, Morriss, Marshall, A. Tanqueray, Chubb, Garland, and Harding. Visitor: Bro. Geo. Wm. Bullen, Progress Lodge, 1768.

Lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened up to the Third Degree, and resumed in the First, when Bro. Marshall, acting as candidate for the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and the lodge having been resumed in the Second Degree, Bro. Marshall was duly passed to the Degree of F.C. The explanation of the second tracing board was given by the Preceptor. After the lodge had been called off and on, it was resumed in the Third Degree, when the First and Second Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, and before it was closed, Bro. Money was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Bro. Geo. William Bullen, 1768, was elected a member of the lodge.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Industry Lodge (No. 48).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 25th ult., when there was a good attendance. Bro. John Wood, P.M., in succession to Bro. Whitfield, P.M. was elected President, Bro. M. Corbitt was re-elected Treas., Bro. Whitfield was appointed Secretary, and Bro. Joshua Curry Tyler for the ensuing year. It was arranged that the work for the December meeting should be the First and Second Degrees.

The annual supper was afterwards held, when Bro. J. G. Smith, W.M. 48, proposed "The Health of Bros. R. Whitfield, P.M., and John Wood, P.M.," for their services in connection with the lodge. Both brethren responded, and urged on the visitors and members to increase the numbers and to attend regularly on each instruction night.

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SUNDERLAND.—Strict Benevolent Chapter (No. 97).—A meeting of this chapter took place at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 17th ult. Comp. R. Candish, Z.; Ex. Comp. Thomas M. Watson, H.; and Ex. Comp. T. Twizell, acting J. The election of Principals and officers took place as follows: Ex. Comp. T. M. Watson, Z.; Ex. Comp. G. Bernard, H.; Comp. G. Porteous, J.; Comp. R. Singleton, S.E.; Comp. H. W. Emerson, S.N.; Comp. C. McNamara, P.S.; Ex. Comp. W. Liddell, P.Z., Treas.; and Comp. John Thompson, Janitor.

SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.—Adam's Chapter (No. 158).—The members of this old and flourishing chapter (premier chapter of the Province of Kent) met at the Masonic Rooms, Victoria Buildings, Trinity-road, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., for the purpose of installing the Three Principles and investing the officers for the year. At five p.m. the chapter was opened in due form. In the absence of the M.E.Z., Comp. J. Hancock, M.E. Comp. W. Pannell, P.Z., took the chair of Z., supported by E. Comps. A. Bourne, H.; J. Woodley, J.; Bagshaw, P.Z., Scribe; M. J. Sullivan, S.N.; A. Spears, P.Z., P.P.G. Sd. Br., Treasurer; and H. J. Penney, P.Z., P.P. G. Org. There was a goodly number of companions of the chapter present, and amongst the visitors were M.E. Comps. T. S. Warne, Prov. Grand Scribe E. of Kent; and J. P. Griffin, M.E.Z. 20.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous convocation and reading of the balance-sheet, which shows the chapter to be financially in a satisfactory state, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with by M.E. Comp. W. Pannell installing E. Comp. A. Bourne, as Z., the H. E. Comp. J. Woodley was then installed by M.E. Comp. A. Spears, and the J., Comp. M. J. Sullivan, by E. Comp. J. Bagshaw, thus avoiding the monotony of hearing the same voice through the whole of the ceremony. On the re-admission of the companions, M.E. Comp. A. Spears addressed them and saluted the Principals, also gave the honours to the representative of the Provincial Grand Chapter. M.E. Comp. W. Pannell then gave the addresses to the officers and companions, and this finishing the business of the chapter it was closed in due form.

The companions then adjourned to the Royal Hotel to a banquet of the most recherché character, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the evening spent in a most pleasant and enjoyable manner.

BRIGHTON.—Royal Sussex Chapter (No. 732).—The annual installation meeting of the above chapter was held at the Royal Pavilion on Thursday, the 24th ult., and was attended by the largest number of companions that had ever met at a chapter in Sussex. The occasion had a double interest, because it was to instal as M.E.Z. Comp. J. M. Kidd, the well-known and popular Prov. G. D. of C., and also because the recently appointed Grand Superintendent, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P. had signified his intention to pay his first official visit in the province to this chapter. He was accompanied by Comp. J. H. Scott, P.G. Standard Bearer, Prov. G.H. (who is also a P.Z. and the father of this chapter), and the officers of Prov. Grand Chapter.

The chapter was opened punctually at 4.30, and after the report of the Audit Committee, which recommended a donation from the funds of the chapter of £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons to be placed on the list of Comp. J. Reed, who has consented to act as Steward at the next festival, had been approved, the installation was proceeded with, and Comps. J. M. Kidd was installed Z.; W. T. Nell, H.; and S. Solomon, J. The officers who had been elected at the last meeting were then invested. Three candidates were proposed for exaltation, and the chapter was closed.

The companions afterwards adjourned to the banqueting room, where a sumptuous repast was provided by Bro. D. Mutton, who had furnished an excellent bill of fare, which was faithfully carried out, well served, and highly approved. There were fifty-six companions present, out of which thirty-three were visitors, who had assembled in strong force to show their respect for the M.E.Z. Amongst them were Comps. R. Crosskey, Prov. G. Treas.; Ford, Prov. G. Reg.; Bransby Roberts, Prov. G. 2nd Asst. Soj.; C. J. Smith, Prov. G. Standard Bearer, Z. 1466; J. Eastes, Prov. G.H. Kent; Byass, Z. 271; McWhinnie, Z. 811; J. Anderson; Bridley, P.Z. 624; W. J. Marriott, O.C., M.P., No. 6. Comps. Shadwell H. Clarke, G.S.E., and Comp. T. Fenn, P.G.S.B., had accepted invitations to be present, but were prevented from attending at the last moment by other engagements. After the usual Royal Arch and loyal toasts, the name of Comp. J. H. Scott, P.G. Standard Bearer, was coupled with the toast of "The Officers of Grand Chapter." "The Health of the Grand Superintendent" then followed, which was acknowledged by Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., who expressed his satisfaction at the state of Royal Arch Masonry in the province, and hoped it would continue to prosper. Comp. J. H. Scott, Prov. G.H., had again to reply to the toast of his health and of the Prov. Grand Officers, and in the course of his speech alluded to some remarks he had made twenty-two years ago, at the consecration of the chapter, when, as Principal Sojourner, in returning thanks for the toast of "The Officers of the Chapter" he had reminded the M.E.Z. and companions that the officers were for the most part the parents and originators of the chapter, and were most anxious to train up their child in the way it should go; that they should be jealous of its honour, and reputation, and endeavour to promote the honour of their chapter unswerving, and keep its reputation without a flaw, and hoped by strict attention to their duties, by faithfully adhering to the principles and practice of the Order, to place this young chapter on such a footing that when it was old it should not be found departing from the guidance and instruction of its youth. He thought he might say that the chapter did reflect credit on its originators, and they might be congratulated on the unvarying success which had attended it since its consecration. He was now the only subscribing member whose name was on the warrant, and he hoped to continue a member for many years. "The Health of the Principals" then followed, which was received with acclamation. Comp. J. M. Kidd, Z., thanked the companions for the kind manner in which his name had been received, and assured them that

nothing be wanting on his part to assist in continuing the prosperity of the chapter. As some work had already been provided for him, he would do his best to carry it out. Comps. W. T. Nell, H.; and S. Solomon, J.; also responded. In reply to the toast of "The Visitors," Comp. J. Eastes, Prov. G.H. Kent, expressed his satisfaction at the kind reception which had been given him, and also his interest in the Degree of the Royal Arch. He was pleased to remark the prosperity of the chapter, and, from his own experience, was quite sure that it was much better in each province to have a few chapters in good working order and well supported rather than to have many and some unsuccessful chapters. Comps. Bindley, P.Z. 624; W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., 6; and C. J. Smith, Prov. G. Std. Br., Z. 1466, also responded. The other usual toasts followed; and the Janitor's toast wound up a most enjoyable evening. The M.E.Z., Comp. J. M. Kidd, had determined that nothing should be wanting to promote the success of the meeting; he had, therefore, entrusted the musical arrangements to Miss Bertha Moore, who had engaged Miss Mary Beare, Miss Lilla Reynolds, and Mr. R. H. Cummings to assist her, and Bro. W. Roe, Prov. G. Org., as accompanist. Their efforts were highly appreciated, and much applauded by the companions.

Mark Masonry.

HAMMERSMITH LODGE (No. 211).—The members of this lodge assembled in good numbers on the 19th ult. at the Windsor Castle Hotel. Among those in attendance were Bros. Alfred Tisley, W.M.; Haynes, P.G.S. England, S.W.; Goodall, J.W.; T. C. Walls, G.S.B., P.M., acting Secretary; Lawson, M.O.; Millis, S.O.; Page, J.O.; Pearson, acting I.G.; Gilbert, G.S. England, P.M.; and Reinardt, acting Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, resulted unanimous in favour of Bros. Haynes, J. W. Baldwin, and Potter. The following notice of motion, proposed by the W.M., was discussed, seconded, and unanimously passed, "That the regular meetings of this lodge be the fourth Friday instead of the third Saturday in the months of January, April, and November." Bros. Lawson, and Pearson having been elected Auditors, the W.M. invested Bro. Weber as S.D. A Past Master's jewel having been voted to the W.M., several communications were read, among them being one from Bro. Baldwin, P.M., pleading painful indisposition as the cause of his absence. Previously to the lodge being closed, Bro. Lawson proposed Bro. Skinner, of the Great City Lodge, for advancement at the next meeting.

An excellent banquet was then served, most genially presided over by the W.M. Upon the removal of the cloth the toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," "The W.M.," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers," were duly proposed, drunk, and acknowledged. In the intervals the W.M. and Bros. Weber and Goodall vocally and instrumentally entertained the brethren.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

SHEFFIELD.—Talbot Chapter (No. 16).—This very flourishing chapter was opened by Bro. Dr. W. R. Thomas, M.W.S., assisted by his officers. Six candidates were perfected by the M.W.S. most impressively, in the presence of the Inspector General of the Northern District, Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G. 33°, who explained the acolyade.

There was a large attendance, nearly sixty members, who after the business of the chapter was over adjourned to the banquetting hall, where an excellent banquet was provided, and greatly appreciated by all present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, received, and responded to most heartily, and the meeting thoroughly enjoyed by all its members.

BOLTON.—St. Peter's Chapter (No. 31).—A meeting of the above chapter was held on Saturday, the 26th inst. The chapter was opened by Bro. Josiah Wm. Taylor, M.W.S., assisted by his officers. Five candidates were perfected in the presence of the Inspector General of the Northern District, Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G. 33°, who explained the acolyade. There was a large attendance of members, who, after the chapter was closed, dined together at the Swan Hotel, under the presidency of the M.W.S.

Bro. Max Blume, professor of music, presided at the pianoforte, perfectly charming the brethren with his melodious pieces and wonderful execution, between the loyal and Masonic toasts being proposed and responded to.

Rosicrucian Society.

YORK.—York College.—This body held its quarterly meeting on the 26th ult., in the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, by permission of the W.M. and brethren of the Eboracum Lodge. The following members were present: Frater T. B. Whythead, IX°, Ch. Adept; J. S. Cumberland, VII°, as Suffragan; T. W. Holmes, VI°, Celebrant; J. C. Thompson, I°, as 1st A.; J. Todd, I°, as 2nd A.; C. R. Fry, I°, as 3rd A.; J. T. Atkinson, I°, as 4th A.; J. Oates, I°, as G.T.; A. T. B. Turner, II°, Org.; and J. Redfare, Acolyte.

In consequence of the holding of the Provincial Priory of West Yorkshire at Bradford on the same day, the West Riding fratres were many of them unable to be present, and letters of apology were read from the following absentees: Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, J. W. Woodall, W. Lawton, C. L. Mason, W. Rowley, S. Middleton, C. S. Lane, W. Rowley, W. C. Lukis, T. J. Wilkinson, W. Paley, J. Maffey, R. W. Moore, M. Millington, and others.

Successful ballots were taken for Bros. T.M. Barron and S. Wilson, both of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, No. 1379. Frater J. C. Thompson read a deeply interesting paper, entitled "A few short Notes by a Mason in Egypt," in which he gave a short sketch of some of the discoveries made, and endeavoured to indicate the similarities between the ancient Egyptian faith and the teachings of Masonry. Frater T. B. Whythead thanked Frater Thompson for his able paper, and referred to the study of Egyptology as one of the most interesting sciences of the day. He alluded

to several works in existence on the subject, and to the Boulak collection, and expressed a wish that all Masons on their travels would, like Frater Thompson, make notes for the benefit of their brethren at home. It was agreed that Frater Thompson's paper should be published. Several Masonic relics and curiosities were then produced by the members and handed round for examination. Frater Cumberland exhibited his interesting collection of Masonic jewels, several of them being old and rare. Fra. Whythead showed a curious old cartoon, or emblematical illustration, published by a Dutch androgynous lodge in the last century, which had been forwarded to him by Bro. Thos. Francis, of Havant, and some immortelles and sprigs of yew from the casket of the late Bro. J. A. Garfield, President of the United States, forwarded by Bro. C. E. Meyer, of Philadelphia. The name of a candidate was proposed for ballot; and the Chief Adept announced that for the annual meeting to be held at York, in February, two papers had been promised, one by Fra. C. Z. Mason, of Leeds, on the Legend of the Third Degree, and one by Fra. the Rev. W. C. Lukis on the Papal Bulls against Freemasons, and some Replies thereto. The college was then closed. The members afterwards partook of tea together.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

The eighth convocation of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Grotto Hotel, Twickenham, the unusually long period of two and a quarter years having elapsed since the last meeting at Enfield, in 1879. The M.W.G. Superintendent, Comp. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., presided, with Ex. Comp. H. C. Levander, P.G.H., and F. Davison, P.G.J., as P.G.D.; and Ex. Comp. Buss, acting G.S.E. The companions present besides those appointed to office were Comps. C. Veal, R. Roy, F. R. W. Forge, T. Massa, J. Gordon, Dr. Ramsey, and others.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, and the presentation of the accounts, the appointment of officers was proceeded with.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT announced that he appointed Ex. Comp. Sir Charles Bright as P.G.H., and Ex. Comp. R. H. Thrupp as J., but those companions were unavoidably absent at the installation must be postponed.

The election of Treasurer followed, and resulted in the unanimous re-election of Ex. Comp. H. G. Buss.

The complete list of Provincial Grand Officers is as follows:—

Ex. Comp. Sir Chas. Bright	...	Prov. G. H.
" Raymond, H. Thrupp	...	Prov. G. J.
" H. C. Levander, M. A.	...	Prov. G. Scribe E.
" W. Stephens, P.P.G.S. Kent	...	Prov. G. Scribe N.
" H. G. Buss, P.G. Std. Br.	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Tickle	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. Tidcombe	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" R. L. Sindall	...	Prov. G. 1st As-t.
" Rushworth	...	Prov. G. 2nd Asst.
" Linsell	...	Prov. G. Sd. Br.
" H. Lovegrove	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Honeywell	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Mason	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Gilbert (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The majority of the companions afterwards dined together.

BRO. SIR ERASMUS WILSON, F.R.S.

An admirable portrait of our distinguished brother appeared in the *Illustrated London News* of November 26th, with the following sketch of his services to science and literature:—

"This eminent member of the profession of surgery and munificent public benefactor was not long ago distinguished afire by his liberality and enterprise in paying the cost, £10,000, as at first estimated, of bringing 'Cleopatra's Needle' from Alexandria to London. As the son of an officer of the British Army who served in the campaign against the French in Egypt at the beginning of this century, he had been led to bestow much study upon the historical antiquities of that country. He was born in 1809, and in 1831 was elected a member of the Royal College of Surgeons. He is the author of several anatomical and medical works; but his most important treatises are those which relate to cutaneous diseases. Among these are 'Diseases of the Skin,' 'On the Management of the Skin as a Means of Promoting and Preserving Health,' 'Portraits of Diseases of the Skin,' 'Lectures and Papers on the Diseases of the Skin, and Cutaneous Syphilis,' and other scientific works. He is also the author of 'A Three-Weeks' Scamper through the Spas of Belgium and Germany,' 'The History of the Middlesex Hospital,' and 'Cleopatra Needle, with Brief Notes on Egypt and Egyptian Obelisks.' He has been for many years consulting surgeon to St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, and editor of the 'Quarterly Journal of Cutaneous Medicine and Diseases of the Skin.' In 1869 he presented to the Royal College of Surgeons his collection of specimens illustrative of the normal and abnormal structure of the human skin, and also the sum of £5000 for the endowment of a professorship of dermatology. He accepted the offer made to him to become the first occupier of the chair, and in February, 1870, he commenced his first series of dermatological lectures. He now holds the high office of President of the Royal College of Surgeons, having been elected a Fellow in 1843, and a member of the council in 1870. The Queen has been pleased to confer upon him the honour of knighthood, 'in consideration of his munificent gifts for the support of hospitals and the encouragement of medical study.' Sir Erasmus Wilson has recently published a volume entitled 'The Egypt of the Past,' which is an excellent compendious account of what is known of Egyptian history to the end of the thirty-first native dynasty, the last of the Pharaohs, about three and a half centuries before the Christian era. This volume, which is issued by Messrs. Kegan, Paul, Trench, and Co., is an acceptable contribution to the literature of the subject, and an additional proof of the varied accomplishments of the distinguishing author."

We may add that Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson is no less distinguished as a Mason, being a liberal contributor to its charities, and a Vice-Patron of the three Institutions. He is a Past Grand Deacon of England, having been appointed by the Grand Master in 1878, is a P.M. of the Lodge of Antiquity, P.Z. of the St. James' Chapter, and was the first P.M. of the Lodge which bears his name.

Freemasonry has numbered amongst its members many names inscribed on the roll of fame, and whether we consider his claims as a man of science, a literary man, or a public benefactor, in each and every case they are sufficient to make good his claim to be numbered among the worthiest of Her Majesty's lieges.

Obituary.

BRO. THOMAS BATES.

All Saints' Lodge, Poplar, No. 1716, has lost a valuable and energetic member and officer by the untimely death on the 22nd ultimo of Bro. Thomas Bates, S.W. of that lodge. Bro. Bates, who was but forty-nine years of age, was appointed S.W. of the All Saints' Lodge in October last, and his great ambition was to fill the position of W.M. He was also P.S. of the All Saints' Chapter, and a member of St. Martin's Lodge and Chapter. Bro. Bates was one of the first initiates of lodge 1716, and since he was received into Masonry, in that lodge, he had devoted both his time and purse to the furtherance of its principles. He was Life Governor of the Boys' Institution; had given his name already as Steward for the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons in 1882-3; and was, even while on a bed of sickness, terminating only with his death, occupied in promoting a lodge in Essex, with which province he was connected by family ties.

His loss has been deeply felt by the brethren in Poplar, and his remains were followed to the grave on Saturday last by a large contingent from All Saints' Lodge and Chapter and St. Martin's Lodge. Amongst those we observed Bros. Nazer, Orkins and Parkes (St. Martin's Lodge); Kernot and H. Ellingford (Merchant Navy); Andrews (Updon); and the following from All Saints' Lodge: Bros. W. H. Farnfield, P.M.; J. Dennis, P.M.; Leonard Potts, P.M.; J. Kemp Coleman, P.M.; W. C. Young, W.M.; House, J.W.; Hancock, Witherstone, J. Smith, C. A. Smith, Mills, and Snowden Kirk. Bro. the Rev. R. H. Atherton, Chaplain 1804, rendered the funeral service most impressively, and the coffin was literally covered with wreaths sent by sympathising friends, including one contributed by the members of All Saints' Lodge and in which wreath was interwoven Craft and Royal Arch Masonic emblems.

BRO. J. W. LIGHTBOUND.

The Freemasons of Liverpool have again been called upon to mourn over another break in the brotherhood by the death of Bro. John Waring Lightbound, which took place on Tuesday week, the 22nd ult. The deceased was a highly respected member of the Select Vestry of the city, and a large number of his colleagues assembled at his graveside in Smithdown Cemetery, on Friday, the 25th ult., to pay their last tribute of respect to his memory. The deceased was also a much esteemed member of the Marlborough Lodge, No. 1620, which meets at Derby Hall, Tuebrook, near Liverpool, and a number of the brethren connected with the lodge were also present at the funeral. The burial service was read by the Rev. Canon Lefroy. The chief mourners were Messrs. J. S. and I. H. Lightbound, sons, and W. Lightbound, brother of the deceased; H. Hargreaves, F. Hargreaves, Crossman, Bainbridge, Hignett, Whitby, T. Lightbound, Crowe, and Bagnall (Knotty Ash). There were also present Councillor Dr. Marsh, Bro. Councillor H. Vaughan, and Bro. Councillor J. Ball, W.M. 673, the Rev. R. Hobson, Bros. Dr. Pitts, W.M. 1620; J. Henderson, S.W., Woods, P.M.; Ingham, Harvey, Carr, Barry, Fletcher, John Elms, Joshua Heishaw, and others. The funeral arrangements were conducted by Messrs. Sykes, of Church-street, Liverpool.

BRO. JOHN HEMERY.

It is with sincere regret that we record the death of Bro. John Hemery, P.P.J.W. Kent, which occurred at his residence, Barton Field, Canterbury, on the 23rd ult. Bro. Hemery was deservedly esteemed and popular in Canterbury, and served the city with distinguished ability, in the office of Chief Magistrate. He was a Justice of the Peace, and Alderman of the city, until his illness compelled him to retire from the Council; he also filled, during many years, the responsible position of local manager of the London and County Bank.

Amusements.

STRAND THEATRE.—Miss Florence St. John's health being so weak she has been ordered to winter abroad, and will take up her abode at Nice. On the withdrawal of "Olivette" Mrs. Swanborough intends enlarging her theatre, and bringing out a new comic opera. An alteration has been made in the cast of "Olivette;" the part of the *Coinventress of Kousillon* has been relegated to Miss Maud Taylor, in whom it loses none of its attractiveness, and her words can be understood better than Middle. Olga Morini, who played it before; she is an Italian, and can only speak broken English. *Valentin* is now played by Bro. Ashley, in place of Mr. Parry. The piece, we believe, is still adding considerably to the coffers of the theatre. On Tuesday last it attained its 400th representation, but Bro. Swanborough has lost a jewel in Miss St. John, however unavoidable it may be. With that exception, the other alterations are, we think, for the better.

COMEDY THEATRE.—Bro. Lionel Brough, it is asserted, has a share in "The Mascotte," and a *Mascotte* is proving to the proprietors, which is no doubt due partly to Bro. D'Albertson, the manager. Bro. Lionel Brough and Bro. Henry Bracey, with Miss Violet Cameron, Mr. Haynes, and the chorus, have been photographed by Messrs. Fry, of Brighton, by the instantaneous process during the playing of the piece. All the pictures are good, and we could not say one is better than another, though, of course, some are more popular, as those, for instance, of Bro. Lionel Brough as the *King*, and afterwards the *Minstrel*; Bro. Bracey as the *Crown Prince*; and Miss Violet Cameron. This lady has felt it necessary to write to the newspapers, explaining that she has never seen nor spoken to Lefroy, who has mentioned her name before the public, and who indicted a letter to her whilst in Lewes Goal, such as a madman would write. We trust both she and the public will forget the occurrence now the author of it is likely to be forgotten.

Masonic and General Tidings.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FESTIVAL.—Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, 1882, being Ash-Wednesday, the above festival will be held on the preceding day, viz., Tuesday, Feb. 21st.

A very successful meeting of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 16th ult., the three ceremonies being well rendered by the W.M., Bro. W. M. Stiles, and his officers.

Bro. Sir W. Watkin Wynn, Bart., M.P., presided at the annual dinner of the Vale of Clwyd Chamber of Agriculture, at the Crown Hotel, Denbigh, on Friday, the 25th ult.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington has requested to have the county meeting at Nelson, Lancashire, fixed for to-day, put off a fortnight, in consequence of the death of a near relative. The meeting will accordingly be postponed.

Bro. Lord Richard Grosvenor presided at the annual distribution of prizes to the members of the Mold Volunteer Corps for shooting and attendance. Lady Grosvenor distributed the prizes, at the close of which she was loudly cheered.

The ceremony of installation will be worked in the St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1891, at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 5th inst., at 7.30 p.m., by Bro. H. C. Francis, P.P.G.D. Surrey. This lodge is rapidly increasing in members since Bro. Francis took the Preceptorship, and a large attendance is expected.

An emergency meeting of the Mozart Lodge, No. 1929, will be held this day (Saturday), at the Croydon Masonic Hall, 105, High-street, Croydon, at five o'clock.

Bro. Alderman Knight, the newly-elected Master of the Loriners' Company, although, as we stated last week, is progressing rapidly from his illness, was unable to be present at the outgoing banquet of the Master, Bro. H. A. Isaacs, C.C. Amongst the numerous company present at the lively dinner, which was held last week at the Cannon-street Hotel, were Bros. Sir John Bennett, who proposed the toast of "The Houses of Parliament;" W. H. Pannell, C.C.; J. E. Walford, C.C., P.M. 177; Barrow Emmanuel, 1827; J. M. Burt; Major J. Davies Sewell, P.G.J., Clerk of the Company; Wm. Willey; George Kenning; Henry Wright, 1827, who responded for the toast of "The Ladies;" Capt. A. Key, Sword Bearer to the Lord Mayor; H. Walford; and F. Dodswell, C.C. Bro. Sir Frederick Perkins sent a letter of regret at not being able to be present, and offered prizes of £25, £15, and £10 for competition for horse-bits. Bro. Henry Parker presided at the pianoforte.

Bro. the Hon. T. C. Agar-Robarts, M.P., has been elected as a vice-president of the newly-constituted Cornwall Beekeepers' Association.

His Excellency W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. T. H. O'Brien, C.M.G. 30^o, P.M. 1066 & 1535, &c., &c., Governor of Heligoland, is at present in London, en route from Mauritius to his new appointment.

Lady Caroline Lasceilles, aunt to Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, died on Monday morning.

Bro. Henry Irving was presented on Saturday, at Edinburgh, with a gold watch, said to have belonged to Kemble, in acknowledgement of the services he has rendered to the dramatic art. The proceeds of his visit to that city have been £4300 in thirteen nights.

Bro. Byron is translating, in conjunction with Mr. Farnie, a new piece to be produced by Bro. Bancroft at the Haymarket. It is now being played in Paris under the title of "Jour et Nuit."

Bro. Sir Watkin W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., Prov. G. M. N. Wales and Shropshire, is about to present the Rev. Arthur Robins with some exceedingly handsome carved oak choir stalls, for the parish church of Holy Trinity, Windsor, in memory of Mr. Wynn, of the Scots Guards, who was accidentally drowned at Windsor last year. Mr. Wynn was the nephew and heir of Bro. Sir Watkin Wynn.

The death is announced of the wife of Bro. Edwin Booth, the American tragedian who lately visited England.

Bro. ex-Sheriff Burt, J.P., presided at the fifty-sixth election of pensioners of the Builders' Benevolent Institution.

A supplement to Tuesday night's *Gazette* states: Her Majesty in Council was this day pleased to declare her consent to a contract of matrimony between his Royal Highness Prince Leopold George Duncan Albert, Duke of Albany, Earl of Clarence, Baron Arklow, Duke of Saxony and Prince of Saxe Coburg and Gotha, K.G., K.T., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., and her Serene Highness the Princess Hélène Frederica Augusta, daughter of his Serene Highness the reigning Prince of Waldeck and Pyrmont, which consent Her Majesty has also caused to be signified under the Great Seal.

The inauguration banquet of the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex (Bro. Alderman Reginald Hanson and Bro. W. A. Ogg) took place on Tuesday at the Merchant Taylors' Hall, Threadneedle Street. Amongst those present were Bros. Alderman Hadley, Alderman Staples, Sir John Bennett, Sir F. Perkins, Alderman Stone, Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, and Sir Albert W. Woods.

Bros. J. L. Toole and H. Bancroft, and the Duke of Westminster are amongst the subscribers to the fund being raised in support of the families of those actors and actresses who perished in the wreck of the *Clan Macduff*. We certainly must say that, next to Freemasons, there is no community of a more charitable disposition than the stage. Even if the charge be true they are spendthrifts—no doubt some are—they give away a great deal in charity while they have it. The list to which we allude includes small subscriptions from even those only connected with the stage as sweepers, caretakers, &c.

£20 to £500.—TOBACCONISTS COMMENCING.—A pamphlet: how to open respectfully from £20, post free. Address H. Myers and Co., 103, Easton-road, London; and at Birmingham. Established 1855. Wholesale only

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland will be held at the St. George's Hall, Hinckley, on Thursday, December 8th, at four o'clock, under the banner of the Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 50. The business before the lodge is the appointment and investiture of officers for the ensuing year, and the election of two members to represent the Provincial Grand Lodge on the Leicester Masonic Hall Committee. A banquet will be served at the George Hotel at five o'clock.

Bro. Lord Shaftesbury occupied the chair on Monday at the annual meeting of the King Edward Ragged School and Institute, Spitalfields.

The Lord Mayor (Bro. Alderman Ellis), and the Lady Mayoress were present, on Saturday evening, at the distribution of medals and certificates awarded in connection with the St. Pancras Industrial Exhibition, which was held in October, at the Tolmers-square Institute, Drummond-street, and where also the presentation of awards took place.

Bro. A. M. Dockery, M.D., of Gallatin, has been elected Grand Master of Missouri, and our esteemed Bro. the Rev. John D. Vincil, of St. Louis, has been re-elected Grand Secretary.

Bro. the Duke of Manchester, P.G.M. Northants and Hunts, presided at a meeting of the Colonial Institute, and spoke of his recent visits to the Australian colonies, and of the immense resources of those countries in minerals, and the products of wool and wine.

A lodge of instruction working under a warrant from the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, has been opened at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, where it meets every Thursday at seven o'clock.

Mr. J. Fisher Crosthwaite's "Brief Memoir of Major-General Sir John George Woodford, K.C.B., K.C.H.," is exactly what such a memoir should be. It is brief, but the career of the gallant general is described in such a way as to give a capital idea, not only of his own character and services, but of the great events in which he took a prominent part, and all this is done in some sixty pages.—*Broad Arrow*.

Bro. Harrison was installed W.M. of the Shepherd's Bush Lodge, No. 1828, at the Athenæum, Shepherd's Bush, on Monday last.

During the residence of her Majesty and Princess Beatrice at Windsor Castle the band of the Grenadier Guards, under Bro. Dan Godfrey, will play every morning near the palace while the guard is being mounted.

Bro. Frank William Ramsay, M.D., P.M., P.Z., P.P.S.G.W. Middlesex, will be installed W.M. of the St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1891, at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 12th inst. Bro. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, M.A., P.M., G. Chap., P. Prov. S.G.W. Surrey, is the retiring W.M.

A National Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta in England and Wales and the Dependencies thereof, will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the 9th inst., at half-past three. At the conclusion of the Great Priory, should a sufficient number of knights signify to the Marshall their desire to be installed, the Great Priory will hold, under the banner of the New Temple Preceptory, a priory of the Order of Malta, into which any Knight Templar, who shall have so signified his desire, shall be admitted. The banquet will take place at the Cannon-street Hotel, at six o'clock.

Ireland being the topic of the time, Bro. Bassano has not let it slip past without bringing his art of photography to bear upon it to illustrate the beauty of Ireland. In a photo just published, entitled "Ireland, 1881," we have not only a specimen of good photography, but a fine type of face of what can be seen in the country districts in Ireland. It is the head of a young girl, an undoubted type of one of Ireland's lovely daughters, wearing a sad but hopeful expression depicted in the face and large uplifted eyes. The following appropriate lines are printed underneath:—

"Sweet Erin, no more shall thy heart heave with pain,
No more shall misfortune thy bosom oppress;
The word has been spoken, the cloud now is broken,
And Justice unfettered shall heal thy distress."

We have ourselves seen in Co. Antrim and Co. Dublin young peasant girls of this type of beauty. No doubt at this opportune moment the picture will be well received.

At the Worship-street Police-court, on Monday last, Richard Barnes, 66 years of age, who had been out on bail, was charged on remand with the unlawful possession of certain articles of Masonic jewellery, and not giving a satisfactory account of the same. The evidence of a pawnbroker's assistant, given on the previous hearing, showed that the prisoner had offered in pledge a Masonic badge and jewel, the badge being of solid silver. His replies to the assistant's questions being unsatisfactory, a constable was called. Prisoner now protested before the Court that the jewels had been left with him to repair, and while admitting that he had done wrong in offering them in pledge, said that he had intended to redeem them in time for their owner. He was, it appeared, a working jeweller, but in straitened circumstances. In the interval of remand, however, it had been discovered that the prisoner had been employed as doorkeeper at a Freemasons' lodge held at the Cannon-street Hotel, that the things had been kept in a box of which the prisoner had a key, and that they were safe on the consecration night, when the prisoner was in attendance. That box had been plundered of a great deal of its contents, among which was the property produced. Pawn-tickets had been found in the prisoner's possession relating to other Masonic articles, jewellery, and clothing, and another pawnbroker produced nine collars, a sword, and some small articles pawned by the prisoner. A further remand was asked for, and was granted; but Mr. Hannay refused to allow bail on this occasion.

Bro. His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany presided at the 217th anniversary festival of the Scottish Corporation, on Wednesday, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. He was supported by H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, Lord Elcho, the Lord Mayor, amongst others. The subscriptions announced in aid of the charity amounted to a total of £3250.

Our contemporary, the *Citizen*, is happy even in the errors it occasionally is guilty of. Last week it converted the "Domestic" Lodge into a "Domestic" Lodge, which, we presume, is a sort of family gathering, and should hardly, therefore, find a place in a series of Masonic lodge notices. However, the "Domastics," if we may familiarly describe as such the members of the lodge intended, have survived the *Citizen's* error. Indeed, we should not wonder, after all, if they do not take it as a compliment to the many "Domestic" virtues by which they are severally distinguished.

One of the warrants issued during the period which has elapsed since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, is for a lodge to meet at Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton, during the winter months. The want of a local lodge has long been felt, and the efforts of some well-known residents have proved to be successful. The lodge will be known as the Brixton Lodge, No. 1949, the officers designate being Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., W.M.; Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., F.R.G.S., S.W.; and W. E. Farrington, J.W. The consecration by the Grand Secretary will take place early in the new year.

At the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, the number of patients under treatment for the week ending November the 26th was 944.

Among the new limited liability companies recently registered is that entitled, "Aylesbury Masonic Hall Company," having for its object the erection of buildings for the use of the Buckingham Lodge of Freemasons No. 591 (to which a Royal Arch Chapter is attached), and for other purposes. The capital is £2000, in £1 shares. The following (all of Aylesbury) are the signatories: H. A. P. Cooper, T. Horwood, J. Lauson, F. B. Parrott, L. Smeathman, L. Poulton, and J. Williams.

BRO. FRANCIS G. FAITHFUL.—We have on previous occasions had the pleasure of calling the attention of our readers to the admirable lithographic portraits produced by Mr. G. Pickworth, of 6, Queen Anne's-gate, St. James's-park, and we have now before us one of the well-known and esteemed Clerk of the Merchant Taylors' Company, Bro. Francis G. Faithful. The likeness is an excellent one, and we are sure that his many friends, both in private life and in Masonry, will value this "counterfeit presentment" of so worthy a brother.

CREATON LODGE, No. 1791.—The election meeting of this successful lodge will be held on Thursday next, when it is expected that a large number of brethren will be present. A most interesting ceremony will take place during the meeting, as we understand it is the intention of the brethren to present their esteemed P.H. and Sec., Bro. J. Ion Cattle, with another pledge of their esteem, in the shape of a portrait of himself in oil, he, on a former occasion having had a proof of their regard.

The installation of Bro. J. H. Lecch, as W.M. of No. 97, Palatine Lodge, Sunderland, will take place on Thursday next, December the 8th.

Bro. Robert Morris, 33^o, the Masonic poet and traveller, whose name is familiar to every lodge household, is visiting in this city, and has paid his fraternal compliments to many organisations of the brotherhood; among them the Lodge of Perfection of New York City on Saturday evening last, when he entertained and instructed those present by narrating a number of interesting episodes and personal incidents. Bro. Morris at present hails from "The Apricot," as he is pleased to term his domicile at La Grange, Kentucky. On Sunday evening last he delivered, at Christ Church, Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, a lecture on the subject of "The Holy Land; a Testimony to the Holy Scriptures."—*Hebrew Leader*. November 18th.

A new Royal Arch chapter was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, 68, Regent-street, by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Peter de Lande Long, Col. Creaton, G. Treas.; General Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey; R. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Griqualand; J. Bevan, D.G.M. Westland, New Zealand; Buszard, O.C., M.P.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; J. Sampson Peirce, R. Warden Wheeler, and several other brethren. The new chapter is styled the Castle Chapter of Harmony, and is attached to the old Castle Lodge of Harmony, No. 26, the warrant for the holding of which dates as far back as the year 1725. After the ceremony of consecration Bros. William Coppard Beaumont, Dr. G. B. Brodie, and Edwd. Milner were installed as the three Principals of the new chapter. A full report appears elsewhere.

The installation meeting of the Sincerity Chapter, No. 174, was held on Thursday evening, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street. A full report will appear in our next.

Our readers will remember that we called attention some time since to the testimonial about to be presented to Bro. Pierpont, the courteous station-master of the Brighton railway station at London Bridge. It has now been decided to close the fund on the 12th inst., and the executive committee desire intending contributors to forward their contributions before that date.

Bro. the Earl of Rosebery presided on Wednesday at the annual dinner of the St. Andrew's Society of Manchester.

The ballot for the election of a Secretary to the Scottish Corporation in the place of the late Bro. Macrae Moir, took place at the Hall, Crane Court, on Monday, when Mr. G. Henderson was elected.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson, LL.D., of the London School Board, as president of the Brighton Health Congress, will deliver an opening address on Tuesday, December 13th.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, December 10, 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, DECEMBER 3.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1559, New Cross, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew B.

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.
Alexandra Palace, Masonic Club, Loughborough, at 7.30.
King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7.
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Mare-st., Hackney, at 7.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129, Leadenhall-st.
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's-Inn-fields.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Hot., Aldersgate-st.
" 144, St. Luke's Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-road.
" 1609, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1670, A Ielphi, 4, Adelphi-ter., Strand.
Chap. 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 1056, Victoria, M.H., Mason's Avenue.
Mark 224, Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly.
Red Cross Con., Premier, F.M. Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
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, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.
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.
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.
Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.
Old Kent Mark, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, 2nd and 4th.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Grand Mark Lodge, 8a, Red Lion-sq.
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 9, Albion, F.M.H.
" 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-street Hot.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 166, Union, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 705, St. James's, Bridge House Hot., London Bge.
" 1257, Grosvenor, F.M.H.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., E.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, N.
" 1381, Kennington, The Horns, Kennington.
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.
" 1662, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
" 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Kingsland-rd.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
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.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
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.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
Islington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, 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.
Chaucer, The Grapes, St. Thomas's-st., Borough, at 8.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Metropolitan Chap, Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7.

Quarterly Committee Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7.
Lodge 92, Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox & Hounds Hot., Putney.
" 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.
Chap. 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury-pavement, at 7.
Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Burdett Courts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn., S.
La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.30.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 7.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, S.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Thistle Mark L. of I., F.M. Tav., at 7.
Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.
Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 238, Pilgrim, F.M.H.
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1216, Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-rd., Camberwell.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1708, Plucknett, Bull Faced Stag, East Finchley.
" 1791, Creaton, F.M.H.

Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Mark 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Mason's Avenue.
K.T. Precept. 117, New Temple, inner Temple, Fleet-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., Mason's Avenue, 6.30.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
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, The Pheasant, Stangate S.W.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-crt., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
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.
Covent Garden, Constitution Hot., Bedford-st, Covent Garden, at 7.45.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
St. Michael's, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 8.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9.

National Great Priory, Cannon-st. Hot., at 3.30.
Lodge 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
" 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 569, Fitzroy, Head-quarters Hon. Artillery Company, City-rd.

K.T. Precept. 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, M.H., Mason's Avenue, at 6.
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, Duke's Head, Whitechapel-rd., at 7.
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.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith, 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.
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
" 176, Caveat, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1839, Luke of Cornwall, F.M.H.
" 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, December 10, 1881.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 613, Unity, M.H., Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Royal Hot., Blackpool.
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
" 1204, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Chap. 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Manchester.
Red Cross Conclave, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.
" 1908, Cholmondeley, Commercial Hot., Frodsham.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Mark 11, Joppa, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 161, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7.

Lodge 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hot., Liverpool.
Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 1350, De Grey & Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Castle Hot., Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 786, Croxteth, United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9.

Lodge 155, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1289, Rock, Rock Hot., Rock Ferry.
Faith Encamp., Leaders-buildings, Wigan.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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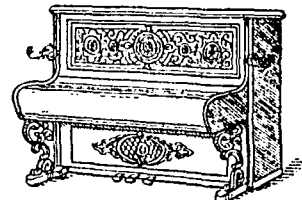
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