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ALL our readers will have noted, and perused with much admiration, the "remarkable speech" of our Royal GRAND MASTER, as Lord GRANVILLE termed it, which he made at the meeting in reference to a national memorial to the late Dean STANLEY. The proceedings at that great assembly are very noteworthy, and most touching in their tribute of regard, respect, and affection for that interesting and lamented personality.

THE admirable and eloquent speech of our Royal Illustrious Bro. the DUKE of ALBANY at Manchester, in respect of music, its claims and charms, its history and its needs, will have been read by all the members of our Fraternity with pleasure and pride.

WE rejoice to hear that our distinguished brother the LORD MAYOR will preside at the next Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School. He is, we understand, likely to be the W.M. of No. 1.

WE feel strongly, with our entire Craft, that we cannot too much regret the resignation of Bro. J. M. CLABON as President of the Board of Benevolence. His urbanity and fairness, his courtesy and consideration on all occasions, his firmness, and yet his suavity, combined to render him a most efficient and popular Chairman, while his professional acumen and his thorough knowledge of the Book of Constitutions constituted him an "authority" for his brethren, a President whose decisions on all "moot points" it was neither safe to arraign nor prudent to challenge. His uniform kindness to all the members of the Board will often be pleasantly remembered alike by regular attendants and occasional visitants, while his services generally to our Order will long be gratefully recalled by his "brethren in Masonry."

IN Bro. JOSHUA NUNN the Board will have a most efficient Chairman, and one who is thoroughly conversant with the detail and practice of the Board of Benevolence. In all large bodies, or small committees even, conflicts of opinion will sometimes arise; and we feel sure that if such do arise under his Chairmanship our esteemed brother will always remember that it is the duty of a Chairman to be absolutely impartial and hold the scales perfectly even, but, at the same time, to state with clearness and precision the law upon the matter under discussion, not what it is "subjectively" to himself, but what it is "objectively," according to the plain, natural, reasonable interpretation of the Book of Constitutions. Luckily, Bro. NUNN has an admirable model for a Chairman to follow in the patience and forbearance, and yet decision if needful, clearness and firmness, which distinguishes Bro. J. M. CLABON.

WE are rather inclined, we confess, to agree with Bro. BRITTEN, who said in Grand Lodge that the little "bye play" as to the nomination of the Vice-Presidents came by surprise on his Board, as it did assuredly on the Craft, on all who were not in the secret. We, like many more, were mystified until we heard the explanation of what ought not to have been a mystery at all. Several questions "crop up" which, we venture to think, have been too summarily dealt with, too hastily overlooked. But as often happens in the affairs of this world, probably the "least said the soonest mended," and there is very little real use, whether in things Masonic or otherwise, to "cry over spilt milk."

Bro. JAMES BRETT's services on the Board of Benevolence have been very steady and effective, and have been, moreover, much appreciated by his brethren. We are sorry, we feel bound to say it, that the rule of well merited promotion was not followed in his case.

WE are informed that Bro. GEORGE LAMBERT, well-known to many of our readers, though of late his attendance has not been so regular, formerly paid much attention to the working of the Board of Benevolence. Just now, for various reasons, the thorough and careful administration of

the Board becomes a "sine qua non," alike for the welfare of our Masonic finances generally, and the claims of too numerous applicants for relief in particular.

WE rejoice to hear and note that the "Gallery" Lodge is progressing, and now numbers thirty-two members.

WE understand that our esteemed Bro. W. T. LAMONBY, long a zealous contributor to the *Freemason*, is about to proceed to Australia in connexion with the *Melbourne Argus* and *Australasian* newspaper. We wish him heartily all success in his new sphere of work. Knowing him to be a most zealous Freemason, we trust that we shall hear of him still working for the Craft, from time to time, in the old and familiar pages of the *Freemason*.

GRAND Lodge has unanimously doubled the grant to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, making it now £1600 per annum. Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART's speech was both very clear and straightforward. He made out a very good case.

IT seems, that on the last occasion two appeals were dismissed, and one allowed; not all dismissed, as we said editorially last week.

AFTER the lucid speech of the Grand Registrar, Grand Lodge had no option but to refuse recognition to the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales. We have always said the same, and doubted and denied the applicability of American maxims to such a case. Indeed, the American "law of recognition" proceeds on the assumption that there is a majority of consenting lodges, not a minority.

WE find in one of our contemporaries, the *Observer*, the following paragraph: "The Lord Mayor has telegraphed to the Burgomaster at Vienna, on behalf of the citizens of London, their very sincere regret at the sad calamity which has befallen that city in the loss of so many hundreds of lives by the burning of the theatre there." We feel sure that all the members of the Craft will feel the deepest sympathy, both for the unfortunate sufferers and the mourning survivors. The destruction by fire of the "Ring Theatre," and the terrific loss of life through wanton carelessness or malarrangements for the safety of the audience, constitute one of the most appalling calamities in our times.

THE readers of newspapers just now are literally breakfasting, dining, and supping upon "horrors." What with the "profanation" at Dunecht and the "tragedy" at Wimbledon, the mournful episode at Sheffield, the "burning of the Ring Theatre" and the "Railway Massacre" at Highbury Tunnel,—what with Irish mutilations and sensational items generally, the newspapers find plenty of occasion for "large type" and ecstatic announcements. Indeed, all these things are enough to affect our digestion and shake our nervous system. Such repeated proofs of the painful "realism of life" render the closing month of 1881 alike melancholy and depressing to the serious and the thinking.

CAPTAIN BROWNRIGG's gallant death is another very notable reminder of the unceasing devotion to duty of all classes in his great profession. "We, gentlemen of England, who live at home at ease," are accused in the old glee, still, as ever, welcome, "How little do we think upon the sailors on the seas." And true it is, we fear, that we are sometimes apt to forget the amount of hardship cheerfully borne, and dangers heroically encountered in obedience to orders, by our English sailors in "far off seas." In the discharge of his duties to suppress the iniquitous slave trade, Captain BROWNRIGG's death, under twenty-one wounds, reads like a tale of chivalry in the olden time.

WE are pleased to read that our Bro. the LORD MAYOR's fund for "Suffering Ladies in Ireland," at the end of a few days now exceeds considerably £4000. We said last week that under the special circumstances of the case we thought the Grand Lodge might in humanitarian sympathy make a grant towards the same good object. So important we venture to think, are both example and aid for poor Ireland just now,—so great is this call on our innermost feelings and personal associations, alike as members of the Masonic Order and as patriotic citizens, that we are also inclined to be of opinion that a Grand Lodge of Emergency should be summoned to vote a befitting amount towards so good a cause, so true an effort of duty and benevolence. It will be three months before Grand Lodge meets again, and no time is like the present. That ladies living in comfort and home happiness, and filling high positions in society, should

through no fault of their own,—by the pressure of untoward events on which we need not here dilate, should be reduced to ask for “out-door” and “in-door relief,” is one of these facts alike painful to contemplate,—one of those social injustices it is our duty to seek to redress with true Masonic beneficence.

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THE Post Office Orphan Home, for which a concert, given by some kindly and excellent “artistes,” (as see elsewhere), is to be held to-day, deserves the support of all Freemasons, inasmuch, as like the “Metropolitan Police Orphanage,” it is a laudable and practical effort to aid the orphans of those to whom we good citizens of London really owe a great debt of gratitude in more ways than one. Surely this is so, especially in respect of hard daily work, in all weathers, for our convenience, and comfort, and safety, of that great body of public servants, marked by such general respectability, and the zealous discharge of duties often both serious and responsible.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons’ Hall, Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer in the chair. There were also present Bros. Richard Hervé Giraud, Wm. Hilton, William Hale, C. A. Cottebrune, Thomas Cubitt, Charles John Perceval, Raynham W. Stewart, John Henry Leggott, Wm. March, John G. Stevens, Thomas W. C. Bush, J. M. Case, Edgar Bowyer, Charles Daniel, Charles Lacey, J. R. Gallant, S. H. Webb, Henry Maudslay, James Terry (Secretary), and Henry Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. TERRY reported the death of six annuitants.

Bro. TERRY reported the case of one male annuitant, Richard Barnes, who had been sentenced to a month’s imprisonment for stealing Masonic jewels.

It was thereupon resolved that Bro. Barnes be deprived of his annuity.

Bro. JOHN G. STEVENS proposed, and Bro. HALE seconded, that the current quarter’s annuity should be paid to the wife of Bro. Barnes, who, with her family, were in a state of destitution.

The motion was carried unanimously, and Bro. Terry was commissioned to pay Mrs. Barnes the money by weekly instalments.

Bro. TERRY reported that the alterations in the laws of the Institution, agreed to by a Special Committee a month ago, had been confirmed by Grand Lodge on the 7th inst., and that Bro. Raynham W. Stewart’s motion for doubling the annual grant of £800 a year by Grand Lodge to the Institution had also been carried.

Bro. TERRY also reported that he had received a notice from the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company of their intention to apply to Parliament next session for further powers to increase their accommodation at Croydon, which would necessitate their taking some of the land of the Institution, and asking that an answer should be returned whether this was assented to or dissented from.

It was unanimously resolved that the Secretary should send in a notice of dissent.

The Warden’s report contained an intimation that one of the male annuitants at Croydon had made himself extremely objectionable to his fellow annuitants by his persistent annoyance. The House Committee had investigated the case, and had advised that the brother complained of should be removed from the Institution. This was agreed to.

The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for the liabilities of the Institution.

Bro. TERRY informed the Committee that the annual New Year’s entertainment to the old people at Croydon would take place on Wednesday, the 4th of January.

It was then resolved to grant the usual sum of £20 towards the expenses of the entertainment.

One widow was granted half her late husband’s annuity.

On the motion of Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., seconded by Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, permission was given to the Secretary to purchase the necessary furniture for the enlarged hall of the Institution at Croydon, which is now complete.

Fourteen male petitioners and nine widows were then placed on the list for the election of May, 1882.

The proceedings closed with a cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

As briefly announced in our last week’s issue, the annual meeting of the brethren of this district took place on the 8th inst., at Hinckley, under the presidency of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. George Toller, jun., P.G.S.B. England.

Reviewing the events of the past few years in connection with this particular section of the Masonic brotherhood, we find that its present Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, was appointed to his office by the Grand Master in the year 1873, and that at the present time there are ten lodges working under his jurisdiction. Of these the one held at Hinckley—the Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 50, on the register of the Grand Lodge of England—is the oldest. Its constitution took place as far back as the year 1756, the warrant being registered as bearing date the 23rd of November of that year. It was granted by the then Grand Master, the Right Worshipful and Right Hon. Thomas Erskine, Earl of Kelly, “to Mr. James Rawson, Mr. William Millett, his Senior Warden, and Mr. George Braddock, his Junior Warden,” authorising them “to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the sign of the Red Lion (or elsewhere) in the town of Macclesfield, in the county of Chester,” and, according to an endorsement signed by “Thos. Harper, D.G. Master,” was “transferred to sundry brothers to convene at Hinckley in Leicestershire, at such house, and upon such times as may be most convenient (A.D. 1803). At the time of its constitution it bore the number of 47 on the roll of the “Ancient” or “Atholl” Lodges, becoming No. 66 at the union of the two sections of English lodges, No. 58 at the renumbering in 1832, and No. 50 at that of 1863. Of the

other lodges of the province, No. 1560, held at Leicester, is the youngest, dating its constitution from 1875.

From the returns issued by the Provincial Grand Lodge itself, we find there are, as we stated last week, 379 subscribing members of the Fraternity in the district, of whom a few subscribe to more than one lodge, whereby an addition is made to the actual number of fees paid into Grand Lodge of 44, thereby giving the district an actual membership of 423, of which number 256, or rather over one half, are accredited to the four lodges meeting in Leicester.

The great Charities of the Order have in the district some of their warmest supporters, and it is seldom a year passes but a substantial sum is sent up to one or other of the festivals held in connection with the three Masonic Charitable Institutions. In proof of this, it is only necessary to give particulars of what has been done during the last seven years, from which it will be seen that a sum of £1617 16s. 6d. has been subscribed by the Masons of Leicestershire and Rutland to the Charities of the Order, which shows that considerably over £5 has, on the average, been contributed by each Mason in the district during that period, a result reflecting the greatest credit on all concerned. The actual figures announced at the several festivals were:—1875, Boys’ School, £181 13s. 1876, Benevolent Institution, £109 16s.; Boys’ School, £12 10s. 1877, Benevolent Institution, £15 8s.; Boys’ School, £400 18s. 6d. 1878, Girls’ School, £233 16s. 1879, Benevolent Institution, £125 14s.; Boys’ School, £42. 1880, Girls’ School, £73 10s.; Boys’ School, £194 5s. 1881, Girls’ School, £228 6s. Totals, Benevolent Institution, £250 18s.; Girls’ School, £535 12s.; and Boys’ School, £831 6s. 6d.

Previous to the opening of Provincial Grand Lodge at Hinckley, a meeting of the Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 50, already referred to, was held. At this the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year was installed, and the several officers were invested.

The following is a copy of the report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee of General Purposes:—

“The Committee have to report that they have met and duly audited the P.G. Treasurer’s account. Although as will be seen from the P.G. Registrar’s Report, Freemasonry in this Province during the last twelve months has not been characterised by the increase in numbers, to which in previous years the Committee have had so much gratification in referring to, the P.G. Lodge, so far as its financial position is concerned, continues in the most satisfactory state, the balance now standing to its credit being £99 1s. 3d., which is considerably in excess of the amount brought forward from last year. The present balance would have been still larger but for the fact that some of the private lodges do not include in their annual returns, or pay the quarterage in respect of such of their members as may happen to be in arrear with their lodge subscriptions, although such members may not have resigned or been excluded, and as a misapprehension appears to exist on this point, the Committee desire the opinion of the P.G. Lodge on the subject, for the guidance of the P.G. Officers and others whom it may concern.

“In Masonic matters generally, the Committee have to report that the past year has been comparatively quiet and uneventful.

“An examination of the returns from several lodges show that the steady increase of recent years has not, during the past twelve months, been maintained, a considerable diminution having taken place in the total number of subscribing members as compared with the returns for 1880.

“The latter, after making allowances for members subscribing to more than one lodge, showed a total membership of 417, while at the present time the number has fallen to 389.

“This decrease, however, the Committee do not regard as an indication of any lack of Masonic life and vigour in this province, for, from the reports which have come to hand, and from general observations, the several lodges were never in a more satisfactory and harmonious condition than at the present time.

“With regard to two of the country lodges, the hope expressed in last year’s report to the almost dormant condition into which they had fallen would soon cease, has, in the case of one (No. 1007) received most gratifying fulfilment, the muster roll, having, under the influence of its energetic W.M., Bro. General Burnaby, been nearly doubled, while as to the other (1265) a smaller though most useful addition of active and energetic joining members from other lodges which it has recently received, will not fail to infuse fresh life and vigour into it. And under the rule of the present W.M., a distinguished P.G. Officer of Norths. and Hunts., and also with an expected considerable influx of new members, the Lodge should take a position in the United Province worthy of the county of which it is at present the sole representative.

“The Committee have further to report that in pursuance of the directions given at a previous meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, new Provincial Grand Lodge collars and jewels have been purchased to supply the place of the missing ones. The set having now been made complete at considerable expense, it is hoped that in future greater care will be taken by Provincial Grand officers in returning their collars and jewels of office to the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. A careful observance of the bye-laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge on this subject is recommended, and ought to be most rigidly enforced.

“In the Leicester lodges attention has of late been directed to the inadequate accommodation of the Leicester Masonic Hall. At the meetings of the Hall Committee the subject has been discussed on several occasions, and various suggestions have been made; that most generally approved being the entire disposal of the present premises, which, in consequence of recent public improvements in the neighbourhood, have increased considerably in value, and the erection of a more convenient building on a less expensive site. It being apprehended, however, that the powers of the present Hall Committee are confined to the letting and management of the Hall, and do not extend to any dealing with the building itself, and consequently that the suggestion above referred to would have to be considered and dealt with by the various Masonic bodies by and for whose use and benefit the present premises have been provided, your Committee recommend that the Provincial Grand Lodge, as one of such bodies, should now nominate representatives to act with any Committee or delegation which may hereafter be appointed for such purpose.

“In concluding their report the Committee desire to refer, with feelings of sorrow, to the loss the Provincial Grand Lodge has sustained by the death of its members, W. Bro. John Wright Smith, P.M. 279, Provincial Grand Junior Deacon, whose Masonic zeal, and energy, and kindness of disposition had gained for him the regard and esteem of all those of his Masonic brethren to whom he was known. The members of his lodge (St. John’s,

No. 279), have expressed their sympathy with his widow in her bereavement by passing a vote of condolence, and in that expression this Committee must fully concur.

(Signed) G. TOLLER, Jun., D.P.G.M.,
"Chairman."

Some amount of discussion followed the reading of this report, the question of lodge quarterages receiving the greatest attention. It was urged that the same rule as applied in the case of Grand Lodge should guide Provincial Lodge, while others considered that Provincial dues were of a different character. Eventually a proposition was put before Provincial Grand Lodge and carried, making it compulsory for the future for each lodge to remit dues for every member on its roll, whether his subscription had been paid or otherwise. The subject of the Leicester Masonic Hall accommodation was ordered to stand over.

The following is the Annual Report of the Provincial Charity Committee:—

"The Committee, in presenting their Report, regret that for the first time for many years they have been unsuccessful in the election of the boy Roe, their candidate for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in October last. Their Secretary called up all the votes owing to the Province, and also borrowed 625, these together with the current votes belonging to lodges and members of the Province, amounted to no less a number than 1472, which in all former elections would have easily returned the boy for whom they were polled. They hope that at the next election, in April, he would be more successful, but may take this opportunity of expressing their hope that all the brethren in the Province will continue to assist them by sending their voting papers directly they receive them, to the Secretary of the Committee, and they regret that, from the neglect of this, several votes were lost to the Province at the last election. The Province is now 625 Boys' votes in debt, and at least 300 more votes will be required to make the candidate safe in April next, it will therefore require strong and united action to carry on successfully their work. They may mention that they are working on terms of mutual and friendly interchange with the Provinces of Wilts, Somerset, Monmouth, North Wales, Derbyshire, and Lincolnshire.

"The Committee do not forget that in a year's time a daughter of the late Bro. Weare will be eligible for the Girls' School, and towards her election they now hold 364 votes, and they see no reason to fear her failure on the first occasion of her candidature.

"The widow of the late Bro. Black, of the St. John's Lodge, 279, applied to the Committee for her boy to be placed on the list of candidates for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, but on enquiry being instituted they found with regret that he was not eligible under the rules of that Institution. They therefore voted the small sum of £5 5s. for her immediate wants.

"The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and their Widows claims its turn for our support in the coming year, and the Committee are glad to find that several names have been forwarded to them of brethren willing to serve as Provincial Steward. They have pleasure in recommending W. Bro. W. Carrick Crofts, of the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, P.P.G.J.W., as Steward to represent the Province, and they have voted the sum of £10 10s. to be placed on his list for the Aged Masons.

"The Committee further beg to state that their accounts have been duly audited, and that a sum of £30 8s. 9d. stands to their credit for the coming year. The Committee further beg to state that they cannot conclude without expressing their deep sense of obligation to Rev. Bro. W. Langley for the very able manner in which he conducted the case of the boy Roe. For one small Province to poll such a number of votes as were recorded for him involves (for the Secretary) an expenditure of time and amount of correspondence, which can only be realised by those who have themselves been engaged in similar undertakings.

(Signed) G. TOLLER, Jun., D.P.G.M.,
"Chairman."

Various other items of business having been disposed of, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, as was also the Knights of Malta Craft Lodge, and the brethren sat down to banquet under the presidency of the D. Prov. G.M., who proposed the customary toasts. Bro. Wright gave that of "The Provincial Grand Master, Right Hon. Earl Ferrers," coupled with that of the Past Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. Kelly, F.S.A., F.R.H.S. &c. He felt that all must regret the circumstances which prevented the attendance of the P.G.M. at the meeting that day, not that he was not well represented in his Deputy but because the Masons of the Province were proud of him at their head. They could but feel the compliment his lordship conferred on the Province by allowing his name to be associated with Masonry in the district as he did. With regard to Bro. Kelly, he was too well known in the Province to need any remarks on the present occasion; he was ever ready and able to carry out whatever Masonic duty might be required of him.

Bro. TERRY proposed the toast of "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge." This was a comprehensive toast, in giving which he was certain it would receive the attention it deserved. In the absence of the chief it was necessary to have some brother to take his place, and the selection, not unnaturally, fell upon the Deputy, who, in the case of the Leicestershire brethren, was in every way fitted to the position. In the head of a Province it was not unrequited for the brethren to possess a brother with whom they were really unacquainted, but in that of the Deputy such was not the case; he was usually known personally to each of the brethren, and knew most of them; for this reason he could speak from personal knowledge of the merits each possessed when called before him on any occasion, and could give that kindly greeting which could only arise from familiar intercourse. Such he (Bro. Terry) felt was the Deputy of the province of which he was that night a guest, and he was happy to have the opportunity of proposing his health. Of the officers of Grand Lodge generally, he could say little, except that he considered the way in which they had carried out the work of the lodge proved they were fully competent.

Bro. TOLLER, in reply, said the observations of Bro. Terry had really called him to a sense of his duty, and shewn him that he really neglected the work of his office, for he must admit he was not so well acquainted with the several members of the province as Bro. Terry had led them to think he should be. At the last meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge (at Loughborough) he had said he would visit every lodge of the district, and although he had really carried out that promise, he felt he had hardly acquired that knowledge of the brethren which he should do.

The Prov. G.J.W. replied for the other officers.

Bro. TOLLER next gave "The Masonic Charities." He really looked upon this as the chief toast in a Masonic assembly. He referred to what the Province had done, and urged the members to support Bro. Crofts as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, pointing out that the district had hardly done as much for that Institution as he could have wished.

Bro. TERRY replied. He felt that the old adage that gifts which were carelessly and profusely strewn were less appreciated than those which required hard getting might apply to the Masonic Institutions. The brethren of Leicestershire knew what it was to secure the election of a lad to the Boys' School, and the trouble it entailed made them remember that Institution, but as regarded the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution they had secured its benefits for one of their old friends, and that too, without anything like the amount of exertion required in the other case; and in consequence he felt they had not thought so much about the source from which the grant was derived. In any case, they had hitherto been less attentive and less generous to the Institution he represented. Now that they had a Steward going up to represent them he hoped this would be changed. Their steward was a popular man, and, he trusted, would be generously supported throughout the district. His advocacy came rather late, but he hoped that would make no difference. Bro. Terry concluded by remarking that it was the fathers of Masonry—the men who had in their days done the work required of them, and who had made Masonry what it at present was—for whom he and Bro. Crofts were pleading.

Bro. CROFTS also replied, and then the Chairman proposed "The Health of the Visitors, to which Bro. W. W. MORGAN, Jun., replied. "The W.M. of the Knights of Malta Lodge," and "The Worshipful Masters and Wardens of the other Lodges in the Province" having each been honoured, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.

There is a very important point in respect of Sir Christopher Wren, which is the Masonic silence about him until 1738. There is no Masonic allusion to his connection with Freemasonry as G.M., so far as I know at present, before 1738.

There is a newspaper allusion in 1723, terming him that "worthy Freemason," but neither in 1723, nor in 1736, does any allusion, that I am aware of, occur to him as a Freemason "nominatim" until Anderson's fuller history in 1738, and on his statements then, and those of the author of "Multa Paucis," in 1763, his Masonic Grand Mastership rests, so far as we know on any evidence available up to the present.

I believe, too, I am correct in stating that neither in 1723 do the Grand Lodge minutes mention his death or allude to him later in any way. And yet it is just possible that his connection with Freemasonry may have been exactly what has been so generally held, I admit, on undoubted "sheep-walking." The entry of Aubrey must be borne in mind, the traditions of the "Lodge of Antiquity" must not be overlooked, and it is not beyond possibility that we have a representation of Sir Christopher Wren in Pine's frontispiece to the "Constitutions" of 1723.

Something may yet "turn up" to prove the tradition in the main true. But further than this, on authentic evidence, we cannot go to-day; and as Anderson only terms Sir Christopher Wren an "ingenious architect," though he claims, or suggests, that James I., Charles I., Charles II., William III., Inigo Jones, Mr. Webb, and Nicholas Stone were all Masons and members of the Fraternity, does not say so for Sir Christopher Wren, unless, indeed, the phrase of page 110, "true Masonry was likewise restored," is intended to imply that Sir Christopher Wren belonged to the Craft. Anderson alluded in his later edition to the dissatisfaction of the Freemasons in 1717, &c., with Sir Christopher Wren on account of his neglect of the Order &c.; and Dermott there dilates on the same subject in the edition of 1764, Ahiman Rezon p. xxvii, where he mentions, "inter alia," "Sir Christopher Wren, who, as Doctor Anderson says (p. 28, 29), neglected the lodges."

And then he goes on, "the Doctor's assertion is certainly true, and I will endeavour to do justice unto the memory of Sir Christopher by relating the true cause of such neglect."

He then goes on to tell us that the "famous Sir Christopher Wren, knight &c., . . . President of the Royal Society, Grand Master of the most ancient and honourable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, architect to the crown . . . was at the age of ninety displaced in favour of Mr. William Benson, who was made sovereign to the buildings, &c.," to His Majesty, King George the First. I need not go into this point further than to say that Dermott thus concludes: "Such usage, added to Sir Christopher's great age, was more than enough to make him decline all further assemblies."

And again, "And the Master Masons then in London were so much disgusted at the treatment of their old and excellent Grand Master that they would not meet nor hold any communication under the sanction of his successor, Mr. Benson, so that the brethren were struck with a lethargy which seemed to threaten the London lodges with a final dissolution."

Several points "crop up" from this dissertation:

1. It is a great pity that Dermott did not give us the date of the last Grand Lodge held by Sir Christopher Wren before he "demitted."
2. Dermott claims Benson as a member of the Order; at least his words seem to imply it.
3. It is just possible that at Sir Christopher Wren's advanced age some irregularities had crept in, as there are several small books extant having a condition of complaint and controversy, in which he, (Sir Christopher), is himself mixed up, complaining both of "frauds" and "abuses" at St. Paul's.
4. But Dermott's statement denies itself. Anderson's assertion alludes to no such feeling on the part of the London Freemasons, but simply one of neglect, and hence it appears to me the Masonic silence in the eighteenth century has arisen; otherwise it seems inexplicable.
5. When Anderson wrote, in 1738, many living Freemasons must have known the fact; and he would hardly have dared, I think, to make the statements he does respecting Sir Christopher had he not some authority from living "knowledge" to justify his assertions.

It would have had a most effective reply by Pritchard and other antagonists—"You have no right to claim Sir Christopher Wren as a member of the Order, for we know that it was not so."

There are, no doubt, many difficulties and some mystery attendant on Sir Christopher Wren's Masonic membership, especially his "Latin diary," if correctly given by Elmes, and the absence of any authentic evidence from Wren or his family in the "Parentalia;" and if Aubrey's statement is true, Anderson and "Multa Paucis" are incorrect. But it is just possible that the explanation of Anderson is the key to the entire difficulty; and, though formerly I attached importance to Aubrey's statement, latterly I have begun to doubt it, and think that Anderson's statement is more likely to be true, and more probable in itself. All these difficulties only show how greatly we need a careful search for old Masonic documents on a principle, and as "experts."

INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER OF DUMBARTONSHIRE.

The ceremony of installing Bro. J. M. Martin, jun., of Auchendennan, as Provincial Grand Master of Dumbartonshire, took place in the Mission-hall, Church-street, on Monday, 29th ult. with all the pomp and solemnity appropriate to such an occasion. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, assisted by a large deputation from the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge members being clothed in the rooms of the Philosophical Society, the Grand Lodge was opened in the G.A. Degree in a beautiful and heart-stirring style. Bro. Sir Michael ascended the throne, and was supported there by Bros. J. T. S. Elliot, Acting Depute Grand Master; J. Crichton, A.S.G.M.; A. Orr Ewing, M.P., D.P.G.M.; Rev. W. W. Tulloch, G. Chap.; and H. McLean, P.G.M. The following were the officer-bearers:—Bros. R. F. Shaw Stewart, G.S.W.; J. Caldwell, J.G.W.; D. Murray Lyon, G.S.; William MacLean, S.G.D.; J. Dalrymple Duncan, J.G.D.; William Barton, Grand Architect; G. Fisher, G.B.B.; Col. T. Stewart, G.D. of C.; John Wilson, G. Bard; F. Law, Acting Grand Jeweller; H. J. D. Copland, G.S.B.; John Morrison, G.D. of Music; William Edwards, Grand Scribe; A. D. Cairns, Acting G. Treas.; Jas. Turner, President of the Board of Stewards; John Fleming, Vice-President; P. Sinclair; H. Munroe; Scott; &c. The office-bearers of the Provincial Grand Lodge were: Bros. J. M. Martin, Provincial Grand Master; Provošt Babtie, S.W.; A. S. Macbride, J.W.; J. Hutchinson, Treas.; R. Macfarlan, Sec.; the Rev. D. H. Wilson, Chap.; Jas. Thomson, S.D., &c.

Grand Lodge having been duly opened, the Grand Secretary read the Commission in favour of the Provincial Grand Master Elect. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and after Bro. Martin had taken the *oath de fidei*, the Grand Master invested him with the insignia of office, provided by Bro. F. Law, the Acting Grand Jeweller. The Grand Master subsequently congratulated the Provincial Grand Master on his appointment, and wished the Province success.

Bro. MARTIN, in reply, expressed his gratitude to the Grand Master and the deputation from Grand Lodge for their attendance. At the same time he regretted the cause which had led them to visit Dumbartonshire, and hoped he would be able to follow *worthily* in the steps of his predecessor, the late Bro. Alexander Smollett, of Bonhill, whose example it would be his endeavour to follow. The ceremony was then completed, and Grand Lodge was subsequently closed in ample form.

An adjournment was made to the Burgh Hall, where all those who were present at the installation were entertained at a banquet. The chair was occupied by the host, Bro. J. M. Martin; and the croupiers' chairs were occupied by Bros. A. Orr Ewing, M.P., Provošt Babtie, and Robert MacFarlan, P.G.S. After dinner the CHAIRMAN gave "The Queen and the Craft," followed by "The Prince of Wales, Grand Master Mason of England, Patron of Scottish Freemasonry, the Princess of Wales, and the other Members of the Royal Family." He said the Prince had done so much to make himself popular all over the country, not only with Freemasons, but with all classes; and he had shown himself so ready, in season and out of season, to serve every good cause, that they could not do less than drink his health.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces." The toast was coupled with the names of Captain R. T. Shaw, Lieutenant Proudfoot Dick, and Col. James T. Stewart, who made appropriate replies.

The CHAIRMAN next gave "The Grand Lodges of Scotland and Grand Master Mason." He said he had now to give them that which was the most important toast in such a meeting as that—namely, "The Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Master Mason." They all knew that the Grand Lodge of Scotland was the main-spring of Masonry in Scotland, the centre round which the whole Masonry of Scotland revolved, as it kept provincial lodges and the whole Masonry of Scotland right. On occasions like the present the Grand Lodge was of great advantage to them in sending deputations to guide them, and to take the lead and instruct them in the mysteries of their Craft if they were wanting in that knowledge.

Bro. MARTIN expressed his personal obligations to Sir Michael, and the deputation of the Grand Lodge for coming to his installation, and he was sure that while this would be the Grand Master's last public duty in connection with the Grand Lodge, it would be a pleasant thought that that last kindly office was performed in the Western District of Scotland, in the county adjoining his own.

Sir MICHAEL SHAW-STEWART, in replying, thanked them very sincerely on behalf of the Grand Lodge for the kind way in which they had responded to the toast, and for the hospitable entertainment which had been provided for the deputation. They had treated the Grand Lodge right royally, and for their edification had not only provided seventeen toasts but seventeen dishes. It was to him a matter of great gratification that his last appearance in a public manner was in the town of Dumbarton, upon the good old Firth of Clyde, which though it often was unruly and wet their jackets, always warmed their hearts.

Bro. A. ORR EWING proposed "The Grand Lodges of England and Ireland," from which, he remarked, they had much to learn. Some people objected to Masonic associations because of their secrecy, but the principles of Masonry were known throughout the world. They were principles which were founded upon the Bible and the Constitution. The Grand Lodge of England was one of the greatest charitable institutions in the country, and he trusted that in Dumbarton, under the able guidance of his friend Bro. Martin, they would endeavour as far as they could to remove the disparity which existed between the Grand Lodges of the two countries as regarded one of the fundamental principles of the Craft.

Sir MICHAEL SHAW-STEWART, in proposing "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Dumbarton and the newly-installed Grand Master," referred to the cause which had led to the appointment of Bro. Martin, and the loss which the province had sustained by the death of Bro. Smollett of Bonhill. Before proposing the health of the newly-installed Provincial Grand Master, he wished to make a remark upon what had fallen from Bro. Orr Ewing. He did not wish to dispute what that gentleman had said to the contrary; they were aware that the Grand Lodge of England had done a great deal in the way of benevolence, and he hoped the day was not far distant when the Grand Lodge of Scotland would be able, according to its means, to exert itself in the same manner. He had great pleasure in proposing the health of Bro. Martin, and wishing every success to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dumbartonshire.

Bro. MARTIN, in replying, said the position already achieved by the province was due to the exertions of his predecessor, and it was his intention to follow in his footsteps. Whatever his ability might be, there would be no lack of intention or desire on his part to discharge the duties of his office efficiently. The honour had been spontaneously conferred upon him, and had his friend at the other end of the table (Bro. A. Orr Ewing) listened to the advice which had been given him, their positions would have been reversed. For the first time since he had known Bro. Orr Ewing, that gentleman had declined to do his duty, and it was only then that the speaker consented to accept the honour.

Bro. MACKENZIE then proposed "The Memory of Bro. Alexander Smollett, of Bonhill, the late Provincial Grand Master of Dumbartonshire." To those who knew Bro. Smollett his memory needed no words to perpetuate it, and to those who did not know him no eloquence could depict his excellencies.

The toast was drank in solemn silence.

Bro. J. DALRYMPLE DUNCAN proposed "Sister Provincial Grand Lodges."

Bro. ELLIOT replied, and thereafter proposed "The Health of the Clergy," coupled with the name of Dr. Story.

Bro. CALDWELL gave "The Daughter Lodges of the Province" in a neat speech; to which Bro. McNIDDER replied.

Bro. R. McMILLAN gave "The Visiting Brethren," for whom Bro. R. F. SHAW STEWART responded.

The Rev. Bro. W. W. TULLOCK gave "Lady Octavia Shaw-Stewart."

Bro. F. CAMPBELL gave "The Town and Trade of Dumbarton," replied to by Provošt BAPTIE.

Bro. MACFARLAN submitted "The Agricultural Interests."

The other toasts were: "The Press," "The Croupiers," "The Chairman," "The Committee of Management," "The Grand Secretary," and others.

After singing "Auld Lang Syne" the company dispersed, greatly delighted with the whole proceedings.

MASONIC CEREMONIAL AT FOWEY.

On the 30th ult. the clerestory windows of Fowey church, filled by the Cornish and national saints, painted by the celebrated West of England artists in stained glass, Messrs. Fouracre and Watson, of Plymouth, were publicly unveiled by Bro. Dr. Davis, P.P.G.J.W., in the absence of the W.M. of the Fowey Lodge, assisted by Bro. Emra Holmes, P.P.G.R. and P.P.G.D.C. Suffolk, the Chairman and Secretary of the Memorial Committee, and in the presence of a large congregation. So long ago as July, 1880, a committee was formed to carry out a public memorial to the late Rev. Dr. Treflry, of Place Castle, Fowey, the Lord of the Manor, and the representative of one of the oldest Cornish families, and it was decided to fill the clerestory windows with stained glass—a favourite project of the Doctor's. There is an old achievement in Fowey Church which relates how Sir John Treflry fought under the Black Prince at Poitiers, and, taking the French Royal standard, he was made a Knight Banneret on the field of battle by Edward III. Place Castle is one of the most beautiful medieval mansions we have ever seen, and the celebrated Porphyry Hall aroused the envy of the late Prince Consort when he visited Fowey, with the Queen, in 1848, and it is said he remarked that he should like to see such an erection at Windsor, but he could not afford it.

There was full choral service on the occasion, and the vicar of Fowey, the Rev. H. N. Purcell, was assisted by the Rev. A. Lawrence, R.D., rector of St. Ewe, the Rev. H. J. Nicholson, of Devonport, P.P.G.C. Warwickshire, and the Rev. W. E. Barter, B.A., of Redruth. The last named clergyman preached a most admirable and eloquent sermon, from the text, "We have found the Messiah"—the speech of St. Andrew to his brother, St. Peter.

The late Doctor was a prominent Freemason, a P.M. of Fowey Lodge, P.P.G.Chap. of Cornwall, P.Z. of the Unity Chapter, Tywardreath, and P.E.C. of the Restored Preceptory of Knights Templars. The Masons having contributed handsomely to the memorial, it was decided to make one a distinctly Masonic window, and the Committee invited the Freemasons as a body to take part in the service. They accordingly attended in procession in full craft regalia, but the weather being most inclement, the numbers were not so great as was expected. The Provincial Grand Master granted a dispensation, and at one time it was hoped the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, whose family formerly represented Fowey, or his Deputy, Sir Chas. Sawle, would have been present, but it was not to be. The Bishop of Truro was invited to preach on the occasion, but other pressing engagements prevented his doing so. The windows, nine in number, with three lights in each, contain twenty-seven figures—St. Fimbarrus, who was buried here in the sixth century; St. Catherine, Patron Saint of Fowey and St. Nicholas, to whom the present church was rededicated in 1457; St. Ursula, daughter of Dinoh, Duke of Cornwall, St. Patrick and St. David, who both visited Cornwall with their disciples, St. Teils, St. Feock, a bard, St. Etha, St. Nonna, mother of David, St. Dwyn, St. Buriana, St. Blasius, patron of Woolcombers, St. Germanus, St. Geraint, St. Piran, patron of the Tanners, St. Andrew, St. George of Merrie England, and others find their appropriate place.

The Masonic window contains Hiram, King of Tyre, with eastern crown, wearing a robe of Tyrian purple, Solomon, King of Israel, with a model of the Temple in his hand, and Hiram, the widow's son, with a plan of the building in his hand. In the templates above are a crimson circle with a point in its centre, and the famous pentacle, or Solomon's seal, so well-known to Masons.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE OLD KENT MARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The Old Kent Mark Lodge of Instruction held its annual festival on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Crown and Cushion, London Wall, when a number of members sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by the host, Bro. Medworth. Bro. James Moon, W.M. Old Kent, was in the chair, and was supported by his Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. H. Dicketts and W. B. Date, also by Bros. D. M. Dewar, Asst. G. Sec.; F. Davison, G. Treas.; G. Clark, G. Stwd.; Turquand, P.M.; and others. Bro. W. J. Nicholls, P.M., occupied the post of S.W., and Bro. Pargeter that of J.W.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the W.M. gave the toast of the evening—"Success to the Old Kent Mark Lodge of Instruction," coupling with it the name of Bro. Turquand, the Preceptor, whom he thanked for the untiring pains and assiduity which he gave to the lodge, and highly commended the useful work which had been effected by it.

Bro. TURQUAND, in reply, stated that the lodge was now in its third season, and had this year moved to much improved quarters, and that it showed every sign of success, both from the numbers attending its meetings, the work done, and also as to its financial state, adding that the lodge felt itself particularly honoured on the present occasion by the presence of three Grand Officers.

Other toasts followed, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

The regular lodge meetings are held at the Crown and Cushion on the second and fourth Mondays of each month up to April, at 6.30 p.m., but as the next occasions falls on Boxing Day, the next meeting will not be till January 9th

INTERESTING MASONIC GATHERING IN LIVERPOOL.

RECORD OF A BROTHER'S BRAVERY.

The usual monthly meeting of the St. John's Lodge, No. 673 (so admirably ruled by Bro. Councillor Ball, W.M.) was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday evening, the 6th inst., and as the proceedings were of a more than usually interesting nature there was a large gathering of members and visitors. The occasion was rendered specially notable by a presentation to the I.P.M., Bro. Herman, and also by a gratifying recognition of the bravery of Bro. Bence, chief officer of the "White Star" steamship Germanic, who has been for many years a member of the lodge.

Amongst those present were W. Bros. Capt. Newman, P.P.G. Reg.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; T. Clark, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Brackenbury, P.G.A.D.C.; and J. Skeaf, P.G.O.

The presentation to the I.P.M. consisted of a valuable gold watch, which was given on behalf of the brethren by Bro. Councillor Joseph Ball, the W.M., who spoke in very high terms of the zealous services which Bro. Herman had rendered to the lodge. The testimonial bore the inscription—"Presented to Bro. Louis Herman, P.M., by the members of the St. John's Lodge, No. 673, as a token of their esteem. December 6, 1881." The testimonial was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Herman.

After the repast which followed business, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., and cordially responded to by the brethren.

During the evening Bro. W. T. MAY, P.M. and Secretary, referred in graceful terms to the presence of Bro. Bence, who had been a member of the lodge for some twenty or thirty years, and whose name he coupled with the toast of "The Old Private Members." He remarked that Bro. Bence had done his utmost to promote the interests of Freemasonry and of the mercantile navy, of which he was an honoured member. They must all have read in that morning's newspaper of a noble act of bravery, which reflected the highest credit upon him, and which must ensure him such a reception and recognition as he was deserving of, as an Englishman, a Mason, and a brave seaman.

In replying to the toast, Bro. BENCE observed that he had done nothing more than it was the duty of every British seaman to do, and if it was again his lot to have a similar duty to perform he hoped he would have the health and strength to do it. He related an incident which occurred several years ago, when, in attempting to rescue an old lady in New York harbour, he was only able to accomplish the task with the prompt assistance of Bro. Dr. Pitts, who was then medical officer of the "White Star" steamer Germanic.

"The Health of Bro. Dr. Pitts, W.M. of the Marlborough Lodge, No. 1620, Tuebrook," was coupled with "The Visitors," and was appropriately acknowledged.

The record of Bro. Bence's bravery deserves a place in our columns, and we therefore submit the interesting details as furnished by one of those on board the Germanic. The eye-witness of the deed of daring states that "the steamer, under the command of Capt. C. W. Kennedy, left New York on Saturday, November 26th, and made remarkably fine runs on the four succeeding days, scoring 1654 knots up to half-past one o'clock a.m., Thursday, December 1st. With a strong, favourable wind, accompanied, however, by a very heavy following sea, every one was in excellent spirits, and anticipating, perhaps, a 'best-on-record run,' when the saloon passengers retired to rest. They were all aroused, however, at an early hour by the sudden stoppage of the engines, and were very soon informed that not very far off lay a large ship, apparently helpless, exhibiting signals of extreme distress. The deck was very soon sought by the passengers, and two large beacon lights could be seen in the black horizon, fore and aft of a big vessel. Soon a rocket went up, and Captain Kennedy burnt blue lights, which said in very welcome seafaring language, 'we will stand by you.' In order to do this, however, it was necessary to wait until the morning, and accordingly the Germanic shut off steam and kept moving and manœuvring so as to keep well in sight and reach of the ship in distress. When day dawned we could see a large steamship, schooner rigged, labouring heavily and helplessly in the rolling sea, four signals flying at her mastsheads, which said, 'No boats serviceable; in great distress; send assistance.' In a very short space of time the Germanic's lifeboat was lowered away in a very heavy sea, and, manned by a volunteer crew of White Star seamen, under command of First Officer Robert Bence (in all

six men), started on their perilous mission of rescue. Disappearing now and then from our view in the trough of the ocean, anon perched on the crest of a mountain wave, the gallant little craft and her gallant little crew made slow but certain way to the side of the waterlogged and disabled ship. After a considerable delay and difficulty, the lifeboat began her return voyage, laden with ten of the shipwrecked crew, all of whom were safely got on board the Germanic, leaving fifteen more to be saved. Again the lifeboat and the same crew started on their mile of ocean breakers, and again reached their destination safely. This time nine men were taken aboard, not without some little collision with the drifting steamship, which slightly damaged the port side of the lifeboat. The second journey successfully accomplished, there only remained the six officers of the Hurworth to be brought off, and once more Mr. Bence took his crew to finish his errand of humanity. In coming alongside again there was an unpleasant little episode. A very ugly sea caught the lifeboat and forced her bow round, throwing her so violently against the big ship's side that her stern was opened up. Notwithstanding, the remainder of the ship's company were got in safely, and Mr. Bence had good reason to congratulate himself on the rescued party only numbering six. A larger load might have proved fatal. The damaged boat, however, by good seamanship and strong arms, came out of the struggle with all hands safe. It is a pity that she herself should fall the only victim of the adventure. In endeavouring to hoist the boat once more to her davits, the sea was so heavy and the task so difficult and dangerous, that it was found impossible to effect it in safety. As it was, the last three men in her had to be drawn up the Germanic's side at considerable risk to their lives, and Quartermaster Adair was somewhat hurt in his efforts to get off."

The names of the rescue party were as follows: Robert E. Bence, chief officer; Joseph Dwerryhouse, Henry Shaffer, Robert Weston, James Adair, and Thomas Spellman.

The story of John Anderson, the captain of the rescued crew, was one of continual distress since he left Montreal on November 7th. The steamship Hurworth, registered tonnage 1265, was the property of Mr. Davison, of Newcastle, and had started with a cargo of about 2000 tons of grain, principally rye, on her return voyage to Rotterdam. She put in to Sydney, Cape Breton, for coal, and on the 14th November started upon what proved to be her last voyage. Before the 24th she had encountered the foulest of foul weather—had been forced to heave to, and ride out two hurricanes; had had two boats stove in, her bulwarks started, the front of the poop broken in, and the saloon and cabins thereby rendered almost uninhabitable. On the 21st a third hurricane struck the devoted ship, no doubt the same storm which was on its way to spread devastation on the British coast. Again the captain had to put her head to the westward, and heave to, and at seven o'clock in the evening it was discovered, on attempting to get under way, that the rudder and rudder-post had been entirely carried away, and that the ship was helpless and unmanageable. This discovery was made in latitude 47 N. 34 W., and for eleven days the hapless Hurworth drifted hither and thither, at first southward, until the Gulf stream caught her and forced her back northward. On November 27th, the day being fine, the captain rigged out a jury rudder with a chain and spar; but the sea was too heavy, and getting foul of the propeller, it was slipped and utilised as a drag, in hopes that by this means it might be possible to keep some sort of a course. Steam was kept up all the time, but at no time was the ship under any sort of command. A sea-anchor was next tried, but was also of no avail, and on the 29th the final *coup de grace* was given to Captain Anderson's craft. The sea became very heavy, and the bulwarks by this time being of little defence, a heavy wave burst in one of the hatches, and the sea poured into the hold. For days the crew had been working incessantly, throwing over as much as 400 tons of grain, and unable to sleep or cook their food, up to their knees in water nearly all the time, and very much exhausted. The water was now pouring into the hold. There was only one thing to be done. A sail was taken down and put over the broken hatch, and efforts were made to build up to it underneath, so as to prevent it subsiding. At this time the captain thought that only a miracle could save himself and his ship's crew. Only two vessels had been sighted since the rudder had gone—one a sailing vessel a long way off, the other a schooner-rigged steamer, which had passed three miles ahead across their bows, but had paid no attention to the Hurworth's signals of distress. But good fortune, in the shape of the Germanic's lights turned up on the night of the 30th November, and the long-wished-for rescue arrived; and after a delay of nearly twelve hours, and with an unexpected addition of twenty-five souls and a kitten, we proceeded on our way very well pleased at the opportunity of saving so many lives, and of having been witnesses of a gallant deed of seamanship.

In the forenoon of the day on which the rescue took place a meeting of the passengers was held in the saloon, the Right Hon. Lyon Playfair, M.P., in the chair, when the following resolutions were carried:—1. That the thanks of the passengers on board the Germanic be given to Captain C. W. Kennedy for the able manner in which he handled his ship in saving the crew of the steamship Hurworth during a heavy sea on Thursday, 1st December, 1881. 2. That a subscription fund be created for the purpose of—(a) recognising the dangerous services of the volunteers in the lifeboat which made three trips for the rescued crew. (b) To present a memorial in recognition of the services of the chief officer, Mr. Bence, on that occasion. (c) To provide some funds for the shipwrecked crew.

A committee was next appointed to receive subscriptions. By four o'clock £136 had been collected. Mr. Bence was presented with a watch and each of the crew with £10.

The House Dinner of the Savage Club of Saturday last was attended by Lord Headley, Alderman Sir Sydney H. Waterlow, Bart., M.P.; Bro. Alderman Hadley, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, Bro. Sheriff Ogg, Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, Mr. J. Staats Forbes, J.P.; Mr. John Shaw, J.P.; and Mr. Joe Knight. The chairman was Mr. J. R. Somers Vine, a member of the Club Committee. The members of the club assembled in stronger force than has ever been known at a House Dinner, more than 130 being present during the evening.

Amusements.

QUEEN'S THEATRE, MANCHESTER.—Mr. George Kirk, a celebrated American comedian, supported by Miss Constance Carte, also from over the Atlantic, and a competent company, have produced this week at this theatre a powerful new American comedy drama, entitled "Dan'l Bartlett; or a Messenger from Jarvis Section," written by Messrs Locke and Kirk. The drama has been most enthusiastically received, and will doubtless prove a great success. The plot is an interesting one; the text is full of fine lines, and many of the *dramatis personæ* are strong and faithful character sketches, while the progress of the play is enlivened by a profusion of attractive incidents. Mr. Kirk, in the title rôle shows histrionic talent of a high order of excellence, and seems to be entirely at home when delineating the peculiarities of bluff, generous-hearted old Uncle Dan'l, the Deputy-Sheriff of Jarvis Section. Miss Constance Carte exhibits novel and versatile dramatic powers. She plays the part of the gentle Gertrude, the heroine, with womanly grace and great brilliance in the first and concluding acts; while in the second and third she essays the rôle of Sheeny Mike, a Boston bar-room loafer and landshark of the lowest type. In this impersonation Miss Carte's wonderful "make-up," remarkable acting, and clever control of voice would do credit to a male character actor of the first order. Then Miss Alice Clairette, the *Gaspard* of the "Children's Cornville Company," has been engaged by Mr. Kirk for the representation of the part of *Clip of Keppler's*, a little drudge of a low-class lager beer saloon, chiefly affected by thieves and drunken sailors. This character is one which might well have originated in the brain of the Master "who writ of Little Nell," and is portrayed to the life by the charming child actress to whom it has been entrusted. Miss Clairette is received with enthusiasm every evening. The rest of the caste is good, all the artistes making the best of their several parts. "Dan'l Bartlett" goes next week to the Queen's Royal Theatre at Dublin, and will shortly be seen on the boards of a leading London playhouse. Mr. Kirk has acquired the exclusive English right of the drama, and, judging from its intrinsic merits and the manner in which it hits the popular taste, we make no doubt that he will have a long and lucrative tour with it here.

IMPERIAL THEATRE.—At this theatre at Christmas, under the direction of Mr. Carruthers, will be produced a pantomime-vaudeville, after the style of the "Voyage en Suisse."

CRITERION THEATRE.—"Foggerty's Fairy," comedy, has been produced at this theatre on the withdrawal of "Brighton." It is by Mr. W. J. Gilbert, and was written for the late Mr. Sothern. Mr. Charles Wyndham will take the chief character.

ROYALTY.—On Boxing-night this theatre will re-open with "Little Orpheus and his Lute," by Bro. Byron. We have little doubt it will be equal to our distinguished brother's other productions. Bro. J. G. Taylor, Miss Lydia Thompson, and Miss Lottie Venn will be in the caste.

VAUDEVILLE.—Bro. James, who has so long been in partnership with Bro. Thorne at the Vaudeville, has by amicable arrangements ceased his connection with that theatre. "The Two Roses," "Our Boys," by Byron, and "Our Girls," have been the principal pieces in which they have each played the prominent parts. So long have they been together that they often go by the name of the Siamese Twins. Bro. James will appear at another theatre.

OPERA COMIQUE.—On the 31st inst. an operetta, entitled "Lover's Knots," will be brought out here, followed by Bro. Sims's farcical comedy, "Mother-in-Law." The very name of Bro. Sims's piece will doubtless draw many to see it. Miss Laura Don will be the chief actress. She is both clever and pretty.

HAYMARKET.—The demand for tickets was so great for the morning performance at Bro. Bancroft's theatre, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., in aid of the Royal General Theatrical Fund, that they were soon only to be bought at a premium. The performance was under the patronage of the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales.

ALEXANDRA PALACE.—The pantomime which is to be produced here on Saturday evening, the 24th inst., is from the pen of Mr. Frank W. Green, and is entitled, "Hop o' My Thumb." The music will be by Bro. Meyer Lutz; the transformation, the ballet, and the palace scenes have been painted by Messrs. Grieve and Son, the diorama representing the road to Ogreland, and the rest of the scenery, by Messrs. T. Rogers and Son. The ballets will be superintended by Madame Katti Lanner, whose pupils in the National School for Dancing, connected with Her Majesty's Theatre, have been engaged for the diversissements. The production has been entrusted to Mr. George Conquest, jun., whose success in the "Yellow Dwarf" pantomime, at the Alexandra Palace in 1875, was so marked. Mr. Conquest will play the part of the Giant Ogriferous, the other principal characters being played by Messrs. Sam Wilkinson, Nye, Watty Brunton, Mat. Gordon, Mesdames Pattie Mortimer, Annie Kobe, Lillian Adair, Constance Brabazon, Madeline Brabazon, Minnie Inch, &c. The comic scenes have been arranged by Mr. Reuben Inch, who plays clown. The pantomime, however, is only one of many attractions provided by Bros. Jones and Barber the lessees, other principal features being the engagement of the great Blondin to walk the high rope in the Central Hall; evening performance of Donizetti's Comic Opera; "L'Elisir d'Amore," by Madame Blanche Cole and company; the circus, under the direction of Mr. A. Henry; an exhibition of evergreen plants and Christmas fruit; fairyland illuminations and promenade concerts. The system of giving seats at every entertainment without extra fee beyond that of admission, will be strictly adhered to. Many additional trains will run throughout the holidays.

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To Correspondents.

The following stand over:

Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781.

St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1766.

Continuation of Bro. Graham's Address to the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Montreal Herald," "The Broad Arrow," "The West London Advertiser," "Brighton Gazette," "The Citizen," "The Jews in Europe," "Jewish Chronicle," "Le Monde Maconnique," "The Hull Packet," "The New York Dispatch," "Keystone," "Der Long Islander," "Die Bauhütte," "The Mystic Tie," "The Masonic Chronicle," "The Blue," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Australian Freemason," "Cox's Monthly Legal Circulars," "Hebrew Leader," "Masonic Advocate."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1881.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE RITUAL QUESTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

With all due respect to Bro. Chadwick, the able P.G. Secretary of East Lancashire, I think the theory he contends for, viz., that the ceremonies in Masonry can only be given from the chair, and by an Installed Master, is wrong.

The Grand Registrar's exposition of the law on this subject, which is, that the W.M. may call upon any brother being a member of the lodge (one of the Wardens, for instance) to perform any part of the lodge ceremonies, I hold to be both good law and a common-sense view of the question.

I hailed this deliverance of the Grand Registrar at the time it was given with much satisfaction, as it settled a question concerning which there has, to my knowledge, been much difference of opinion amongst "rulers of the Craft."

It is unfortunate that there should have been such a diametrically opposite opinion expressed by the late Grand Secretary, but that does not lessen the force of the Grand Registrar's dictum. It shows the importance, however, of referring knotty points of Masonic law and procedure, especially when Grand Lodge has made no deliverance on the subject, to the proper quarter for decision.

The whole question turns upon the interpretation of the phrase "ruling the lodge, which duty in certain eventualities may devolve, according to the Book of Constitutions, on one or other of the Wardens. Bro. Chadwick (and many others have taken the same view) would have it that "ruling the lodge" does not include the performing of ceremonies. A Warden, says Bro. Chadwick, may "rule the lodge," but he must not discharge the duties of the W.M. Master's chair in initiating, passing, or raising candidates, and therefore if he cannot perform ceremonies, supposing he is called upon to take the headship of the lodge prior to installation, he cannot do them under ordinary circumstances.

Now if this were the law, it would be a narrowing down of the W.M.'s prerogative that is quite out of keeping with the position he holds as head of the lodge. The Grand Registrar says, in effect, "ruling the lodge" consists in the Presiding Officer for the time being—and the Board of Constitutions regulates who is to be the Presiding Officer—being, and fulfilling the responsibilities of Master, regulating the entire procedure whilst the lodge is under his direction, and the ceremonies of the Order, whether done by himself, or by deputy, whether in whole or in part, being entirely under his control.

Does Bro. Chadwick seriously contend for a moment that it is an "innovation" for a Warden to be called upon by the Presiding Officer to deliver the working tools in any ceremony, or to rehearse the charge after initiation, or explain the tracings boards in any degree? If Bro. Chadwick does so contend, then I am afraid ninety-nine lodges out of every hundred are guilty of "innovations." And if Bro. Chadwick conceded that such and such portions of the ceremonies may be done by Wardens or other subordinate officers, I cannot see on what principle they are ineligible for performing any other portion of the ritual. For the last twenty years it has been the custom in the lodge to which I belong for the Senior Warden to deliver (when he

is able to do it) the charge to the initiate when he is placed in the N.E., and I fail to see that any portion of the initiation ceremony is of greater importance than this charge.

One passage may be referred to in support of the eligibility of Wardens (at any rate) to perform ceremonies. In the ceremony of installation they are charged that in the absence of the W.M. they may succeed to higher duties, and that their attainments should be of such a nature that the brethren may not suffer from want of proper instruction. If this does not point to the performance of ceremonies, what does it mean? I have always understood it to mean that the Wardens might possibly be called upon to work ceremonies, and that it was their duty to be prepared for such a contingency.

In no part however of our written or unwritten law is it laid down that a W.M. must be able to perform ceremonies, and that failing to do so he is bound to call upon an Installed Master. Of course we all know how desirable it is for a W.M. to be able to do his own ceremonies, but there is no legal obligation on him to do so. He may do them himself or he may do them by proxy, and in the selection of his proxy he is bound by no other rule than that of prudence and courtesy. Of course, if the W.M. ignores his Past Masters entirely, it would be an abuse of his prerogative, but no W.M. in his senses would go to such a length.

Bro. Chadwick has not stated the precise circumstances under which the Warden performed the ceremony in question, but if it was a case similar to what I have seen, where, on election night, a Warden has by the courtesy of the W. Master given the brethren whose suffrages he seeks a sample of his capabilities in conducting a ceremony, then, I say, the proceeding instead of being reprehensible, was most laudable.

I am dear Sir and brother, yours truly and fraternally,
CESTRIAN.

[Our esteemed correspondent very ably puts our previous argument in his own clear words.—Ed. F.M.]

THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am writing on a very delicate subject, but I think it one which will find a fitting place in your free, fair, and liberal columns.

I regret that at our last meeting neither the Pro G.M. nor the D.G.M. were present; the more so as the vote for the widow of our late Bro. General Garfield was on the agenda paper.

We all admire the genial temper and kindly tact of our excellent friend, the Prov. G.M. for Middlesex, whom it is a pleasure always to greet amongst us, and whom we all regard, both as a man and a ruler, a soldier and a Freemason. But I think it hard to place our esteemed and worthy brethren, the Provincial and District G.M.S., in the often difficult position of ruling Grand Lodge when important questions are before it, and often constitutional points of the greatest nicety demand adjudication and settlement. I am quite aware that both those distinguished noblemen, who, as Pro G.M. and D.G.M., are so valued and loved in their own provinces, and by the Craft at large, have many calls on their time, many engagements, the unavoidable claims of social position and public life, nay even of health. But I yet venture respectfully to think that on such an occasion as last Wednesday week, it would have added to the gratification of 700 brethren assembled, and especially would have been taken as flattering to our brethren in the United States, had one of our official rulers been present on the occasion I have adverted to.

Nothing could indeed be in better taste, or more forcibly and yet more kindly expressed, than what was said, so clearly and so truly, by an old friend of many, the worthy and gallant presiding officer; but it does seem somewhat of an anomaly, to my mind, perhaps unnecessarily so, that with a Pro and D.G.M. we should have to ask our excellent Provincial and District Grand Masters to preside at a most important meeting of Grand Lodge, or *ex cathedra*, it may be, decide off-hand very serious points of Masonic constitutional law. It has been sometimes proposed to appoint a permanent "chairman" in the absence of such high officials, but there are great difficulties in the way. Perhaps some abler head will take up the matter.

Yours fraternally, C. G. P.

NO PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I note that in the report of the Prov. Grand Lodge for Derbyshire, in your last issue, that there is no appointment of a Prov. Grand Chaplain. How is this?

In a province which boasts of Bro. Bagshawe, and other "good men and true," I think that there must be some mistake on this head, and so I write, hoping for an explanation and correction, and am, yours fraternally,

AN OLD PROVINCIAL CHAPLAIN.

THE RITUAL QUESTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Though it may be a question whether such discussions do much good, yet, as one such is here before us, I venture to take a part in it.

I cannot quite understand what is Bro. Chadwick's complaint.

I observe that he says, "the I.P.M. and a P.M. were present." If the I.P.M. were really present the Wardens would be at once heavily censured by the Board of General Purposes for setting at naught the distinct provisions of the Book of Constitutions; equally so if the P.M. was a P.M. of the lodge.

But this is not the point which Bro. Chadwick originally raised. As I understand, he objects to the ruling of the Grand Registrar, that in the absence of the W.M., the I.P.M., and every P.M. of the lodge, one of the Wardens can rule the lodge, and, as ruling the lodge, can perform the needful ceremonial, though not in the Master's chair.

I understood, and still understand, Bro. Chadwick to deny that any one but an Installed Master can perform any portion of the usual ritual, even though he should be reduced to this absurdity, to take, of course, an extreme case, that in the absence of the W.M., I.P.M., or any P.M. of the lodge, no ceremonial can be done unless the Prov. G.M. or D. Prov. G.M. take mercy on the brethren, until a new W.M. be appointed. To that extent he must push his argument, if it be good, on anything. But yet Bro. Chadwick must be consistent, for either he takes the P.M.'s status as absolutely needful for ceremonial, or else he is inconsistent in allowing for any exceptions.

But I understand him to take his stand on the Book of Constitutions and Charges, and to say, that "rule" does not mean "ceremonial work," and that none but a P.M. can take the W.M.'s proper work, and that a Warden cannot.

He, therefore, includes a P.M. in the lodge, as he is clearly not contemplated in the Book of Constitutions.

The Grand Registrar's ruling lets in, however, "a P.M. in the lodge," inasmuch as the ruling Warden calling on a P.M. to take the chair and perform (the ceremonial, concedes, practically, the point for which Bro. Chadwick is contending. But then that such was the "gloss" of the Editor of the *Freemason*, not the Grand Registrar's original "dictum," as the Editor took up what he considered to the normal right and custom of every presiding officer? Whether a Warden, in a case of necessity, no P.M. at all being present, can perform the ceremony, has already been decided by Grand Lodge in the affirmative.

But I do not understand how this question could arise, as I said before, if the I.P.M. and a P.M. of the lodge were present. It then appears to me to be a "logomachy,"—a "much ado about nothing."

I am, yours fraternally, MASONIC CUSTOM.

MASONIC EMBLEMS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Kindly permit me through your columns to ask if any brother can inform me whether, as a clergyman and Masonic Chaplain, there would be any objection, ecclesiastical or Masonic, and, if so, what, against my wearing at Divine service some emblem to identify myself with the Order? But, if not, what might be the most appropriate and judicious?

Yours fraternally, WHY ASHAMED?

P.S.—I have often thought it a pity that we should so furl our colours.

Reviews.**MASONIC BOOK CATALOGUES.**

George Nauck, of 17, Taubenstrasse, Berlin, in his catalogue, No. 9, sends us a list of seventy Masonic and Rosicrucian books, through Messrs. Williams and Norgate, 14, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, W.C. The books are nearly all German, and deal with "points" and "side questions," which, as a rule, have little interest in the more purely practical English mind, which prefers facts to myths, and the reality of a "living Masonry" to abstruse considerations and obsolete discussions. Still, by the Masonic book collector and student the Catalogue deserves perusal, inasmuch as many of the books are somewhat rare, and touch upon more than one curious "phase" in Germany of Masonic life and struggles. Mr. Nauck has also in the same Catalogue 466 works on "philosophy," many of which are both interesting and valuable, and for those who lean to such "studies" possess both significance and importance.

Oscar Richter, an antiquarian bookseller in Leipsic, 28, Querstrasse, sends us his sixty-seventh catalogue, which contains thirty-two books on Freemasonry. Among them we note Borchardt's "Studium" and Findel's "History," a copy of the "Allgemeines Handbuch," three volumes, which we commend to the notice of all German students; Heldman's "Denkmale" and Kloss's "Bibliographie," his history of Freemasonry in England, and Freemasonry in its true meaning; Krause's "Kunster Kunden," Dresden, second edition; and Schauberg's "Vergleichendes Handbuch," as well as several other useful and valuable works. The prices are now in "Marks" (1s.) and are not "dear" when we compare them with the prices in England. Masonic book collectors had better write to Richter direct, or to Williams and Norgate, as such books are becoming dearer and scarcer year by year.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

We have for two or three years past noticed favourably the productions of Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode, and each successive year seems to increase the difficulty of doing justice to their merits, both by reason of the increased number of designs and their excellence as works of art. The selection now before us far surpasses anything we have before seen, even from the Queen's Printers, and it would be impossible in the space at our disposal to note specially a title of those deserving it, but one cannot refrain from calling special attention to those by Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode's special artists, Mr. E. Maurice, Mr. Harry Arnold, and Miss Steel, comprising exquisite flower studies,

birds, and humorous groups, perfect in drawing and painting. The set of æsthetic drawings too are very good, and will no doubt be largely bought by those who desire to satirize this craze.

THE CHILDREN'S KETTLEDROM. By M.A.C. London: Dean and Son.—It will not be the fault of such publishers of juvenile books as Messrs. Dean and Son if the next generation is not æsthetic in the true sense of the word. The last few years have seen rapid progress in everything pertaining to fine art, but in no department is it more any picture brightly coloured was considered good enough for children; and our memory carries us back to some remarkable productions in the way of toy books, something after the celebrated panorama of the Lord Mayor's show, familiar to the peripatetic Londoner for so many years on or about the 9th of November. Now the toy book may truthfully be designated an art production, and we have seen nothing better than the one under notice. Commencing with a presentation plate, with space for name, &c., surrounded by medallions of children and birds, to the last "Good Bye," there is a wealth of marked than in juvenile literature. Only a few years ago colour and design rarely seen. The full coloured chromo pages are alternated with a new style of chromo tintorette, which adds variety and gives more effect to the full coloured ones. Messrs. Dean and Sons deserve great credit for placing such high class productions in the hands of children.

THE SUNDERLAND OR BLENHEIM LIBRARY.

On Monday the sale of the "first portion" of this valuable library was brought to a conclusion, the total realised during the ten days over which it extended being announced as £19,377. As the catalogue comprised 2700 lots, those who are partial to striking averages will find the average product per lot was a fraction over £7 5s. Book sales, however, especially one involving the dispersion of one of the finest collections of ancient, mediæval, and modern literature, cannot be regarded quite from the same point of view as a sale of pedigree or fat stock, even though it is quite possible that some of the purchasers of these Blenheim treasures may know more about the points of a shorthorn than they are ever likely to know of the contents of the rare folios or quartos they may have just added to their libraries. As there are precious stones that may be said to be priceless from the fact of there being but one or only a few specimens in existence, so are there rare editions of ancient and modern books which only the wealthiest of people can look to possess. Of course it is difficult to say what constitutes rarity in literature. One book possesses this attribute because it contains a misprint, another from the device on its title page. One is valued because it was once the property of some modern Mæcenas, another because it has impressed on its cover the coat of arms of a famous cardinal or statesman. A "first edition" from the press of Valdarfer, Junta, Aldus, Fust, and Schoiffer, or Sweynheim and Pannartz, is, in a figurative sense, beyond all price. Only a few copies are known to exist, and the expert will tell you in what libraries these few copies are to be found; in fact, the reasons that may be furnished for assigning extraordinary values for these or those works are as numerous as they oftentimes are inexplicable. Moreover, there is in bibliophilism, as in other things, a kind of fashion, and there is no pre-judging the particular phase it may assume at a particular time. One thing only is certain, namely, a rare collection of books will always represent a large money value, though what the owner gave hundreds for, may sell for tens, and *vice versa*. Thus the sale to which we are alluding, while it had its triumphs, was not without its surprises likewise. The result, taken as a whole, must be deemed eminently satisfactory; and if the three remaining portions realise no more than this first one, the sale of the Sunderland Library will be by far the greatest, from a productive point of view, as it is historically one among the greatest that has ever been known in modern times. As our readers are aware, the sale commenced on Thursday, the 1st inst., and continued—with the necessary exception of Sundays—from day to day till Monday, the 12th inst., the daily totals varying from £727, on Saturday last, to £4179, on Wednesday, the 7th, when the latter half of the Bibles and the choice editions of Boccaccio were disposed of. At the outset matters passed quietly, but as the sale progressed the excitement kept on increasing, and great was the enthusiasm when an unusually high price was bid for any lot. In one respect, the Great Roxburgh sale of 1812 retains, thus far, its prestige over all other sales, the £2260 realised by its perfect copy of the "Valdarfer Decameron" of 1470 being still the highest sum ever given for a single book. On Tuesday, however, the "Biblia Sacra Latina," printed on vellum, in double columns, forty-eight lines to a page, two vols., 10½ in. by 11½ in., being the first Bible printed with a date, the colophon giving the date, place, and name of printer, "Petrus Schoiffer de Gern-heim, Maguntum, Anno incar. 1462" was knocked down, amid very general applause, to Mr. Quaritch for £1600. A copy of the self-same Bible fetched £780 at the sale, in 1870, of Mr. Perkins's library. The fine condition, and the almost absolute perfection of the Sunderland, no doubt, fully justified the vastly higher figure paid for it. Similarly, though the figures are much smaller, the first Bible in Greek—fol. Venet. in æd. Aldi et Andreae Soceri, 1518, two volumes—Heber's copy of which sold for only eleven guineas—was bought by Mr. Quaritch for £64. On the other hand, a Latin Bible—an ancient MS., from the vulgate, on vellum, 458 leaves, written in small, clear Gothic letters, in double columns, sixty-four lines to a page, 4to., of about the fourteenth century, which might have been looked to fetch a considerable sum, realised only £34, or little more than a modest estimate of its strictly commercial value. The next highest price was £1000, given by Mr. Quaritch for a remarkably fine copy on vellum of Augustinus, "De Civitate Dei," from the press of J. and V. de Spira, Venice, 1470. The same gentleman was equally fortunate in securing, for 510 guineas, Lot No. 670, a fine MS., in bold Gothic characters, of "Le Roman du Roi Artus et les Compagnons de la Table Ronde." This is in two volumes, of about the fourteenth century, each volume containing a number of beautiful miniatures, painted in colours and illuminated in gold. The "Vinegar" Bible, Lot 1424, so called from the "Parable of the Vineyard" being misprinted as "the Parable of the Vinegar," and of which, according to Lowndes, only two other copies—one in the Royal Library and the other in the Bodleian—are known to exist, found a purchaser in Sir T. Fowel

Buxton, Bart., M.P., at £255. No. 1414, "Crammer's," or the "Great" Bible, fol. F. Whit hurche, 1541, made £115. A copy of "La Bible, Gothic letter, folio, 1535," being the first French Bible published by the Protestants, the work of P. R. Olivetan and John Calvin, was bought by Mr. Quaritch for £291 10s., in spite of its defective title-page and the absence of Calvin's Latin epistle. What is known as "The Queen's Bible" with photographs by Frith, two volumes, royal folio, Mackenzie, Glasgow, 1862 which cost £50, and of which only 170 were printed, was secured by Sir Robert Peel for ten guineas. The Spanish Bible (Biblia Hispanica Lot 1455), commonly known as the "Jews' Bible" or "Ferrara Bible," and described in the catalogue as "exceedingly rare," was bought by Mr. Quaritch for £57. But no doubt the chief interest at Wednesday's sale was directed to the rare editions of "Boccaccio" which were offered, and of which Mr. Quaritch is now the fortunate possessor. Lot No. 1602, Boccaccius (Jehan Bocace), "De la Ruine des Nobles Hommes et Femmes," fol. imp. a Bruges par Colard Mansion, 1476, old Gothic type, double columns, thirty-three lines to a page, 14½ in. by 9½ in., vellum, the first book printed at Bruges, and interesting likewise from the close relation of the printer to our William Caxton, fetched £920. Lot 1603, Boccaccius's "De la louenge et Vertu des Nobles et Cleres Dames," translated and printed at Paris, 1493, by Anthoine Verard, together with "Le Rommant de la Rose," per Guill. de Lorris et Jean de Meung, also Paris, by Johan du Pré, without date, but about 1493, went for 200 guineas. Both these were described, not only as "exceedingly rare books," but likewise as "exceedingly fine copies," the woodcuts being very quaint in outline. At the Roxburgh sale a copy of "Le Rommant de la Rose," described as fol. MS., sur velin, enrichie de 67, fig. peintes en miniature," realised thirty-nine guineas. The first edition, with a date of the "Decameron," fol. (Venet.) Christoval Valdarfer, 1470, made £585. This is an imperfect copy (five leaves wanting, as described in the catalogue) of the famous work which fetched the enormous price of £2260 at the Roxburgh sale, and was sold a few years later to the Earl Spencer of the day for 900 guineas. Many, perhaps, might have anticipated that a higher sum would have been realised, but considering the ultimate price paid by Lord Spencer's ancestor for the perfect copy in the Althorpe Library, it strikes us £585 was about the full value of the one just sold. The Mantuan copy of 1472 being the second edition, with a date of the same work, and said in the catalogue to be "of extraordinary rarity," and "perhaps the only copy existing in this country," was knocked down for £400. Mr. Quaritch also purchased Lot 1605, the Aldine edition, 1523, of the "Decameron"—a fine copy—for £111; and the genuine Junta edition of 1527, Florence, for £39. Dunn Gardner's copy of the latter having made £54, and Charlemont's £57, while the one in the Roxburgh sale went for £29. Of other lots we may enumerate No. 209, comprising three rare and valuable tracts relating to Virginia, bought by Mr. Quaritch for £143; No. 241, "Ho Preste Joam das Indias," £54; No. 150, Albertinus (Franciscus de) "Opusculum de Mirabilibus Novæ et Veteris Urbis Romæ"—only two or three copies known to exist—£66; No. 863, Balbus (Johannes) "De Janua," first edition, attributed to John Gutenberg, and looked upon "as the fourth book printed," £285 (Ellis and White); No. 2183, Casaris (C. J.), "Opera fol. Romæ" (per Arn. Pannartz and Conr. Sweynheym), 1469, £195; No. 2606, Caxton (William) "Cronycle of Englande," Gothic letter, without name of printer, place, or date, but printed with the types of W. de Machlinia, £226 (Quaritch). Had this been a perfect copy it might have fetched fully four times as much; but, though the number of leaves was correct, a careful inspection had discovered that one was wanting, another being inserted in duplicate. No. 2490, Castaneda (Fernando Lopez de) "Historia de Descubrimiento y Canquista da India Pelos Portugueses," caused a sharp competition, Mr. Ellis, of Ellis and White, ultimately securing it for £180. With what we have described above we must content ourselves. We should much have liked to give further particulars, but considerations of space forbid this. We must not, however, omit mention of Lots 2052 and 2053, which comprised les "grands" and "petits" voyages—to the East and West Indies, collected by De Bry. For these arose a vigorous contest, from which Mr. Quaritch emerged the victor with the bid of £720.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

AN OLD RECORD OF MASONS.

"Enquirer" appeals to me in your last issue to verify the passage given by Anderson in his Constitutions, 1723 (page 92 of Bro. Woodford's reprint). In the edition of Stow, 1633, the sentence appears in the list of the other companies following the Twelve (No. 18), p. 630. It is not, however, to be found, so far as I am aware, in any edition of the text by Gwillim, but, as pointed out by "Her. Ord. Temp." in the *Freemason* of the 17th September, it appears in the "Treatise of Honour, Military and Civil," given as a kind of supplement to the edition of Gwillim, printed 1724. In the fifth edition of Gwillim, 1679, we find at the end the Analogia Honorum, which, as we learn from the address, signed R. B. [Richard Blome], "I do own to have received from Captain David Logan, of Idbury, in Oxfordshire, whose Manuscript is not exactly observed by omitting the Quotations in his Papers, as being unwilling to swell the Volume unto too large a bulk; and the rather, being confident he asserts nothing without the Authority of good authors, putting my Confidence in his Care," &c. The Analogia of Captain John Logan here bears the date of 1677, and has a separate pagination from the other part of the book. The second part of it, dated 1678, is the *Honour Civil*, "Treating of the Customs, Government, Priviledges, Armorial Ensigns of Honour of the City of London," &c. On page 167 are to be found "The Chief Companies of London," amongst which that of the Masons finds no place. The sixth edition of Gwillim, mentioned by "Her. Ord. Temp.," is dated 1724, and we have here again the work of Captain John Logan, and that of others. The second part, or "Honour Civil," is without date, but has much the same title as that in the fifth edition, with this important extension, *with large additions*, and in place of the arms and descriptions of about seventeen companies, as in the fifth edition, there are now several pages. On the top of the outside column of p. 13 appears the sentence about the Masons'

Company. Evidently then, it was added by the editor of the 1724 edition of Gwillim, published nearly a hundred years after it had been given in the edition of Stow, 1633. No blazon of the arms is given by Stow. The blazon appears to have been added as follows:—*Azure* on a chevron between three castles *argent*, a pair of compasses somewhat extended of the first. Is this not the first instance of the colour of the field *sable* being changed to that of *azure*, as now borne by the Grand Lodge of Scotland? I have not looked over the earlier editions of Stow, to trace the statement, but have always been of the opinion that the editor of Stow, 1633, gained his information from some record which appears not now to be known.

W. HARRY RYLANDS.

ARBROATH.

I hasten to make "amende honorable." I have purposely chosen a *nom de plume* which should indicate in the plainest manner my acknowledged ignorance; and, to my entire ignorance of the existence of such a work as "Fellowes's Mysteries" must be attributed my former remarks. *Mea culpa*, and—ah, yes! the printer too, let him bear his share, by all means. But I hardly understand "Masonic Student" yet. In the copy of the seal before me the word "initiation" forms no part of the seal. It is merely placed below, as, I presume, an explanation. However, this is not the question with which I started. My query was, is the seal proved to have been the undoubted official seal of the Abbey? Can "Masonic Student" answer this? I shall be quite satisfied at present with a plain yes or no; although a reference to such proof, if it exist, would still further oblige

ENTERED APPRENTICE STUDENT.

THE RABBI LEON.

The writing on the bit of paper turns out to be a statement that "in this book is contained the original petition of Rabbi Manasseh Israel to Oliver Cromwell." This fact seems to show that the MS. portion had belonged to another book, as no such petition is found in this. It has occurred to me that this paper may belong to a copy of Leon's work on the Temple. It is very difficult to have foreign works printed without "errata." The Rabbi Leon's works are: "Retrato," &c., 1654, not Netrato; and Abeeldinge, Amsterdam, 1647, not Afbuldinger, 1647. See page 567 *Freemason*, 1881.

M. S.

MASONIC MINUTE BOOKS.

I repeat the "note" I put in some time back: Can any brother help me to an early minute book, either for perusal or possession? Many such are to be found, I feel persuaded, in *solicitors'* offices, amid old papers and documents, under "residuary administrations."

MASONIC STUDENT.

LELAND'S MSS.

In Brayley's "Londoniana" it is said that "Leland's MSS." once formed part of the Royal Library at St. James's. Where are they now? Does that library still exist at the Palace, perhaps unknown and uncared for? or have the books gone to Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, or the British Museum? BOOKWORM.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

It will be admitted among Masons, accustomed as they are to practice charity, that it is a noble and notable thing for an institution to do to subscribe, in its five years of life, £1100 to the Masonic Charities, and that at an expense of £16. Yet that is what has been done by the Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, which held its audit meetings on the first Friday of the present month. The auditor's report, which was adopted, stated that the sum of £1179 10s. 4d., had been received by the association since its commencement in November 1875; and that the total sum paid out had been: For the old men £382 15s.; for the Widows' Fund, £230 5s.; for the Boys' Fund, £189; for the Girls' Fund, £299 5s.; together £1101 5s. The expenses for printing and postage had been in the five years; £16 1s. 6d.; and the balance at the bank was £62 3s. 10d. The auditors then went on to say: "The number of members who have joined in the five years is 306 of whom only thirteen have become members during the past year, a fact which shows themselves of increased activity if we are to maintain the efficiency of the association. The average receipts will be seen to be nearly £200 per annum, but last year only about £140 was paid into the association." The meeting endorsed the auditors' opinion that an effort was needed to obtain fresh members for an association so sound, so economically managed, so greatly beneficial, and yet so conducted that the claims it makes upon its members are spread over a long period—two years for each £5 share—and only amount to one shilling per week per share.

The association, which is a permanent one—members joining at any time without back subscriptions to pay,—has for its president Bro. Past Master J. R. Stacey, the well-known Preceptor; Bro. Past Master J. White is Vice-President and Treasurer, and Bro. W. W. Snelling is Honorary Secretary. The meetings are held at 8.30 p.m. on the first Friday of every month at the Portugal Hotel, 155, Fleet-street, when members are elected, subscriptions received, and Life Subscriberships and Life Governorships of the Masonic Institutions balloted for, the member who succeeds in the ballot being of course at liberty to choose in every case between the Croydon Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows, the Boys' School at Wood Green, and the Girls' School at Battersea Rise.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—As winter advances and the weather becomes more and more inclement and trying the earliest evidence of ill-health must be immediately checked and removed, or a slight illness may result in a serious malady. Relaxed and sore throat, quinsy, influenza, chronic cough, bronchitis, and most other pulmonary affections will be relieved by rubbing this cooling Ointment into the skin as nearly as practicable to the seat of mischief. His treatment is simple, effective, and reliable. Adapted for the removal of these diseases during infancy and youth. Had asthma tic individuals will derive marvellous relief from the use of Holloway's remedies, which have won terrifically relieved many such sufferers and re-established health after every other means had signally failed.—(Advrt.)

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS

Craft Masonry.

PHENIX LODGE (No. 173).—This lodge met on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall, when, in spite of the unpropitious weather, there was a large attendance of brethren. The W.M., Bro. John Andrews, presided, and there were also present Bros. F. Foxley, S.W.; F. D. Vine, J.W.; J. Finch, Treas.; H. W. Davie, Sec.; G. Güterbock, S.D.; Walter Holcombe, I.G.; F. R. Vine, P.M.; S. Phillips, P.M.; C. J. J. Salmon, P.M.; and many lay members of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. E. Pilliner, 1223; W. Bendale, 1702; H. T. Stiles, W.M. 1732; P. Rose-Innes, J.D. 1261; R. Rowell, 198; R. Conder, 715; L. Lichtwitz, 1642; W. H. Read, 1340; E. B. Grabham, P.M. 19, P.J.G.W. Middx.; W. Carrington, S.D. 1791; E. J. Dodd, 1221, P.G. Org. Kent; H. J. Johnson, P.M. 1791; and E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297 (*Freemason*).

The principal business before the lodge was the initiation of Mr. William Hawkins Herbert and Mr. Henry Marlow, and conferring the Second Degree upon Bros. N. R. Hart, T. Rawlins, and L. Langley, both of which ceremonies were very ably performed by the W.M. and his officers, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren and their guests adjourned to the banquet-room in the adjoining building.

When the cloth had been removed, the W.M. rose and said: Brethren—The first toast I have the honour of proposing is that of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and the Craft." I am sure it is not necessary for me to say anything to recommend this toast, and I shall, therefore briefly ask you to drink it with the honours due to its importance. I give you "The Queen and the Craft." The Chairman then said: The next toast I have to propose is that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, our M.W.G.M." I think it a great honour to the Craft that we have so illustrious a personage at our head, and it affords me great pleasure to have the opportunity of proposing the toast, knowing with what enthusiasm it is always received, and how thoroughly the members of the Craft appreciate all he has done for the welfare and success of the Order. Brethren, "Our M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." The foregoing toasts having received full honours, the W.M. again rose, and said: The next toast I have the honour of proposing is that of "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past." I am sure that all the brethren feel with me that the Grand Officers of the Craft are at all times ready to do all in their power for the honour of Freemasonry, and I ask you to join with me in this toast. Bro. Allen, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said: It is with very great pleasure that I have the honour of proposing this toast this evening. From the way in which he has performed the ceremonies it is evident that he has exerted himself to some considerable extent to make himself as proficient as he has done. I shall not detain you with a long speech, because it is unnecessary, and I feel that you will join with me in congratulating him on his performance of the ceremonies this evening. Brethren, I give you "The Health of our W.M." In returning thanks, the W.M. said: Brethren, it has given me a considerable amount of pleasure to have heard my name so kindly mentioned by our Bro. Allan, P.M., and to find it so cordially received by all the brethren. When I decided to accept this honourable position, I had some misgivings as to my ability to perform the duties in as satisfactory a manner as I should wish, but I determined that I would do all in my power to become as efficient as possible, and, if I have not come up to the standard of efficiency, I believe, from the kind expressions made to-night, that I have got nearer the mark than I ever expected to do. Brethren, I thank you all. Brethren, the next toast I have the pleasure of proposing is one which is always received with a large amount of acclamation. It is that of "The Initiates." As the world progresses so we hope that Freemasonry will always progress; but without new members this could not be the case. But Freemasonry will never satisfactorily progress unless the initiates, as well as all the other brethren feel and act up to the solemn obligation they have undertaken to observe. Brother initiates, I trust from the attention you have paid to the ceremony that a lasting impression will be made on your minds, and that you will ever act up to the true principles of Freemasonry. Brethren, I give you "The Initiates." Bros. Herbert and Marlow returned thanks, Bro. Marlow saying: W. Master and brethren, I have the pleasure with my friend and brother initiate, Bro. Marlow, to acknowledge the exceedingly kind, and to me exceptional, manner in which you have been so good as to propose and receive the toast of the initiates. With regard to the solemn ceremony to-day—the ceremony of initiation—through which my friend and myself have entered Freemasonry, the recollection of it will last as long as life itself. We have not as yet had much experience in Freemasonry, and it is our regret that we were not members of the Craft long ago. Gentlemen, we have to thank you again for the cordial and kind manner in which you have received us, and we will do all we can to be a credit to the Craft, to its Charities, and to the lodge to which we have the honour to belong. Bro. Marlow remarked that his experiences that evening would make a lasting impression on his mind. He had entered the Craft with a heartfelt desire to tread onward and upward in the path of Masonry, that if he could be of assistance to his brethren it would always be his wish to do so. Had he had any previous idea of what Masonry was he could safely say that he should have been a Mason years ago; and he concluded by saying that he would do all in his power to further the interest of the Craft. The Chairman: The next toast I have the pleasure of proposing is one which I am sure all the brethren of the Phoenix lodge will cordially respond to, it's that of "The Visitors." I am glad to see so many amongst us, and in the name of the lodge I give them a hearty welcome, and trust we may often see them here again. Many of our visitors this evening stand high in the Craft. Brethren I give you "The Health of the Visitors" coupling with it the names of Bros. Grabham, Dodd, Parsons and Rose-Innes. Bro. Grabham said, as the first name coupled with the toast, I have first the honour to congratulate you, W.M., on your occupancy of that chair, and to congratulate the brethren for having elected you to it. They could not have made a better selection. You and I have worked together in

a lodge of instruction and I can bear evidence to the way you have performed. It was not my good fortune to be here to see the initiation but I did witness the passing, and you discharged your duties in a way that did credit to yourself and your lodge. The other brethren named having also responded, the Chairman in proposing the toast of "The P.M.'s" said—I am sure I have to congratulate myself that we always have so goodly an array of them amongst us, and that they not only attend the festive board, but that they are mostly with us in lodge ready to give valuable assistance and advice, without which we should no doubt soon get out of order. I regret to find that all our P.M.'s are not with us this evening, but I am sure that there are none away from any wish of their own; and, whether here or away, I feel confident that their hearts are with us in the cause. Brethren, I give you "The P.M.'s," and call upon all that are present to return thanks. Bros. Allen, Vine, Philips, Finch, and Salmon, responded for the Past Masters. The Chairman: The last, but certainly far from the least important toast I have to propose this evening, is that of "The Officers of the Phoenix Lodge," coupling therewith the Treasurer and Secretary. I am sure no Master has ever been more fortunate than I am in having a Treasurer so well able to undertake the financial affairs of a lodge. The Secretary's capabilities are so well known that it would be superfluous for me to remark on them, but I wish to thank him for the promptitude he has always shown in the performance of all the duties devolving upon him. I hope that we may always have in our lodge Wardens as efficient as those we have now, for without such it is almost impossible for the working of the lodge to go on satisfactorily. I thank them and all the other officers for the way in which they have worked their parts this evening, and I trust that there may always be that love and harmony amongst the officers which exists at the present time. Brethren, "The Officers." The various officers of the lodge having returned thanks, the W.M. summoned the Tyler of the lodge, Bro. C. T. Speight, P.M. 27, Past P.G. Tyler Surrey, who closed the proceedings by proposing the Tyler's toast. There was some very good vocal and instrumental music during the evening, the musical brethren being Bros. Wharton, Dutton, Bendall, and Smith.

WELLINGTON LODGE (No. 548).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday evening the 13th inst., under the gavel of the M.W. Bro. S. P. Catterson. There was a great muster of the brethren, including the following visitors: Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C. England; Dr. V. Jagielski, I.P.M. Polish National, 534; B. P. Holditch, and H. Cooper, Old Concord, 172; W. Eaton, Southwark, 789; J. Woolacott, Peckham, 869; J. Buckland, Welchpool 998; H. J. Tallantire, Blackheath, 1320; and Thomas Nunn, Chislehurst, 1531. Bro. T. E. Musto was passed to the second degree. W. Fieldson, S.W., was duly appointed W.M., and received the congratulations of the brethren. Bro. J. West was again elected to the post of Treasurer, and Bro. Goddard to that of Tyler. After the naming of the brethren for the Audit and Benevolent Fund Committees, one of the most pleasant and enjoyable scenes took place that ever characterised the proceedings of the Wellington Lodge. Bro. E. J. B. Bumstead has been its Secretary for twenty years, and so well has he discharged his duties that it was thought the time had arrived when his valuable services, his unwearied labours and self-devotion, should receive some recognition. A Committee was formed, and, although only members of the lodge were permitted to subscribe, a sum was soon collected large enough to purchase a splendid tea and coffee service. This was accompanied by an address elegantly engrossed by Bro. Nunn, of Ironmonger-lane, and mounted and framed with much taste and beauty by Bro. Saegart, who is an old and very much respected P.M. of the lodge. Bro. Wakefield, P.M., who preceded Bro. Bumstead in the chair over twenty years ago, addressed the brethren at some length, tracing the history of the lodge and detailing the labours of the Secretary, who through good and ill report had worked steadily on with the result they now saw—of being a strong, healthy and happy family. The brethren were taken by surprise by Bro. Wakefield's speech, which though homely, was to the purpose and from the heart. The W.M. made the presentation in a very kind and fitting speech. Bro. Bumstead was evidently overcome, and his manner and the tone of his voice conveyed more than any words could do. The whole of the proceedings were marked by deep earnestness and a sincere desire to pay honour to a brother who deserved it so well of the lodge.

A banquet followed, which did credit to the catering of Bro. Morgan, and the brethren enjoyed a few hours together in social intercourse. Many speeches were made, Bro. Magnus Ohren responding for "Grand Officers," and Bro. Jagielski for "The Visitors." The last named brother spoke very eloquently and met with a very cordial reception. The meeting will be remembered as a pleasant one, for never were brethren more united in giving honour to whom honour was due, and never was a testimonial more worthily bestowed.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, the 10th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, and was but very thinly attended, particularly accounted for by the unfavourable state of the weather. There were present Bros. Charles Taylor, W.M.; Hamer, P.M. (*pro tem*), S.W.; Keeble, J.W.; Headon, P.M., Treas.; Blackie, P.M., Sec.; Baber, S.D.; Potter, I.G.; Jenkins, Org.; Skinner, Steward; and Potter, Tyler. The only visitors were Bros. Crombie, 1567, and Randall, 145.

The minutes of the November lodge having been read and confirmed, Bros. John William Benn and Paul J. Metz were respectively passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. J. K. Gwyn was afterwards raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge then proceeded to consider the case of the wife of a member of the lodge, which was most deserving of their practical sympathy. The brother in question had been in partnership with another gentleman in the city, and, apparently, carrying on a tolerably successful business, until suddenly his reason gave way, and, unfortunately, he is now a hopeless lunatic in Colney Hatch Asylum. The lodge having considered the case, on the motion of a brother, a liberal sum was voted to the wife from the benevolent fund of the lodge, and a petition has been prepared to be presented to the Board of Benevolence on her behalf on a convenient opportunity. There is

another incident of a rather peculiar nature in reference to this case, from which it appeared that previous to the marriage of this brother and his wife, in Paris, a marriage settlement took place, and a sum of money for the wife's use and benefit was invested in the Funds in Paris, but according to the French law this money can only be obtained by her on her becoming a widow. This was considered by the lodge to be a great hardship, as this woman is now entirely deprived of the aid of her husband, and the money she requires for her support cannot, by a fiction of the law, be obtained until she is a widow, and there is a possibility of her being survived by her unfortunate husband. Another case was brought before the lodge, of one of its members having dropped down dead, leaving a widow and a son and daughter. This case will have to be considered at the next meeting of the lodge. There being no other business, the lodge was closed.

FARRINGDON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Viaduct Hotel, E.C., on the 28th ult. Bro. H. J. Lardner, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Strugwell, S.W., and Williams, J.W. The other members and visitors present were as follows: R.W. Bro. General John Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey; Bros. E. M. Lott, W.M. 1929, P.P.G.J.W. Jersey, P.P.G.O. Surrey, P.M. 245 and 1765; J. F. Van Raalte, P.M. 917; G. S. Elliott, P.M. 1623; Pieter Becker Caarteu, P.S.W. 1158; J. King, S.D. 1929; W. Martin, 495; E. S. Lardner, 101; W. E. Davis, S.W. 619; E. Mallett, P.M. 141; F. Blake, W.M. 945; T. McButt, S.W. 1623; E. Roberts, Org. 1623; R. Greenwood, W.S. 1623; G. Gult, 27; C. F. Goodenough, S.D.; T. Simpson, J.D.; H. B. Marshall, I.G.; Jackson, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.M.; Ramsey, P.M., Treas.; H. A. Dubois, P.M.; E. Hart, Org.; F. E. Longley, J. Young, A. Wildash, C. Potter, and E. Falke.

The minutes of the previous lodge having been read and confirmed, a successful ballot was taken for Messrs. Cobb and Hablett, and these candidates, together with Mr. W. J. Almond, who had been previously balloted for, were duly initiated, the W.M. delivering the charges most effectively. The W.M. stated his intention of representing the lodge at the forthcoming festivals, and said he would be glad to have the support of the brethren. He had been informed that Bro. Marshall, I.G., would again like to act as a Steward to all the Charities for the coming year, and proposed that the generous offer of their much respected brother be accepted, and that the same take the form of a vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Marshall modestly replied that what he had done, and what he did, was a labour of love to him; and he thanked the lodge for its continued fraternal good feeling towards him.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Grace having been said, the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," also "The M.W.G.M.," to each of which the brethren heartily responded. The next toast proposed was that of "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past," and coupled with those exalted brethren the name of their distinguished visitor, Bro. Gen. Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Surrey, for whose presence that evening he felt highly honoured. The services of their eminent brother were of long standing, and the province of Surrey, under his able guidance, had been most successful. He trusted the day would be far distant when another Grand Master would have to be appointed for the province. Bro. Gen. Brownrigg, on rising to respond, was received with marked approbation. He said it was some twenty-five years ago since he was first called upon to return thanks for the Grand Officers. Since then he had frequently done so, and he could assure them their Grand Officers highly appreciated these repeated acknowledgments. He thanked them very much for the fraternal reception given him. It had been a source of pleasure to visit their lodge and find the working so very good; it seemed to be thoroughly prosperous. He hoped the great influx of late years to the Craft would prove beneficial. In his own province Freemasonry had been very successful. He trusted the brethren would be cautious as to whom they admitted, as among the large numbers seeking admission there would be some doubtful ones. He was pleased to see the intelligence and zeal that some of their younger brethren were displaying, more especially to the Charities; the increased numbers to the Craft must necessarily bring corresponding liabilities, but of that they need not fear while such large-hearted brethren like their W.M. and Bro. Marshall remained among them. He thanked them very much for the generous reception of the Grand Officers' toast. The I.P.M., Bro. Walls, next proposed "The W.M.," and excused himself from saying more than that their W.M. was all that they could desire, and it was gratifying to them to hear their W.M. spoken of in such excellent terms by the P.G.M. of Surrey; he therefore hoped the brethren would bear the same testimony. Bro. Lardner, in response, thanked all present for their "Hearty good Wishes" towards him, and was glad to find that the Farringdon Without Lodge had given so much pleasure. He should endeavour at all times whilst their W.M. to maintain the honour of the lodge and good wishes of its members, and whatever Masonic duties he might be called upon to perform he would discharge them to the best of his ability. The P.M. next was responded to by Bros. Walls, Jackson and Dubois. "The Initiates" next received full acknowledgment, each of whom returned thanks. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," mentioning them individually, coupling with this toast the name of P.M. Lott. Bro. Lott returned thanks, as he said for the want of suitable words for the occasion, by playing a selection on the piano. The following visitors also returned thanks, Bros. Van Raalte, P.M., G. S. Elliott, P.M., and others. "The Officers" came next, Bros. Ramsay, P.M., Treas.; Jackson, P.M., Sec.; the S.W., J.W., and Deacons replying. Songs by Bro. Egbert Roberts, McButt and Walls, and some select music on the piano by Bro. Professor Lott were given during the evening, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A well-attended meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday week, the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, the following brethren among others being present: Bros. Jno. Williams, W.M.; Josh. Neilson, S.W.; E. Thurlie, P.M., Treas.; J. Ion Cattle, P.M., Sec.; W. Carrington, S.D.; R. G. Shute, J.D.; W. Ferguson, acting D. of C.; W. Williams, I.G.; R. H. Rogers and T. T. Matthews, Stewards; Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer, P.M.;

Henry Johnson, P.M.; Jno. T. Walker, Thomas Pink, James Duke, Wm. Russell, B. Brett, G. F. Williams, H. Ridgley, E. Airstin, James B. Colwill, C. Hildere, T. Biggs, A. Wolter, G. Slingsby, F. Henman, and the following visitors: Bros. John Sampson Peirce, Grand Deacon, P.M. 2; Frederick Binckes, P.M., G. Steward; S. King, W.M. 1056; J. G. Fisher, W.M. 1624; S. Carrington, P.M. 1624; G. F. Henly, 186; G. L. Midgley, 188; D. Reekie, 511; J. Daniels, 706; A. Drake, 1196; J. Bond, 1314; W. C. Smith, 1563; J. Snook, 1604; H. Bond, 1624; C. Taylor, 1624; H. Taylor, 1624; H. Scott, 1624; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*).

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. then proceeded to raise Bro. Henry Ridgley to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, which ceremony Bro. Williams performed in a most exceptionally correct and impressive manner. Ballot was then taken for the following gentlemen, Messrs. F. R. Stock, C. R. Cross, C. H. Bull and Lec. Wahltuch, which proving unanimous in their favour, they were subsequently initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, this ceremony, like the former, being given by Bro. Williams in a highly efficient manner. The Secretary was then called upon to read the bye law concerning the election of W.M. and Treas., which Bro. Cattle immediately did. The ballot was then proved with the result being unanimously in favour of Bro. Neilson, S.W., as Worshipful Master, and Bro. Thurlie, P.M. Treas., both brethren returning thanks in neat terms for the honour conferred upon them. On the motion proposed by Bro. Castle, seconded by Bro. Johnson, P.M., Bro. Woodstock was re-elected Tyler. Bros. Captain Helden, James Colwill and Henry Johnson were next appointed Auditors. Bro. Cattle then rose and said that he had a very pleasant duty next to perform, which was to propose that the usual sum be voted by the lodge, for the purpose of procuring a suitable Past Master's jewel, to be presented to their Worshipful Master at the next meeting. They all knew the valuable services that Bro. Williams had rendered to the lodge since his connection with it, but more particularly during his Mastership, the duties appertaining to which office he had performed in a remarkably able manner. It would be superfluous for him (Bro. Cattle) to recount all Bro. Williams's services to the lodge, as they were as well known to the members, who, he was sure, fully appreciated them, and would agree that he had discharged his duties as W.M. of the Creaton Lodge in a most able and excellent manner. Col. Creaton, G.T., in seconding the motion, referred to Bro. Williams's services in highly complimentary terms, and the same being put before the lodge, was carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Glee Room, where an excellent banquet was served under the superintendence of Bro. Best and his able manager, Bro. Dawkins.

In introducing the list of toasts, the W.M. observed that, owing to the late hour in consequence of the heavy work in lodge, his remarks must be very brief. He then gave in loyal terms the toast of "The Queen and the Craft." Then followed that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," in introducing which the W.M. remarked how pleasing it was to know the interest H.R.H. took in the welfare of the Order. He had read with pleasure in a recent number of the *Freemason* the remarks of the Grand Secretary at the Whittington Lodge, in which that distinguished officer had said that, although His Royal Highness was unable to be present at many meetings of the brethren, yet he took the greatest possible interest in the working of the Order. There was scarcely a point beyond the routine business of the Craft which he (the Grand Secretary) had not to lay before the Prince, and on which he did not express his own opinions and decisions. The next toast was that of "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.; the Earl of Lathom, R.W. D.G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." To the two noblemen all praise was especially due to the great interest they at all times exhibited for the welfare of the Craft, in fact nothing seemed too much for them. They were fortunate in having present two Grand Officers, one was their own first Master, after whom the lodge was named, and Bro. John Sampson Peirce, Grand Deacon, whose name he should attach to the toast, it being the express wish of the gallant colonel that he should always be passed over in favour of other Grand Officers present. Bro. Peirce, in reply, made some most humorous remarks, and highly praised the W.M. for his ability both in the lodge and at the banquet table. Bro. Peirce then referred in complimentary terms to the services of the Earl of Lathom and the rest of the Grand Officers, a better representative of whom could not be seen than Col. Creaton (loud cheers), whom he had known with much pleasure for twenty-five years, both in and out of Masonry. With respect to the present Grand Officers he likened them to the initiates—young at the business, but hoped they would prove as good as their predecessors. Bro. Johnson, P.M., then proposed, in warm terms, "The Health of the W.M.," who, in returning thanks, said that when he took office he was not insensible to the responsibilities, but he had endeavoured to master them, and having the confidence of the brethren and the support of the officers he trusted he had to some extent succeeded. The next toast was that of "The Initiates," who, in turn, replied. Bros. C. Dyke and J. G. Fisher having replied on behalf of "The Visitors," the W.M. proposed the next toast, which was that of "The P.M.'s," regretting that Col. Creaton was not present to reply, having had to leave early in consequence of illness at home. Bro. Henry Johnson, I.P.M., having acknowledged the toast, the W.M., upon again rising, said he was also exceedingly sorry that circumstances had prevented the Treasurer staying to the banquet, but although absent in body, he knew his heart was with them, for few lodges had such a worthy brother for their Treasurer as they had, but he must pass on and speak of another brother whose name would be associated with this toast, and that was Bro. J. J. Cattle, Secretary. He was, as it were, the moving spirit of the lodge: always thinking of its welfare, and always doing something for its good and the happiness of its members. It would take too long to enumerate half his good qualities, but if any brother at any time wanted any assistance in any way, either in ritual or otherwise, they could go to P.M. Cattle and they were sure to get all the information or help they wanted. How much we esteem him was shown by the testimonial of ring, clock, and vase the lodge presented him with last year. But not satisfied with that, one of our members, Bro. Thos. Biggs, an artist of some note, thought he would like to show Bro. Cattle how much he personally

respected and regarded him, and to that end set to work and painted his portrait on canvas. How good it is brethren can see for themselves, for Bro. Biggs is about to uncover it and show you his work. Our Bro. T. T. Matthews, hearing what Bro. Biggs was doing, said his regard for Bro. Cattle was second to none, and he would specially design and have made a frame for it, and now, brethren, you see the very handsome productions their combined efforts have made; and may our worthy brother live many years to see that hanging on his walls, and think how highly the brethren of Creaton Lodge esteem him. The W.M. then, in the name of Bros. Biggs and Matthews, and with the best wishes of all the brethren of the Creaton Lodge, presented the valuable and handsome testimonial to Bro. Cattle, who, in reply, said he felt first he had to thank the W.M. for the many good things he had been pleased to say about him, not only upon that occasion, but every time he had had occasion to speak of him during his year of office, and to all the brethren for the hearty and cordial way they had been pleased to receive the W.M.'s words and respond to the toast of his health. That the lodge had been a great success there was no denying, nor could he deny he perhaps had been the means of first forming the lodge, and, after the craft had been fairly launched, had done a great deal towards bringing about that success; but then they must remember how well the craft had been manned, what excellent captains they had to take the helm in Bros. Col. Creaton and Johnson and now Bro. Williams, their present W.M.; they had made a name in Masonry, and they had to thank themselves for it, for in the first year they sent him (Bro. Cattle) as Steward for the Girls' School with a list, and in the second Bro. Johnson for the Benevolent Institution with another, making together over £400. That they had appreciated what he had done for them was exceptionally shown in the very handsome presents they had made him. He still wore the ring the W.M. put on his finger last year, and it should never leave it, and now this hearty token of esteem from Bros. Biggs and Matthews. He did not know how to thank them enough in words, but he thought the best he could do was to do as he had hitherto done, the very best he could for the welfare of Freemasonry, the good of the lodge, the comfort and happiness of the brethren, and remain their sincere friend, the Secretary. The W.M. then rose to propose the toast of "The Masonic Charities," saying he thought acts were better than words. Bro. Cattle represented the lodge for the Girls, Bro. Johnson for the Old People, and he (the speaker) would now stand Steward for the Boys, and hoped the lodge would support him as they had the former Stewards. Bro. Binckes made an excellent reply. The toast of "The W.M. Elect and the other Officers" was responded to by Bro. Nicholson. The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. The proceedings were greatly enhanced by the excellent programme of music by Bro. Cattle, assisted by Bro. Oliver, Mr. W. Offord, Madam Susanna Cole, and Miss Beatrice Wade.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A large gathering of Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, and brethren assembled at the Earl's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on the 12th inst., to honour the installation of Bro. Frank Ramsay, M.D., P.M., as second W.M. of the above lodge, and the show of the gold and purple gave much effect to this always interesting ceremony. When the Board of Installed Masters was opened there were present W. Bros. Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middx.; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Griqualand; Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G.C.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.; Lieut.-Col. Somerville Burney, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Thos. Fenn, P.G.D.; Raynham Stewart, P.G.D.; Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; F. Binckes, Sec. Boys' School; Briery, P.P.G.D. Middx.; and H. E. Frances, P.P.G.D. Surrey. Bros. W. H. Smith, P.M., Treas.; Holland, P.M., Secretary; C. W. Tayleur, P.M.; Foakes, P.M.; Casey, P.M.; Gladwell, W.M. 172; Egan, P.M. 858; Ruf, P.M. 12; Rolis, P.M. 27; Hoadly, P.M. 172; Cordingley, W.M. 44; Murlis, P.M. 1642; Pocock, P.M.; and G. Marshall, F.G.S., P.M.

The W.M. being duly installed, the following members and visitors re-entered and greeted him—Members: Bros. Mallet Jones, Org.; Brickly, Becket, Hill, F. Quartermayne, Smiles, F. J. Cater, G. Edwardes, Henix, Carpenter, Fletcher Jones, Perry, Morley, Skar, Letchwich, C. Godfrey, Philpots, and Giff; Visitors: Bros. Pidcock, 857; Whittaker, 1648; Gostrel, 246; Paget, 1828; Hall, 559; Oatsen, 158; and Cook, 259. Bro. Rev. Ambrose Hall, G.C., the retiring W.M., was most impressive in the ceremonies of the evening, which consisted of the initiating of the Rev. F. Bruce, B.A., raising Bro. Bruce Rennie, and installing Bro. Ramsay; much effect was also given to the various ceremonies by the admirable organ accompaniments by Bro. Mallet Jones. After the appointment of officers, the closing addresses of the installation ceremony were well given by Bro. Col. Somerville Burney, P.G.D., who retires as Past S.W. of this lodge. An important feature in the evening was now the presentation of a most superb suite of Grand Lodge clothing and pendant jewel to Bro. Hall. This had been subscribed for by the officers of the lodge, to commemorate his being the first W.M., and mark the esteem he is held in by the members. Bro. Ramsay, in the presentation, testified to the pleasure it afforded him to be the deputy of the members on the occasion, and of his own friendship and esteem for the worthy recipient. Bro. Hall, with much feeling and eloquence, thanked the brethren for their munificent and handsome gift. The suite, which had been procured from Bro. George Kenning, gave great satisfaction to the brethren.

After the closing the brethren adjourned to banquet, where some shortcomings must be excused from the great strain upon the host from an unusually large gathering; the wines were, however, of excellent quality. The toasts were duly honoured, but owing to the late hour the speeches were of necessity brief. The W.M., Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, returned thanks for "The Grand Officers;" Bro. Fenn, P.G.D., for "The Visitors;" and Bro. Binckes, in his usual manner, for "The Charities." Much pleasure was afforded the brethren by the excellent singing of Bros. Quartermayne, Smiles, Morley, and Mallet Jones. A handsome banner, painted by Bro. Francis, decorated the lodge room, presented by Bro. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, G. Chap.

MONTAGUE GUEST LODGE (No. 1900).

The regular meeting of this new lodge was held on Wednesday evening at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields. The brethren present on this occasion were Bros. William M. Dean, W.M.; E. Festa, S.W.; F. R. W. Hodges, J. W.; J. D. Collier, P.M., Secretary; Herbert J. Capon, S.D.; Henry Slyman, J.D.; Samuel Brooks, D.C.; W. H. Gardener, I.G.; W. H. Staff, Organist; Geoffrey Stead, Chas. M. Tate, Edward G. Ogston, Doble, Travers, P.P.G.S.W. Dorset. Visitors: Bros. F. Bass, 922; T. W. Warford, 771; E. J. Petts, 209; Stephen A. Cooper, I.P.M. 1637; John O. Carter, P.M. 209, P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks; Wheatley, 137; Pattison, 1597; and H. Massey, P.M. 619, W.M. 1928 (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 12th, and the emergency meeting of November 15th, Bros. Tate, Staff, Ogston, and Stead were raised, Bro. Doble was passed, and Mr. Wm. Arthur Austen was initiated. Dr. Skinner, of Lyme Regis, was proposed on behalf of Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Dorset, as a joining member. The proposition was seconded by the W.M. On the motion of Bro. Festa, S.W., seconded by Bro. J. D. Collier, P.M., Sec., ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and to be placed on the list of the W.M. as Steward for the lodge, at the next festival of the Institution. On the motion of Bro. Festa, S.W., seconded by Bro. F. R. W. Hodges, J.W., two guineas were voted for the W.M.'s Steward's fee. The W.M., in thanking the brethren for the vote to his list, hoped the lodge would do the same every year. An initiate having been proposed, the lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards sat down to a sumptuous banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed. After the "Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," had been cordially proposed and responded to, the W.M. proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." In doing so he said the brethren were quite well aware what the Grand Officers and the Officers of Grand Lodge were—that they were brethren of eminent ability, and that there was nothing they were not acquainted with in Freemasonry; and for the welfare of the Order they were always ready and willing to assist in every way they could. Bro. Travers, P. Prov. G.S.W. Dorset, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said it was a very pleasant duty which fell to him as acting in the capacity of P.M. in the lodge, to propose the toast. In years ago the monument was erected to Christopher Wren, si monumentum queris circumspice, which was still to be seen. When in the lodge to-night he thought those words would well apply to the W.M. When they saw a W.M. going through the three ceremonies of raising, passing, and initiation, all in the same evening, without mixing them up, and making a regular plum pudding work of them, he thought they ought to be very proud of the Master in the chair. He did not think it needed what he had done that evening to recommend the W.M. to them. Perhaps his work that evening was another link in the chain that bound him to the brethren. The W.M. in reply said he thanked them sincerely for the very kind way in which the toast had been proposed and drunk. It had afforded him a great deal of pleasure that evening to do the work. In fact it was always a pleasure for him to do any work in Freemasonry, and more particularly in this Montague Guest Lodge. He sincerely trusted he should be spared to work many ceremonies there and that they should not have a meeting without having one or two ceremonies at least. He had, as they pretty well knew, the interest of the lodge at heart, and certainly he had a great feeling for doing what was right and proper for the success of the Montague Guest Lodge. While he was on his legs he would mention one little matter which he thought of bringing forward before, with regard to the charities—charity being the first thing they should look to do in Freemasonry. He had had it in contemplation to establish a charity box, but at the present time he was not disposed to do so, for this reason, that as they had voted a sum of money for the charities that evening, and as he should be going up as Steward, as he hoped every Master of this lodge would, he had the idea of throwing out a little hint that if they could at all do anything in the way of charity by assisting the W.M. of this lodge, whenever he should be going up as Steward, in the shape of placing something on his list, they would be doing a little for the cause of charity in its entirety. He thought the question of charity boxes was one there might be some discussion about. But as charity was one of their objects they should do their best to support it. Therefore, as with their permission, that evening he was going up as Steward for the Girls' School, he would ask the brethren to support a list which the Secretary had for them to place something upon. It would be most thankfully received, and faithfully applied. The W.M. next proposed "The Initiate." They were all extremely pleased to see the initiate. Of course they liked to have initiates, and he was sorry the other two were not present, but through unavoidable circumstances they could not be present. If they had not initiates they would have no ceremonies, and therefore they were very pleased to see them. He hoped that what the initiate had seen that evening had pleased him, and from the way in which he went through the ceremony the brethren felt satisfied that he would become a true and worthy Mason. The further he went on the better he would like it, and there was no doubt that he would follow in the footsteps of those brethren who were an honour and glory to the Craft. Bro. Austen, in reply, said he esteemed the flattering terms in which the W.M. had spoken of him very much, and the reception he met with from the brethren was of great pleasure to him. What the W.M. had said had been extremely gratifying to him, and he was much delighted with what he had seen in the lodge, more especially that part of the work which had concerned himself. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Visitors." No lodge was more desirous to have visitors than the Montague Guest Lodge. Its members were always delighted to see visitors because they well knew that visiting lodges created that good feeling that ought at all times to exist among Freemasons. There were little differences in the working of the lodges, but still they were very small, but for that reason brethren should desire to see visitors, because if there were little differences they were able to see the differences and appreciate the connection of the whole system of Freemasonry. It was not only in the lodge that they were delighted to see visitors, but also at the festive board, where they en-

deavoured to give them the hearty reception that, as brethren, they were entitled to. He hoped that on all occasions the Montague Guest Lodge would prove a hospitable host. They had hitherto most warmly received their visitors, and those brethren had always expressed themselves pleased with their reception. On that occasion they had a goodly array of visiting brethren, which was a pretty clear indication that they enjoyed the entertainment provided. The W.M. then enumerated the visitors, and called upon each of them to respond. Bro. John O. Carter, P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, was the first to reply. He believed it was almost impossible to conceive a duty more congenial to one's feelings or more compatible with his duty than to visit a lodge like the Montague Guest Lodge. He was sorry he had not been present early enough to witness the working of the Second and Third Degrees, but having seen the First Degree worked, he was able to say that it was faultless. He had been much impressed with the way in which it was worked, not only by the W.M., but by the other officers of the lodge. Every one did his duty ably. In the ordinary course of things, the child looked to the parent for instruction, but really now the members of the old lodges must look to the new lodges for the way to do the work perfectly. He said this advisedly; and, as a proof of the sincerity of his remarks, he should endeavour to introduce in the lodge he had the pleasure to belong to (Etonian) this excellent working. It was not for him to make a long speech. The W.M. had said he should very much like to see the visitors here again, and he (Bro. Carter) could only say that he should be only too delighted to come. In the meantime he most heartily wished the lodge that prosperity which evidently it so eminently deserved. Bro. Stephen A. Cooper, I.P.M. 1657, said it was with very great pleasure he replied on behalf of himself for the very cordial way in which he had been received as a visitor that evening, especially having known the W.M. for a period of five or six years in lodges of instruction. It was most singular that this was the first evening he had met the W.M. in a regular lodge. It had afforded him much pleasure to see the W.M. do the work in the way he did, and the manner in which he was supported by his officers. This was a young lodge, but it set a very good example to older lodges in the excellent way the work was done, not only in the general way, but in the minutiae. Passing from the working of the lodge, he could not refrain from mentioning the hospitable reception which had been extended at the banquet table. That was also unexceptionable, and he only hoped that Bro. Slyman, who had invited him, would favour him with an invitation on a future occasion. He should certainly strain a point to be present, for a more pleasant evening he had never spent. Bros. H. Massey, F. Bass, T.W. Warford, E. G. Pelts, Wheatley, and Pattison also responded, agreeing with the other brethren who had spoken that, both in the lodge and at the banquet table, nothing had been left to be desired. The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," and said that he was extremely proud of those brethren. He believed he had a set of officers second to none in London, or anywhere else. It was all very well to have a good Master in the chair, but it would be impossible for the Master to carry out his duties properly unless he had the assistance of his officers, and as they did so well in assisting him it made it a pleasure and a treat to go through a ceremony. Everything went without a hitch, and they were enabled in that way to perform a ceremony creditably. He could not say much more of one officer than another. He had spoken of their merits on two or three occasions. He would not single them out, but he must say that the brother on his left (Bro. Travers) had acted as most efficient officer, assisting him as a P.M. He did not know whether it was fortunate or unfortunate that he had no P.M. He was really alone in the world at the present time, but still there was always one brother who was willing and able to take the post of P.M., and he would take this opportunity of thanking Bro. Travers for so kindly assisting him in working this lodge. Bro. Festa, S.W., in reply, said he was extremely gratified to know that the W.M. was pleased with the working of the officers. He was going to answer for himself for the gracious compliment paid by the visitors. He believed he knew something of Freemasonry, and was proud, of course, personally. He had many shortcomings, which were natural, which he could not overcome, but by steady perseverance and the indulgence of the W.M. and the brethren the time would come when he should be in a position to bring some credit to the Montague Guest Lodge. Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, J.W., did not think he had to say anything, but Bro. Festa seemed to have a grudge against him and only answered for himself. It had afforded him great pleasure to have his health as an officer so kindly proposed and so cordially accepted, and if after this the officers did not do their work as it should be done he did not know what incentive the officers could wish to have after all that had been said in their praise and favour that evening. If he might for one minute go from the toast he should, with his permission, like to say just half a word, and that was, as the official representative of the Girls' School, to thank the W.M. for the kindness of undertaking to represent the Montague Guest Lodge in May at the festival of the Girls' School, when the chair would be taken by the Duke of Connaught; and also to thank the brethren, in the first place, for the vote which they so very readily and kindly passed in the lodge, and for the very hearty response which he saw they made to the appeal of the W.M. a few minutes ago. Bro. J. D. Collier, P.M. and Sec., said it afforded him a great amount of pleasure to watch the progress of this lodge. In fact, it had advanced at a rate the brethren could hardly have expected. He hoped it would continue to do so for many, many years to come. The W.M. had also spoken of his officers. So long as he was an officer he should continue to do his duties to the utmost of his ability, and anything he could do to further the interests of the lodge he should be willing to do so. The W.M. had said he was proud of his officers. Well, the officers were proud of their W.M. After what they had seen him go through that evening every officer must be proud that the W.M. was an officer of the Montague Guest Lodge. He hoped they would go on as they had begun. Bro. Herbert J. Capon, S.D., said he had a faint recollection a month ago of going through the duty of S.D., on which occasion he felt he was very willing, but, at the same time, he was bound to express his ignorance of the work; and that ignorance, he was bound to say, was recognised by others. He was going to complain, for he really deserved the remarks that were made upon

him at the time, but since then, with the W.M.'s kindness, and the kindness of the other members of the lodge, he had been so pushed, so trimmed—so pushed here, and so pulled there—that when he came into the lodge that evening he was so choked full of Masonry he was afraid he should lose the lot. His ideas, however, kept in ship-shape, and flowed; but now he was so completely exhausted that he hoped he should be excused saying anything more, except to say he thanked the W.M. for the eulogium passed on him by his brother officers. Bro. Henry Slyman, J.D., thanked the W.M. for the toast, and as a subordinate officer he promised he would do all in his power to further the interests of the lodge. The W.M. had made the remark that he was the first W.M., and that he was left alone. But with such an example the brethren would follow him when they were advanced in Masonry; and if he could help him in the chair he would be only too pleased. Bro. W. H. Gardener, I.G., said he also thanked the W.M. very heartily for proposing the health of the officers of the lodge, of whom he was one, so kindly. He was sure that if the officers did not do their duty well they ought to do it. The example set by the W.M. was an admirable one; his work was second to none in this country. He had attended a great many lodges already, but had not seen better working than the W.M.'s anywhere. It was the officer's own fault if they did not follow in his footsteps. The Wine Steward, the Director of Ceremonies, and the Organist also replied, expressing the same sentiments as the other officers, after which the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. Several brethren during the evening entertained the members and visitors with a good selection of vocal and instrumental music, and the evening passed off with the greatest éclat.

GALLERY LODGE (No. 1928).—The first ordinary meeting of this lodge since its consecration by the Grand Secretary of England, on the 13th of August, was held last Saturday, in the lodge room, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton. There were present Bros. H. Massey, P.M., W.M.; John Allen, I.P.M.; H. F. Bussey, S.W.; Thos. Minstrel, J.W.; W. Mackenzie Duckworth, Treasurer; C. Basil Cooke, Secretary; J. Griffiths, Chaplain; Jos. Macintyre, S.D.; W. A. Burn, J.D.; J. C. Duckworth, I.G.; W. O. Goldsmith, D.C.; R. Redman, W.S.; J. H. Thomas, P.M.; Chas. F. Pardon, Chas. Williams, T. B. Whitefoot, O. Willson, Herbert Wright, George Tarran, and W. T. Perkins. Visitors: Bros. George S. Graham, P.G. Org. Middx.; R. Lachin, W.M. 1541; H. G. Gush, 1541; J. R. Johnson, 1541; and M. Vizetelly, S.D. 1297.

The minutes of the consecration meeting and the emergencies, on the 20th August and October 29th having been read, Bros. Herbert Wright and George Farren were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons. Mr. Jas. Henry Smith of the *Sportsman* staff, was initiated according to ancient form into the privileges and mysteries of Freemasonry, and Mr. Thos. Burnside of the *Chicago Times* was elected, but being unavoidably absent was not initiated. Bro. W. M. Duckworth, the Treasurer, made a financial statement, showing that the lodge practically owed nothing, although it had only been in existence so short a time, and the preliminary expenses were always heavy. Bro. Charles Williams then proposed "That a Committee be appointed to consider as to a scheme for the development and carrying out of donations to the Masonic Charities." He said that he was anxious to see the lodge take a prominent place in the Craft, and he believed that by a little organization considerable donations could be made without any great effort being given by the lodge to the three Masonic Charities. Bro. Bro. Minstrel, the J.W., seconded the motion, which, after a short discussion was agreed to. The following Committee was appointed to carry out the resolution: The W.M. and Wardens, Bros. Charles Williams, J. Allen, Thomas, Goldsmith, Pardon, and the Treasurer. The Secretary reported that the bye-laws as agreed to by the lodge had been sanctioned by the Grand Secretary with a trivial omission, and copies were now ready for the brethren.

The lodge then closed, and the brethren sat down to a substantial and well-served supper. In the course of the evening, the W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. Smith," said that he had come very well recommended, and he was sure he would be an acquisition to the lodge, and what was synonymous a worthy member as the Craft. Bro. Smith made a suitable response. An informal discussion as to the proposed ball in connection with the lodge then took place, and it was decided to adopt the report of the Ball Committee, and give the ball on the 13th January, everything to be done in the best style, and to be covered by the price of the tickets. The brethren shortly afterwards separated.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—On Thursday afternoon, the 8th inst., the brethren of this lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, for the installation of Bro. J. H. Leech, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. G. C. Watson, W.M. Among those present were Bros. T. M. Watson, P.M.; H. Tonkinson, I.P.M.; G. Lord, P.M.; T. Sharp, P.M.; J. J. Clay, P.M., P.G.S. of W.; R. Hudson, P.M., P.G.D. of C.; W. Beattie, P.M.; T. Twizel, P.M. 97; R. Kinmond, W.M. 80; G. A. Milner, W.M. 36; J. R. Smart, W.M. 94; D. Sinclair, P.M. 48 (Gateshead); A. T. Munro, I.P.M. 949, P.G.S.B.; T. Tilman, W.M. 1389; J. G. Smith, W.M. 48; W. Liddell, P.M. 949; C. Sinclair, P.M. 212 (London); W. H. Crookes, P.M. 80, and P.G.S.; George Porteous, W.M. 949; J. Eggleston, I.P.M. 949; R. B. Lutert, P.M. 94; J. Lowes, P.M. 80; F. Moddison, P.M. 80; T. G. Curry, Sec. 80; R. Dickinson, P.G. Org. (Stockton); G. B. Hall, P.M. 949 (Sunderland); R. W. Halfnight, P.M. 949; J. H. Leech, S.W.; C. McNamara, J.W.; J. R. Pattison, Hon. Sec.; J. C. Moor, S.D.; W. Vincent, J.D.; R. Singleton, I.G.; C. M. Wake, S. 97; W. Johnston, R. M. Burgess, J. Storey, J. G. Marshall, T. W. Bryers, G. Tawse, J. Dobson, J. G. Kirtley, Nesbit, E. Clarkson, W. H. Craven, W. Allison, G. Benson, C. H. Porett, and R. Davison, Sunderland.

The W.M. elect, Bro. J. H. Leech, was introduced by Bro. G. Lord, P.M., to the Installing Master, Bro. G. C. Watson, who then installed Bro. Leech in the chair of K.S. in an efficient and impressive manner. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. C. Watson, I.P.M.; C. McNamara, S.W.; J. C. Moor, J.W.; T. Twizel, P.M. Treas.; J. J. Clay, P.M., P.G.S. of W., D. of C.; J. R. Pattison, Hon. Sec.; W. Vincent, S.D.; R.

Singleton, J.D.; E. Clarkson, I.G.; J. Kirtley, S.; J. Storey, S.; T. E. Hall and J. G. Nasbet, Auditors; J. Thompson, P.G.F., Tyler. On the motion of Bro. Clay, seconded by Bro. G. C. Watson, and supported by Bro. Tonkinson, the usual contributions to the charities of the town were passed. The lodge was then closed in due form.

The annual banquet was afterwards partaken of at the Masonic Hall, the W.M., Bro. J. H. Leech, presiding, and Bros. C. McNamara and J. C. Moor (*Freemason*) in the vice-chairs. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were cordially given. "The Health of the W.M., Bro. J. H. Leech," was proposed by Bro. G. C. Watson, and received with enthusiasm. "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. G. C. Watson," was given by Bro. R. Hudson. The W.M., Bro. Leech, said it was his painful duty to announce that the Order had lost since their last meeting two brethren, of whom they were justly proud, and whose loss they must all deeply mourn. It was only fitting that upon such an occasion as this reference should be made to their memory. He alluded to the demise of Bro. J. S. Nicholson, P.M., and Bro. H. J. Yeld, W.M. elect of St. John's Lodge, No. 80. In the course of the evening Bro. J. R. Pattison, Hon. Secretary, presented the lodge, on behalf of Bro. H. Eliaschov, of Messrs. Mendelssohn and Co., a handsomely-framed group of the W.M. and officers of the lodge for the past year. The newly-elected W.M. officially accepted, with thanks, the gift as one of the properties of the lodge, in which it will be exhibited. A very enjoyable time was spent, and the harmony of the proceedings was much furthered by Bros. Sinclair (London), J. G. Smith, D. Sinclair (Gateshead), R. Dickinson (Stockton), W. Liddell, G. Tawse, E. Clarkson, W. H. Craven, G. B. Hall, Nasbet (Sunderland), and others.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 5th inst., for the election of Master. The unanimous vote of the brethren fell upon Bro. J. Sykes Rymen, S.W., who thanked the brethren for the mark of confidence. Bro. J. Todd, P.M., was unanimously re-elected to the office of Treasurer, and Bro. Calvert was re-elected Tyler. The ceremony of installation will be performed by Bro. J. Todd, P.M., on Monday next, at four o'clock, after which there will be a banquet, for which we understand there are a goodly number of acceptances.

LLANDUDUO.—St. Tudno Lodge (No. 755).—The annual meeting for the installation of the W.M. of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall. The following brethren were present: Bros. T. Pike, W.M.; J. T. Purvis, S.W.; W. Warren, acting J.W.; T. C. Roden, P.M., Sec. and Treas.; Banks, P.M., Asst. Sec.; Johnson, P.M.; Chamberlain, P.M.; Davies, P.M.; Woodley, P.M.; W. Price, acting I.G.; Felton, Org.; Elias, Evans, W. Williams, and Moon, Tyler.

The minutes of last regular lodge having been confirmed, Bro. Purvis, S.W. and W.M. elect, was then presented and installed in due form by Bros. Roden, Woodley, and Chamberlain, in the presence of a Board of twenty-two installed Masters. The following brethren were then invested: Bros. T. Pike, I.P.M.; R. H. Pritchard, S.W.; J. R. L. Hazeldine, J.W.; Roden, P.M., Treas. and Sec.; Banks, P.M., Asst. Sec.; G. Felton, S.D.; P. M. Evans, J.D.; W. Price, I.G.; T. B. Farrington, D. of C.; W. Warren, S.S.; J. R. Elias, J.S.; and Moon, Tyler. The following distinguished visitors were present: Bros. C. Hunter, P.P.G.M. Aberdeenshire East; F. A. Dickson, P.P.G.S.W. Cheshire; E. Woods, P.G.S.W. North Wales and Salop; J. G. Boucher, P.M. 606, &c.; D. Cameron, P.G.S.B. North Wales and Salop; J. McMillan, P.P.G.S.W. of W. North Wales and Salop; W. H. Foulkes, P.M., P.P.G., &c.; J. Salmon, P.M. 1477 and 1674, P.P.J. G.W.; K. McEwen, I.P.M. 1674; R. Lloyd Williams, P.M. 1143; J. Pritchard, W.M. 384; W. Jarvis, I.P.M. 384; M. S. Plunket, 314 (Scotland); Steer, J.D. 1674; Lawrence, Sec. 1674; Keating, S.W. 1674; Hackforth, J.W. 1674; Roberts, J.W. 384; Davies, 384; Allan, 384; W. Matthews, P.M. 425, P.P.G.A.D. of C. Cheshire; Bell, 1674; and Davies, 721.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren then adjourned to banquet at the Imperial Hotel, where their comforts were attended to by Bro. Chantry. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the W.M. in a few appropriate words gave "The Grand Lodge of Scotland," it being St. Andrew's Day, and the Grand Festival of Scottish Masons. The W.M. coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Hunter, P.P.G.M. of Aberdeenshire East, &c., and said that, though being proud of his company at the installation, he was sorry that his (Bro. Hunter's) presence in Wales was owing to the continued illness of his father-in-law, the R.W.D.P.G.M. of North Wales and Shropshire, which had prevented him being present at Edinburgh at the Festival of St. Andrew. Several other toasts followed, the meeting being enlivened by several good songs and recitations, when a pleasant evening was brought to a close.

MANCHESTER.—St. Thomas's Lodge (No. 992).—The installation meeting and St. John's Festival was held at the Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton, on Wednesday, the 7th inst. We are very pleased to relate, for the information of our Lanca-hire brethren who have visited this lodge, or who are personally acquainted with its members, that the trials and vicissitudes which, through the force of circumstances, it has undergone during the past two or three years have at last subsided, and we venture to predict, or, at any rate, we sincerely hope, for a successful future. Most of our Manchester brethren well know the nature of these trials, especially the more recent one, which was the death of the then presiding W.M., Bro. Broadbent, which occurred some six months since. We have the greatest pleasure in recording that, in consequence of vigorous and praiseworthy efforts made by members, not only of this lodge but also of neighbouring lodges, a sum of money has been raised for the benefit of the widow, sufficient to start her in a little business and maintain her children. Truly such acts as these characterize our grand Masonic principles, and vividly exemplify that beautiful passage in one of the addresses at our installation ceremony: "So that when a man is said to be a Mason the world may know he is one to whom the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrow, and to whom the distressed may prefer its suit." The death of Bro. Broadbent naturally caused a vacancy in the chair of K.S., which our

esteemed Bro. J. J. Meakin, I.P.M., who was fulfilling the duties of Secretary, willingly filled up, and in so doing virtually performed the triple office of W.M., I.P.M., and Secretary. The members present at Bro. Hilton's installation were Bro. J. J. Meakin, I.P.M., Sec., acting W.M.; Edwin Hilton, S.W.; John Hall, S.D.; F. J. Garner, I.G.; Henry Fisher, P.M.; Joseph Warren, P.M., Treas.; Jas. Haffor, P.M.; J. Hancock, P.M.; James Johnson, P.M.; E. Ratcliffe, P.P.G. Purs.; John Faulkner, John Pryor, Wm. Crambleholme, H. G. Rutter, A. Robinson, W. H. Farrer, John Hargreaves, S. Crowshaw, and Wm. Riddell, Tyler. Visitors: Bro. J. W. P. Salmon, P.M. 163; P.P.G.D. of C.; Allan Mercier, W.M. 1534; Roger Crompton, Francis Robinson, 1534; Frank Hollins, P.M. 581, 1009; W. H. Peak, W.M. 993; Robt. Williamson, 1055; Geo. A. Battley, 1814; W. Kellam, 322; A. Morrison, P.M. 1055; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened at 4.45, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, the annual balance-sheet, which bore a very satisfactory appearance, was reported on by the Auditors, and adopted. With the usual formalities the W.M. elect, Bro. E. Hilton, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. J. J. Meakin, I.P.M., and with due rite and ceremony inducted into the chair of K.S. When the proclamation had been made of Bro. E. Hilton's installation, the usual salutes were given. After which Bro. J. Hancock, P.M., proceeded to invest the newly-appointed officers as follows: Bro. John Hall, S.W.; John Hargreaves, J.W.; Joseph Warren, P.M., Treasurer (re-invested); Alfred Robinson, Secretary; Frederick Garner, S.D.; Peter McKinna, John Pryor, J.D.; and Fenis, I.G. (by deputy). Bro. J. W. P. Salmon, P.P.G.D. of C., invested Bro. J. Hancock, P.M., D. of C.; and Wm. Kiddell, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M. and brethren were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. J. J. Meakin, and to the Wardens by Bro. Joseph Warren, P.M., Treasurer. When the ceremony was finished, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the visitors, the W.M., addressing the brethren, said for the information of those who had taken a leading part in collecting subscriptions towards assisting the widow and children of their late lamented W.M., Bro. Broadbent, he would take the present opportunity of expressing the hearty thanks of the lodge to them, and to inform them that their efforts had been so far successful as to place the widow in a nice little business, from which they all fervently hoped she would be able to comfortably support herself and family. Bro. Hilton said that although it might perhaps be considered invidious to single out anyone in particular who had exerted themselves for this deserving object, yet he could not refrain from mentioning the names of Bro. Francis Robinson, 1534, and A. Morrison, 1055, both of whom, although not members of the St. Thomas's Lodge, had been especially prominent in the cause, and to whom the lodge desired to convey its thanks. This graceful acknowledgment being finished, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at six o'clock.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the festival of St. John at a banquet, which was provided by the host, Bro. Ollies, who catered so satisfactorily for them that the greatest praise is due to him; the table being artistically laid out with some choice flowers and plants, whilst the culinary department gave the brethren every satisfaction.

When the banquet was over and during dessert the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured; and that of "The Dep. Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was responded to by Bro. J. W. P. Salmon, P.P.G.D. of C., and Bro. E. Ratcliffe, P.P.G. Purs. The I.P.M., Bro. J. J. Meakin, then rose to propose "The Health of the W.M., Bro. E. Hilton," and in the course of his remarks, said he trusted the brethren would fill their glasses and drink heartily to this toast, which he considered the toast of the evening, and his chief regret was the knowledge that he should not do justice to it, as it was a difficult matter to say all that could be said of a man in his presence; but he would inform the brethren that when some six or seven years ago their present W.M. joined the lodge, it was predicted that he would soon fill the W.M.'s chair, and this prediction had been verified, as they were all aware of; and also that Bro. Hilton had fulfilled the duties of Secretary for four consecutive years with credit to himself and honour to the lodge; in fact, he had never known a brother who had fulfilled such an office with greater ability than Bro. Hilton had, and if a man ascends to the position which he now occupied with not only the unanimous wish, but the unanimous vote of the brethren, he might well be proud of it. Bro. Meakin further remarked that he might say a great deal more in their W.M.'s favour, but he would content himself by taking the present opportunity of telling him to his face before all present that he thanked him for his exceeding courteous behaviour during his (Bro. Meakin's) year of office, and for being not only willing, but well able at all times to materially aid him in the ruling and governing of the lodge, and this assistance was heightened by the fact that a cloud had passed over the lodge, which he hoped had passed through the valley of the shadow of adversity; but he believed from that night they started a new chapter in the history of the lodge, as Bro. Hilton would commence his year with an initiation and electing a joining member. The I.P.M. concluded his remarks by hoping Bro. Hilton would have a happy and prosperous year of office. The toast was drunk with every manifestation of pleasure. The W.M. having appropriately replied, afterwards proposed "Bro. J. J. Meakin's Health" in eulogistic terms, which that worthy brother duly replied to. Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, the most notable being that of "The Masonic Charities," ably dilated upon by Bro. Meakin; and, after a very enjoyable evening, the brethren separated about eleven o'clock.

BIRKENHEAD.—Rock Lodge (No. 1289).—The members of this admirably conducted and prosperous lodge met for the celebration of St. John's Festival on Friday evening, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Chambers. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. B. Sparks, who is also J.W. of the Harmonic Lodge, 216, was installed by Bro. Edwd. Friend P.M., P.P.G.D. Cheshire. The following officers were installed: Bro. Henry Jones, I.P.M.; C. S. Dean, S.W.; H. B. Bare, J.W.; John Phillips, Treas.; John R. Ross, Sec.; J. D. Thomas, S.D.; William Roberts, J.D.; A. H. Corelli, I.G.; Jesse Banning, P.M., P.P.G.O. Cumberland and Westmorland, Org.; J. F. Dean and W. G. Cronan, Stewards. A Past Master's jewel was presented by the brethren to the I.P.M., and an elegant epergne to the retiring Treasurer, Bro. F. L. Bolton, P.M. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of members and

visitors, the latter including Bros. J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W.; Henry Bulley, P.G.S.B. of England; Thomas Chesworth, P.P.G.D.C.; W. S. Sutton, P.P.G.J.W.; and others.

THIRSK.—Falcon Lodge (No. 1416).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 5th inst., in the Masonic Hall. The lodge was opened at two p.m. by Bro. W. Hall, W.M., and the minutes were confirmed. The chair was then taken by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., who appointed Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, P.M., S.W., and J. S. Cumberland, J.W., and proceeded to open the lodge in the Second Degree. The W.M. elect, Bro. Charles Greensides, was then presented by the outgoing W.M., and the installation ceremony was proceeded with. The lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, the Master Masons retired, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened in full form, and Bro. Greensides was placed in the chair of K.S., and saluted and greeted, and the Board closed. The usual salutes and greetings in the Three Degrees were given, and the working tools, &c., presented by the Installing Master. The appointment of officers then took place, the addresses on investment being given by Bro. Rev. W. C. Lukis, P.M. The final charges were given by the Installing Master, and the lodge was closed amid "Hearty good Wishes." Amongst the visitors present were Bro. G. Simpson, W.M. 1611; R. S. Palliser, W.M. 1337; F. Smith, W.M. 837; A. S. Davies, 337; J. S. Iveson, 837; F. Barroby, 837; W. H. Conochie, 837; J. Nettleton, 1337. Amongst the members of the lodge present were Bro. W. Coltman, P.M.; G. Ayre, P.M.; J. S. Walton, P.M.; Chas. Elsley, J.P.; J. H. Buchanan, M.D.; and others. The following is a list of the officers appointed: Bro. W. Hall, I.P.M.; Reginald Bell, J.P., S.W.; Jas. Walton, J.W.; Rev. C. E. Camidge, P.M. Chap.; T. J. Wilkinson, Treas.; F. R. Hansell, Sec.; Z. Wright, S.D.; H. Longford, J.D.; H. Smith, D.C.; J. T. Hansell, Org.; A. W. Cass, I.G.; W. Coltman, P.M., and H. Smith, Stewards; C. Kipling, Preceptor; J. S. Farmery, Tyler.

The brethren and their visitors afterwards met at a splendid banquet at the Fleece Hotel, when the usual toasts were given and a pleasant evening passed.

WOOLSTON.—Clausentum Lodge (No. 1461).—The Festival of St. John was celebrated on the 10th inst., at Woolston College, the use of this building having been kindly granted by Bro. Methven, the J.W. of the lodge, permission being given by due Masonic authority for the removal of the warrant from the usual headquarters for this day only. The ceremonies attending the installation of Bro. W. H. Chapman, the retiring S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year, were most efficiently performed by Bro. W. Bowyer, P.M., Sec., P.P.G.A.D.C., in the presence of a numerous attendance of lodge members and visiting brethren, the latter including Bros. Sydney Myer, W.M. 130; G. Cross, W.M. 359; T. P. Payne, W.M. 304; Parkinson, I.P.M. 1112; J. S. Pearce, W.M. 1780; C. W. A. Jellicoe, P.M. 130; H. Lashmore, J.W. 394; E. Bauce, and Grant, and Bros. Martin and Fauntleroy from sister provinces, and several others.

The new W.M. appointed his officers as follows, all those below the rank of S.W. being re-appointments: Bro. Captain R. W. Evans, I.P.M.; E. A. Andrews, S.W.; J. Methven, J.W.; Geo. J. Tilling, P.M., P.G.S.W., Treas.; W. Bowyer, P.M. Sec.; D. O. Hobbs, S.D.; F. Ekless, J.D.; Rev. W. S. French, Chap.; J. T. Wells, Org.; E. Waters, D.C.; A. J. Brown, I.G.; R. Bell and W. Fowler, Stwds.; W. Vare, Tyler; and Morton, Asst. Tyler. Before the lodge was closed thanks were voted to Bro. Bowyer for having performed the installation ceremony, some of the visiting brethren tendering their congratulations to the W.M. upon the fact that though so comparatively young a lodge the Clausentum numbered among its members at least one competent to fulfil the important office of Installing Master. Bro. Bowyer briefly replied, and a vote of thanks was also awarded to Bro. Methven for having repeated the kindness of recent years, in granting the use of the college for the day's proceedings. Bro. Methven, reiterated the oft repeated hope that the necessity for any further use of his premises would be abrogated by the erection of the lodge room they would have possessed years ago, but for some difficulties with regard to the selected site.

The banquet was served by Bro. Dartnall, of Southampton. The W.M. elect occupied the chair, and the usual Masonic and other toasts were honoured.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 12th inst., when there was an unusually large attendance of brethren. The W.M., Bro. George Simpson, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bro. J. T. Sellar, I.P.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; Geo. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; C. G. Pavel, P.M. Sec.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; J. Kay, S.W.; M. Millington, J.W., and a full muster of members and visitors, amongst the latter being brethren from the York Lodge, 236, from Leeds, Gainsborough, and other places.

After the reading of the minutes, a successful ballot was taken for a candidate, and Mr. Mennell was introduced and initiated, the whole of the work being performed by the W.M. Bro. Whythead presented to the lodge, on behalf of Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., a copy of the bye-laws of the Apollo Lodge, Oxford. Bro. J. S. Cumberland presented a handsomely framed copy of Bro. James Stevens' lately published Masonic chart of England, a most useful work, and one that should be on the walls of every Masonic hall. He also presented, on behalf of Bro. Kenning a large bronze medal, struck in commemoration of the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, in 1875; and, on behalf of Bro. Morgan, an old Masonic token, struck on the occasion of the election of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, in 1790. Bro. Cumberland also gave the lodge library a bound copy of the "The Proceedings at the British Association Reception at York." A candidate for Masonry was proposed and the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards met at refreshment, when a number of toasts were honoured, and a most pleasant musical evening was passed.

FRIZINGTON.—Arlendon Lodge (No. 1660).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst. in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Wilson, W.M., Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, I.P.M., P.G.A.D.

of C., occupied the chair, and there were also present Bros. J. Harper, S.W.; J. Ashworth, J.W.; W. Martin, P.M., Sec.; D. Bell, S.D.; J. Banks, J.D.; G. Lowden, I.G.; B. Craig, Tyler; W. Foster, P.M.; F. T. Allatt, J. Peel, J. Routledge, E. Barwise, C. Gowan, R. Black, and W. Fox.

The minutes having been confirmed, and one candidate balloted for and accepted, three brethren were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. There being nothing further the lodge was closed in good harmony.

SHOEBURYNESS.—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 1817).—The regular meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Cambridge Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. J. M. Farr, W.M., supported by the following officers: Bros. C. Eltham, P.M. (the first Master of the lodge), and P.P.G. G.P.; G. Glasscock, I.P.M. and P.G.S.D.; C. Floyd, S.W.; H. Church, J.W.; E. Turner, S.D.; Jno. Taylor, J.D.; C. Ayling, I.G.; J. Harris, P.M. 1000; and P.P.G.A.D. of C., Secretary; and Bro. E. Bacon, P. District G.J.W., as Organist. The following members were present, viz.: Bro. C. Lucking, P.M. 160 and 1000, P.G.D.C.; W. Berry, W.M. 1000, and P.G. Steward; Petty, Kirkwood, Cockburn, Stafford, and Brown. Bro. Dr. Jones, P.G.S.W., and a large number of visiting brethren, honoured the lodge with their presence. The lodge having been duly opened with solemn prayer, the business of the evening was started, and subsequently Messrs. Rogan, Roden, Lightowers, and Spalding, having been unanimously accepted, were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the E.A. Degree in a most impressive manner by the W.M. Bro. Ogden was afterwards passed to the F.C. Degree, and the lodge was duly closed after a candidate had been proposed.

The brethren then adjourned to the refreshment room, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. in his well-known felicitous style, and heartily responded to. In returning thanks several of the visiting brethren took occasion to congratulate the W.M., Bro. Farr, on the excellence of his work, and remarked that this, his first business night, augured extremely well for Bro. Farr's year of office. A gratifying feature was the introduction of musical accompaniments on the harmonium, which, on this occasion, formed a pleasing adjunct to the ritual, as it was novel in this lodge, and we trust that the W.M. will persevere in making No. 1817 one of the most perfectly worked and attractive lodges in the province.

ST. LEONARD-ON-SEA.—St. Leonard's Lodge (No. 1842).—The annual meeting and installation of W.M. elect was held at the lodge-rooms, Concert-Hall, Warrior-square, on Friday, the 2nd inst. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. F. S. de Cooper, Major 1st C.P.R.V., was presented by the retiring W. Master, Bro. A. R. Croucher, M.D., P. Prov. G.A.D.C., to Bro. Thomas Trollope, M.D., P.P.S.G.W., P.M. 40 and 1842 for installation. The ceremony was very ably performed in the presence of a full board of Installed Masters. Bro. A. R. Croucher, in presenting Bro. Trollope with a P.M. jewel in recognition of his valuable services as founder and first Master of the lodge, expressed the earnest hope that he might live long to enjoy the esteem and affection of the brethren, the jewel which he now placed on his breast being but a slight mark of the estimation in which he was held by them. The W.M., Bro. Cooper added a few words of hearty congratulations to Bro. Trollope. We may mention that the jewel, was a very elegant one, with an emblematical representation delineated thereon of St. Leonard, the patron saint of the lodge. Bro. Trollope, in a most suitable reply, expressed his hearty thanks to the lodge for the honour conferred upon him, but thought that the fact of his having been placed in the chair as First Master of the lodge was sufficient recompense for his services without any further acknowledgment. Bro. Croucher was duly re-elected to serve as representative of the lodge on the Provincial Charities Committee. Allusion was made to the approaching Prov. Grand Lodge of Emergency to be held at Brighton on Monday, the 12th inst., to welcome brethren attending the Health Congress, and hope expressed that all who could conveniently attend would do so. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bro. W. L. Vernon, S.W.; T. H. Wadd, J.W.; F. H. Parson, M.B., Treas.; J. J. Allison, Sec.; A. L. Ward, S.D.; J. Cooke, M.B., J.D.; S. A. Julius, I.G.; H. Bailey, Org.; W. Leslie, was re-instated Tyler.

A candidate was proposed for initiation, and all business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to Addison's Rooms, Marina, where an elegant and most recherché banquet was supplied, and which gave the utmost satisfaction. At the conclusion of the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk. Our space will not admit of a report of numerous speeches which occupied the remainder of the evening. Among the visitors present we noticed Bros. V. Freeman, P. Prov. S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.; A. Wells, W.M. 40; the W.M. 315; Egbert Fryman, W.M. 341; J. B. Sargent, W.M. 1134; C. W. Duke, P. Prov. G.D., P.M. 70; J. Dorman, P. Prov. G.D., P.M. 40; C. M. Morris, Prov. G. Sword Bearer, P.M. 40; and many other brethren from neighbouring lodges.

PORTSMOUTH.—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar Lodge (No. 1903).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday night, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street. There were present the officers and about thirty-five members, and the following visitors: Bro. Colonel Hodgson, P.D.G.S.W., J.W. Madras, P.M. 465 and 500; A. Cudlipp, P.M. 487; H. E. Leader, 487; P. H. Emanuel, 525, Hong Kong, China; A. Scott, 551; H. J. Millard, 804; G. F. Lancaster, P.M. 903, P.P.J.G.D.; C. Parker, 1290; G. Sylvester, 1428; J. Lobb, 1869; H. W. Copus, 1564; E. Naylor, 1776; and several others who did not sign the attendance book.

The Three Degrees were worked in a manner reflecting great credit upon the officers. Bro. A. L. Emanuel, Hon. Sec., proposed that a letter of congratulation be forwarded to Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany upon his betrothal. This was seconded by Bro. Martyn, and carried unanimously. After the business on the agenda paper had been completed, W. Bro. Threadingham took the chair, and said that he had been called upon to perform a task which was a pleasurable duty. The task, however, was not an easy one, and he would have shrunk from it but for two or three reasons. First, their W.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Lord

Charles Beresford, was unavoidably absent from England; also, that he had requested Bro. Threadingham, in a letter, to announce his sincere regret at his absence, and that circumstances did not permit him performing the pleasing duty that had to be performed that night. Secondly, what he (Bro. Threadingham) had to say would be said to brother Masons and in a Masonic lodge, and he could therefore count on their indulgence. Thirdly, in making the presentation that he had been called upon to do, those around him knew how the recipients, Bros. Townsend and Emanuel, had worked. He trusted those two brethren would not under estimate at receiving it from his hands, instead of from a brother of a more exalted position. These were the reasons why he had accepted the position he then occupied. The brethren were all aware why the presentation was to take place. They did not want him to give full details of the formation of this lodge. They had nothing to do with the motives that first started it. They only knew that they were all perfectly surprised. Scarcely had the idea dawned when brethren of high position came forward and recorded their names on the requisition. A very short time had elapsed before a very large sheet of paper was filled up with names, and this through the strenuous exertions of Bros. Townsend and Emanuel. When the petition was drawn up and signed, it was quickly presented to our Prov. Grand Master, and he readily signed his name for the formation of the Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar Lodge. The lodge was opened with éclat, and all from Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught down to the Entered Apprentice, had expressed how well everything had been carried out at the constitution. The scheme had commenced well, and, he trusted, would proceed well. The whole of these successes were through whom? Bros. Townsend and Emanuel. Those brethren had worked night and day to bring this to a successful issue, and they could look around the lodge and see that their exertions had not been lost. A very handsome sum had been collected amongst the brethren for the purpose of showing their appreciation of the two brothers' exertions. Bro. Townsend had selected a silver loving-cup, whilst Bro. Emanuel had chosen a silver goblet and a silver collar, which he would present to them. The two recipients then advanced to the pedestal. Bro. Threadingham continued, and said that the brethren had received an equal share of the money subscribed. He had much pleasure in presenting the cups and placing the collar on Bro. Emanuel, and trusted that in future years, when they looked on its sparkling surface, it would but reflect the very many excellent Masonic qualities which the brethren showed they possessed; and when they had done the transitory things of time they would have succeeded in leaving footprints in the sands of time, by which future generations will know that they have not worked in vain, but to cast a lustre around themselves and the position they adorned. Bro. Townsend, who was well received, said he felt at a loss to find words to express his thanks. He had no idea when he first thought of this lodge, and worked for it, of anything like that night. He had one object, and that had been successfully carried out. He had had the support of all with whom he had been working, and he failed to see where he merited that which had been awarded him. He accepted it with a great deal of pleasure, and he informed the brethren that he would always appreciate it, as would also his wife if she outlived him. He would make arrangements that when it pleased the Great Architect to take him and his wife that the cup should return to the Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar Lodge, where he trusted it would be appreciated as well as it is by him. Bro. A. S. Emanuel said he also failed to find words adequate to express his feelings that night. He thanked Bro. Threadingham for his very kind expressions towards him, and also the brethren for the manner in which they had endorsed Bro. Threadingham's remarks. He never anticipated such or any acknowledgment of his services when he accepted the humble office of Secretary. Bro. Townsend and all the brethren had pulled together, and they all now saw the result. Bro. Townsend had done nothing without consulting him, and *vice versa*, and by this they had been enabled to bring the Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar Lodge to the high position it now held. It would be failing his duty if he did not thank Bro. Col. Bray, Asst. Adj.-General, for the assistance rendered in the formation of this lodge. It was that brother who introduced the deputation to H.S.H. Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, and had done all he could for us in obtaining the consent of the Prince to allow his name and arms to be used by the lodge. The best thanks of the brethren were also due to Bro. W. Cosser for the good order and management maintained at the constitution. Those matters should not be overlooked. He would also thank the Stewards for that day. They had had a hard day's work, there being no less than 955 brethren present at the constitution, all of whom were attended upon by the Stewards. The brethren, one and all, could rest assured that in accepting the testimonial it would always be highly appreciated. He had selected two pieces was for two reasons. The goblet he could take to his home, whilst the collar he could wear at the lodges he visited, to show the brethren how his meagre services for the good of the Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar Lodge in particular, and the Craft in general, had been appreciated. He thanked Bros. Page and Townsend and others for the great assistance they had given him, morning, noon, and night. He concluded by expressing a hope that he should rise to the esteem his late father was held in, and when the time came for him to go from this lodge to the lodge above he would receive the same respect. A vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Threadingham and Page. Bro. Page, S.W., in response said the part they undertook was a labour of love. Whatever had been done was done cheerfully. Bro. Threadingham, however, ought to receive the greatest share of thanks, as he did not know what he should have done without him. Bro. Threadingham also returned thanks.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren afterwards partook of a most recherché banquet. The cups presented to Bros. Townsend and Emanuel are magnificent pieces of silver mounted on ebony stands. The following is the engraving on them: "Presented to Bro. Townsend by the founders and members of the Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar Lodge, No. 1905, as a mark of their high appreciation of his valuable services rendered in connection with the foundation and constitution of the above lodge, Portsmouth, December 7th, 1881." The collar to Bro. Emanuel is of silver, gold and enamel. In the centre is a shield bearing a similar inscription as to the cup, on either side of which is a garter bearing the name

of the lodge, in the centre of which is the square and compass and number of lodge, next to this is a square containing the monogram of A.L.E., then comes the shield of the lodge in gold and enamel.

INSTRUCTION.

STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).—A well attended meeting of the above lodge was held at the Excise Tavern, Old Broad-street, E.C., on Monday last. Bro. Johnson was W.M., and was ably supported by Bro. Pardon, S.W.; Tate, J.W.; Collinson, S.D.; Pelikan, J.D.; W. Vizzard, I.G.; H. G. Gush, Preceptor; C. J. Fox, Hon. Sec.; Heywood, Mace, Thomas, P. M. Wing, Nell, Brown, Stephens, and others.

After due formalities, the necessary questions having been answered, Bro. Mace was entrusted and the lodge was advanced. The ceremony of passing was next worked, Bro. Mace being the candidate. The whole of the ceremony was worked by the following brethren: First Section, Bro. Vizzard; Second Section, Bro. Tate; Third Section, Bro. Johnson; Fourth Section, Bro. Gush; Fifth Section, Bro. Brown, in each case with the assistance of the brethren. Bro. Pardon was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Stephens for his services to the lodge, and it being unanimously resolved to audit the lodge accounts, Bros. Tate, Johnson, and Pardon were elected to perform that duty, and report thereon at the first lodge meeting in January.

Bro. Tate announced that the brethren of the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction would meet on Tuesday, the 20th at 5.30 p.m., at the Fenchurch-street Railway Station, and thence proceed by train to Millwall Dock Station, to work the Fifteen Sections to the brethren of the Corinthian Lodge of Instruction, held at Bro. W. Clark's, George Hotel, Glengall-road, Cubitt Town, Poplar. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the lodge was solemnly closed.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—At the regular meeting held on the 13th inst., at Bro. A. Walter's, Green Dragon, Stepney, E., the chair was occupied by Bro. J. T. K. Job, W.M. 1076, who was supported by Bros. J. Taylor, S.W.; A. Walter, J.W.; John Taylor, acting Preceptor; W. Cross, Secretary; J. R. Shingfield, Deacon; Austen, I.G.; W. Hawes, Tyler; and others.

Lodge was duly opened, and Bro. Hawes, having been interrogated, was afterwards passed to the Degree of F.C. Lodge was opened up and closed down to the First Degree, when the ceremony of initiation was ably worked, Bro. Hawes, candidate. Bro. James Taylor was elected W.M. for the meeting to be held on the 20th inst., and lodge was closed in due form, the brethren having passed a highly instructive evening.

DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 860).—This lodge met in goodly numbers at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownhall-road, Dalston, on the 13th inst. Present: Bros. Wardell, W.M.; Boyce, S.W.; Allen, J.W.; Glass, S.D.; Catling, J.D.; T. Clark, I.G.; F. Carr, Hon. Sec.; Christian, Preceptor, *pro tem*; Jones, Robinson, Smyth, Greenwood, Gosling, Edwards, Nash, F. W. Jones, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the meeting of the 6th inst. were submitted and confirmed. Bro. Dignam was next interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was capitally rendered, Bro. Dignam being the candidate. The lecture upon the F.C. Tracing Board was given by Bro. Christian, and the First Section of the Lecture was worked from the chair, the brethren assisting. Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of closing down carefully rehearsed. Bro. Allen next worked the First and Second Sections of the First Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The election of a W.M. for the ensuing week resulted in Bro. Boyce being appointed to that office. The lodge was then closed and the brethren separated in harmony.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 9th inst., at the Dukes Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, E. Bro. J. Gaskell, P.M. 1076 was W.M., and was supported by Bros. D. Moss, S.W.; Dovey, J.W.; J. West, S.D.; J. R. Shingfield, J.D.; Jas. Taylor, I.G.; also Bros. Dupree, Benjamin, Richardson, I. P. Cohen, P.M., M. Isaacs, S. Crane, A. Wood, W. Musto, P.M. Sec., B. Cundick, P.M. Preceptor, G. H. Stephens, J. Clayton, and others.

After due formalities Bro. Shingfield was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of passing was well rendered by the W.M., Bro. Shingfield candidate. Bro. Cohen, P.M., next worked the whole of the Sections of the Lecture assisted by the brethren. Bro. A. Wood, Yarrowborough Lodge 554 was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. Bro. D. Moss, the S.W. was also unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting, and lodge was adjourned until the following Tuesday evening.

EARL OF ZETLAND LODGE (No. 1364).—At the last meeting of the above lodge, at the Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, on Saturday last, Bro. H. Forss occupied the chair, being supported in the various offices by Bros. F. Carr, S.W.; Pope, J.W.; Grey, S.D.; R. A. Wright, P.M., J.D.; S. Crane, I.G.; R. B. Greenwood, W. Fieldwick, P.M., Preceptor; E. Wright, P.M., Hon. Sec.; C. A. Gompertz, G. H. Stephens, and others.

The lodge was duly opened in customary form, and, according to the bye-laws of the lodge, the ballot-box circulated for the admission of Bro. Stephens as a joining member, who had already been duly proposed and seconded. The result proving favourable, Bro. Gompertz was questioned as to proficiency, and the result proving satisfactory, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony ably and impressively rendered, Bro. C. A. Gompertz being the candidate. Bro. Forss, W.M., worked the First; Bro. Stephens, Second; and the W.M., Third and Fifth Sections of the Lecture, the brethren in each case assisting. In consequence of the mother lodge meeting on the next Saturday and the Christmas holidays occurring upon the second subsequent Saturdays, Bro. F. Carr, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the first meeting to be held in January. Bro. Forss gave a notice of motion, and the lodge was closed, a very instructive evening having been passed.

CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1382).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on the 13th inst., at the George Hotel, Cubitt Town. Present: Bros. Smith, W.M.; Bonner, S.W.; Stapleton, J.W.; Delves, P.M.; Preceptor; Carnaby, P.M.; Treas.; Mullington, I.P.M.; S.D.; Bell, J.D.; Shays, P.M., I.G.; C. Searell, P.M., Sec.; P. M. Bredero, Merchant Navy; Robinson, J.D. Merchant Navy; Willmott, and Richelman. The ceremonies of First and Second Degrees were worked well by the W.M. The announcement of the Fifteen Sections to be worked on Tuesday next was well received, and there is every prospect of a good muster.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on the 7th inst., at Bro. Kingston's, The Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M., Preceptor. The chair was taken by Bro. C. Robson, W.M.; Bros. Kimbell, S.W.; Laroomb, J.W.; Richardson, S.D.; McDonald, J.D.; J. Robson, I.G.; Seymour Clarke, Sec. Bros. Partridge, Ewen, C. Smith, and others being present. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in an able manner, after which Bro. McDonald worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Kimbell was elected W.M. for the 14th inst., after which the lodge was closed in due form.

The ballot for a Life Subscription to one of the Masonic Institutions was then proceeded with, in accordance with one of the bye-laws of this lodge of instruction (and which other lodges are adopting), such ballot being taken whenever the funds permit of five guineas being so applied. Participating members must have attended the lodge not less than six meetings during the preceding three months. The ballot proved to be in favour of Bro. Seymour-Clarke. Brethren are cordially invited to attend these meetings every Wednesday evening at seven p.m., and the lodge being held at The Moorgate Tavern, adjoining Moorgate-street Railway Station, offers peculiar facilities for those residing at a distance.

Royal Arch.

DOMATIC CHAPTER (No. 177).—An excellent gathering of the members of this old chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 24th ult., when there were present Comps. Lawrence, M.E.Z.; Briggs, H.; Harrison, J.; George Everett, I.P.Z.; Buss, P.G.S.B., Treasurer; Cottebrune, P.Z., S.E.; Maclean, S.N.; Norton, P.S.; Morris and Webb, Assistants; and Thomas Cubitt, P.Z. Comp. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., &c., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Morris, of the Domatic Lodge was duly exalted to the R.A. Degree by the M.E.Z., the mystical lecture being admirably given by Comp. Cottebrune.

The chapter was shortly afterwards closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed. "The Health of the Grand Officers" was coupled with the name of Comp. Buss, who fluently replied. The toast of "The M.E.Z." was proposed in complimentary and characteristic terms by Comp. G. Everett. The M.E.Z. having briefly replied, "The Health of the Exalte" followed. Comp. Norris, in his response, particularly alluded to the excellent way in which the impressive lecture of the First Principal's chair had been delivered by the Scribe E. In giving "The Second and Third Principles," the M.E.Z. took occasion to enlarge upon the social and Masonic merits of Comps. Briggs and Harrison. He said that they had been many years connected with the Domatic Chapter, and he looked forward with interest to their respective elevations to the chair of M.E.Z. The toast having been warmly drunk, Bros. H. and J. duly replied. In proposing "The Health of the I.P.Z." the M.E.Z. said that it afforded him a great deal of pleasure in being in a position that evening to present their excellent Comp. Everett with a Past Principal's jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him, and which circumstances had hitherto prevented the I.P.Z. from attending the chapter to receive. Comp. Everett, in reply, expressed his acknowledgment for the gift, which he said he should prize most highly, and as long as his health and engagements would permit he would endeavour to attend all their convocations. "The Visitor" followed, and Comp. Walls having responded, the toast of "The Treasurer and S.E." was flatteringly proposed, and in acknowledgment, Comps. Buss and Cottebrune expressed themselves in fluent terms. The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Comp. Norton and Webb, who replied, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).—A convocation of this chapter was held on the 7th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Among those present were Comps. J. H. Dodson, M.E.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., H.; W. Lake, P.P.G.R. Cornwall; Colonel Radcliffe, P.Z. (Hon. Member); Alfred Tinsley, S.E.; H. Turner, S.N.; George Manners, P.S.; Bristow, 1st Assistant; W. Wellsman, P.Z.; Low, Harding, W. E. Farrington, F. Farrington, W. Farrington, C. Brown, and others. Comp. Edward Terry, St. Asaph, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bros. Farthing, P.M. Constitutional; and Colyer, St. Dunstan's, were duly exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Royal Arch, the ceremony being excellently well performed by Comp. Colonel Radcliffe. The notice of motion given by Comp. Turner, as to the alteration of the days of meeting, was then discussed, and a resolution taken thereon.

The chapter was shortly afterwards closed, and the companions adjourned to supper. The subsequent toasts were curtailed, and but briefly proposed. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was given by Comp. Radcliffe in complimentary terms. The M.E.Z. having replied, then gave "The Exaltees." This toast having been received with enthusiasm, Comps. Farthing and Colyer acknowledged the compliment. "The Second and Third Principles" followed, and was replied to by Comps. Walls and Lake. "The Past Principals," in the absence of Comps. Wellsman and Dalwood, was coupled with the name of Comp. Colonel Radcliffe, who discoursed most eloquently in reply. "The Visitor" came next, and this toast was acknowledged by Comp.

Terry so humorously that it "set the table in a roar." "The Officers," responded to by Comps. Tisley, Turner, and Low, terminated the proceedings. An interesting and most amusing feature of the evening was the side-splitting songs and readings of Comp. Edward Terry, the deservedly popular comedian.

BRIGHTON.—Yarborough Chapter (No. 811).—This chapter held its convocation and installation meeting on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Royal Pavilion. Owing to the indisposition of the M.E.Z. (Comp. S. McWhinnie) Comp. V. F. Freeman, P.Z., Grand Scribe E., ably filled the position. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Ballot was taken for Bro. H. Evans, 1636; W. Redman, 1141; H. Woodhams, 1141; and G. A. Howes, 1141; also for Comp. T. Packham, as a joining companion from 315; and they were all unanimously elected. Bros. Evans, Redman, Woodhams, Howes, and Dabel, elected at a previous meeting, being in attendance, were exalted to the ancient and honourable Degree. The installation of Principals, followed by the investing of officers, was then proceeded with, as follows: Comps. W. R. Wood, P.Z., M.E.Z.; J. Harrison, P.Z. 804, H.; Lord A. W. Hill, M.P., J.; S. Peters, Scribe, E.; T. H. Moseley, Scribe N.; W. T. Clarke, P.S.; H. Cheal, 1st A.S.; T. Holloway, 2nd A.S.; and T. Hughes, Janitor.

The following companions were also present: Comps. C. J. Smith, P.Z.; J. Parnell, and S. B. Henderson; and visitors: Comps. C. W. Randolph, 1383; H. W. Francis, 804; Sandeman, P.Z. 732; W. Anderton, 1275; and H. W. Dowell, 1466.

After all business was concluded, most of the companions adjourned to the New Ship Hotel, where a splendid banquet was provided by Comp. Vaughan, the proprietor. They were joined there by Comps. Sandeman, P.Z. 315; T. Lawson, W. Anderson, and W. Smithers. The after dinner proceedings took a most genial and easy form. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and heartily responded to. The vocalists were Comps. W. R. Wood, J. Harrison, W. T. Clarke, and W. Anderson. All passed off satisfactorily.

YORK.—Eboracum Chapter (No. 1611).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., for the election of officers, with the following result: Comps. J. S. Cumberland, Z.; C. G. Padel, H.; J. T. Seller, J.; J. Kay, S.E.; M. Millington, S.N.; G. Simpson, Treas.; and P. Pearson, Janitor.

Mark Masonry.

SOUTHAMPTON.—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 63).—This lodge held its festival at the Masonic Hall, on St. Andrew's Day. The installation ceremony was performed by W. Bro. Sheppard, and the lodge officers were invested as follows: W. Bros. G. Cross, W.M.; R. Loveland-Loveland, I.P.M.; Bros. C. W. A. Jellicoe, S.W.; M. Emanuel, J.W.; J. Cole, M.O.; D. O. Hobbs, S.O.; W. Horton, J.O.; H. Dusenoy, R.M.; Rev. E. Y. Nepean, Chap.; W. Bro. I. E. Le Feuvre, Treas.; Bros. C. W. Bemister, Sec.; W. Bowyer, S.D.; T. Lashmore, J.D.; W. Bro. J. R. Weston, D.C.; Bros. A. J. Blackman, I.G.; Jiggs and Vare, Tylers.

FUNERAL OF BRO. CAPTAIN SINCLAIR AT SHOREHAM.

The body of Bro. Alexander Sinclair was a few days ago consigned to the grave in Old Shoreham Churchyard. His death, which took place suddenly at Ramsgate, was due to apoplexy, and the coroner did not deem it necessary to hold an inquest. Bro. Sinclair will long be remembered in Shoreham as a kind and judicious helper of the deserving poor; he was a man who could be ill spared and will be long missed by all who knew him. The body was removed from Ramsgate to Shoreham, and in which place the strongest marks of respect were exhibited. Shops were closed, blinds drawn down, flags on every ship, and at the Custom House, half-mast high. Long before the time fixed for the burial crowds had assembled in the old churchyard, and punctually at noon the funeral cortege, which had assembled at the residence of the deceased, in South Down-road, arrived at the gates. Such a cortege has seldom been seen in Shoreham. The procession was organised by Bro. Brown, of Lancing College. The York Lodge was well represented, and led the procession, headed by Bros. W. Marchant and J. Curtis, the oldest Past Masters present. In their ranks were Messrs. Eyles, Burrows, Paige, Grinberg Anderson, Dallimore, Hughes, Ridge, C. Saunders, O. Weston, and many others who wished to pay a tribute of respect to their late brother. They were followed by the coffin, which was borne by the coastguards and covered by the Union Jack.

The chief mourner was Mr. J. Sinclair, of Edinburgh (brother of the deceased). The pall bearers were Mr. C. M. Kempe (High Constable), Mr. W. Hall (Chairman of the Shoreham Harbour Trustees), Mr. G. J. Parkman (Secretary to the South of England Marine Insurance), Mr. T. F. Gates (Surveyor to the Shoreham Local Board), Mr. R. B. Dell, and Mr. A. Merrix. Among the gentlemen following were Messrs. Lennard, Horrocks, R. Henderson (collector of H.M. Customs, Shoreham), D. Pilmore, Capt. Patterson, R.N., Harmsworth, Harker, Ayling, Adams, Snelling, Reed, Glazebrook, J. E. Brown, Glazebrook, jun., J. Glazebrook, Welfare, F. Wood, Blaker, W. H. Harper, H. Harper, Rev. C. D. Crouch, W. H. Brooker, C. Cork, A. Cox, Smith, J. G. Bishop, F. Eyles, R. Wade, W. May, F. Aldi, R. Miller, W. H. Williamson, J. Sharp, P.H. Penney, J. Robinson, W. Harvey, Flint, Capt. Gasston, T. Burstow, F. Cheesman, F. Cheesman, jun., Cuddington, Gibson, W. Harvey, Thorncroft, Holkham, A. H. Williams, and others. The deceased was well known at Littlehampton, and among those present were Captain Robinson, Mr. Briggs (brother-in-law), Mr. Radman, and Mr. Money Penney. Among others present were Messrs. Hollands, H. Mitchell, Greenyer, A. Brazier, Hackett, Higham, T. Holloway, J. Holloway, W. W. English, jun., J. Clark, J. Harman, A. R. Brown, Cheale, Bridges, Parnell, Reeves Smith, Virgin, Hughes, Hardy, Harrison, Swales, Courtney, T. B. Gates, T. P. Gates, Elade, Fursey, Bedford, Bodle, C. J. Smith, Carpenter, Dr. Fuller, Seabourne, A. Loader, J. Glazebrook, and T. Mundy.

The funeral cortege proceeding from the house of the

deceased, was met in the churchyard by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Harris Smith), who performed the duty in the church and at the grave, which was situated almost opposite the west door of the church. The service in the church was impressive, Mr. Rowell, who presided at the organ, and the choir, rendering the opening hymn and the "Dead March" most excellently.

The coffin bore the following inscription:—"Alexander Sinclair, died December 2nd, 1881, aged fifty-five years."

Bro. C. J. SMITH, P. Prov. G.W. and I.P.M. of the lodge, then addressed the Masonic brethren most impressively, as follows: Brethren,—From time immemorial it has been a custom among the Fraternity of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, at the request of a brother, to accompany his corpse to the grave, and there deposit his remains with the usual formalities. We attend to-day at the special request of our departed Bro. Sinclair to pay our last tribute of affectionate esteem for him; and although we are not clothed in the badges and insignia of that Order which he so greatly loved, our sorrow is not less nor our regret less deep. This lamb's-skin, or white apron, with which twenty-five years ago he was invested when initiated into our ancient Craft, is the emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason. It is more ancient than the golden fleece and Roman eagle, more honoured than the garter—it is the bond of friendship when it is worthily worn. This emblem I now deposit in the grave of our deceased brother. (Here the apron was deposited in the grave.) By it we are reminded of the universal dominion of death. The arms of friendship cannot interpose to prevent his coming; the wealth of the world cannot purchase our release, nor will the innocence of youth or the charms of beauty propitiate him. The coffin and the grave admonish us of our mortality, and that sooner or later these frail bodies must moulder in the tomb. (The brethren, now following the example of the speaker, saluted the remains of the deceased in due form.) Brethren,—The occasion on which we are assembled this day, reminds us of our frailty and mortality. "Man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets." Often are we impressively reminded that "It is appointed unto all men once to die"—that "There is no discharge in that war; that the dust must return to the earth as it was, and the spirit unto God who gave it! It has pleased God to remove from amongst us a brother whom we esteemed and loved. We shall see his face no more in our meetings; we shall hear his familiar voice no more. He is gone! but we rejoice to think that he died in that blessed hope of a future resurrection and a glorious immortality which our Order has always sought to cherish amongst its members. We hope, therefore, yet to meet him again when our earthly course shall also be ended; and meanwhile it behoves us to lay to heart the lesson which his death teaches us—that in our following the example of his life, a life of piety and virtue, our own hope may be made brighter and surer. So may we be enabled to take up with more joyful confidence the words which we find written in that Book which is the Great Light of our Order: "Oh, death! where is thy sting? Oh, grave! where is thy victory?" a glorious light breaking through the gloom which surrounds us, as we look forward to the resurrection of the dead, when that which is sown in corruption shall be raised in incorruption; when that which is sown in dishonour shall be raised in glory; when that which is sown in weakness shall be raised in power; when this corruption shall put on incorruption, and this mortal shall put on immortality, and death shall be swallowed up in victory! Our departed brother was exemplary in the discharge of every duty as a member of the Christian Church, in all the relations of domestic life, of general society, and of business, and likewise, we all well know, as a member of our Order. During his long life he consistently maintained an honourable character; and it is this day, with no ordinary degree of satisfaction, mingled with sadness as that feeling must be, that we pay the last tribute of regard to his memory. Long will it be ere we can forget him! His absence will be felt as a blank in our meetings in which he has for so many years been so generally present, aiding by his wise counsel in all our work, and diffusing happiness around him by his amiability of manners, the natural outgoing of true benevolence of heart, and by the cheerfulness of his countenance and speech. He was, indeed, one of those who knew how to conjoin habitual seriousness with the frequent enjoyment of innocent mirth. Religious and strict in all that belongs to morality, he had nothing about him of that austerity which sometimes renders good men disagreeable companions. When he entered a company, the faces of all present brightened up at his appearance, and although no one could less tolerate any improper jest, or expression of unbecoming levity, none was more ready to take part in such conversation as is calculated to afford agreeable relaxation to the mind and wholesome amusement. Our brother, whose loss this day we lament, has been taken away by an unexpected stroke whilst in the prime of life and full of activity of manhood. We hoped, and those connected with him by the most tender ties hoped, that he would still live for many years. The great disposer of events has, in His infinite wisdom, and no doubt in His good as well as in His wisdom, ordered it otherwise. It is for us reverently to bow our heads and adore. We are reminded also that life is very uncertain, and warned not to set our hearts too strongly on the things of the present world, but ever to live in preparation for death, that we may be ready, however soon, however suddenly we may be called away. May we so live that all our days are spent in doing some good work, of which others may enjoy the benefit when we are gone, even if we have not to see much of its results ourselves. It is not necessary that I should say much of our late brother as a Freemason. You all know how attentive he was to all his duties as a member of his Lodge, and how admirably he conducted himself in the various offices which he filled, and never was the harmony and prosperity of the Lodge promoted more by the manner in which any member discharged the duties of office. If the death of our brother has made a blank in our Lodge, how much more grievous must be the blank in the family of which he was the head? We are required by that law which is all summed up in love, to weep with those who weep; and surely the present occasion must call forth our sympathy. The widow has a right to expect our kind regard, not only now in the time of deepest affliction, but henceforth continually, and whatever we can do to soothe her distress, or to promote her welfare, we will do. I am sure I speak the sentiment of you all, with cheerfulness and alacrity. And now, in conclusion, let me only express the hope that

the lesson taught us may contribute not a little to our good, making us wiser and moving us to greater assiduity in all the duties of life. "The time is short," how short we know not, but at most it can be but a little while till the last survivor of us all shall descend to the house of silence, the place appointed for all living. Let us listen, therefore, to the voice that says to us, "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." But "now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation;" now is the time for earnest prayer and for earnest work. Let us resolve, whilst the remembrance of our brother and of his grave is thus fresh in our minds, to be henceforth more religious than we have heretofore been, and also more diligent in business; redeeming the time for every good and useful purpose, so that we may press steadfastly along a path that ends not in gloom and darkness, but conducts to a land of brighter light than ever shines in this world—a land where there is no darkness or shadow of death, no night, no sin, no sorrow—a land of which the inhabitants shall no more say "I am weary," and where all tears are wiped away from their eyes! Bro. Smith then took the sprig of acacia from his coat and proceeded: "This evergreen, which once marked the temporary resting-place of the deceased, is an emblem of our faith in the immortality of the soul. By this we are reminded that we have an immortal part within us that shall survive the grave, and which shall never, never die! By it we are admonished that, though, like our brother whose remains lie before us, we shall soon be clothed in the habiliments of death and deposited in the silent tomb, yet through our belief in the mercy of God, we may confidently hope that our souls may bloom in eternal spring. This, too (the acacia), I deposit in the grave, with the final exclamation, 'Alas! my brother.'"

All the brethren in order now passed the grave, casting therein their sprigs of acacia, with the touching words with which the ceremony was concluded.

Obituary.

BRO. W. COTTRELL.

We have again to chronicle the death of another well-known, active, and highly respected Freemason in Liverpool, whose place in the Masonic circle it will be difficult to fill. Bro. William Cottrell, residing in Great Crosshall-street, has been ailing for some time, and his somewhat unexpected death, on Monday week, caused considerable surprise and universal regret amongst those who knew him best. The deceased has for a long series of years been permanently identified with the Craft and its Charities in this district, and any more indefatigable worker in all that concerns the best interests of Freemasonry it would be difficult to find. Bro. Cottrell, after fulfilling effectually many minor offices, was unanimously elected the W.M. of the Everton Lodge, No. 823 (one of the largest in the Province of West Lancashire), and at the time of his death he was one of its most prominent and popular P.M.'s. He was also P.Z. of the chapter attached to the Everton Lodge; a Past Sovereign of the Red Cross Conclave, No. 77; and for some time he has discharged with remarkable efficiency the onerous duties of Treasurer of the Liverpool Masonic Hall. Bro. Cottrell was highly esteemed by all who came into contact with him, and his death, at the age of fifty-eight has caused general regret, both in Masonic and general circles. The respect cherished for the dead was shown by a very large attendance of Freemasons at the funeral, which took place at Anfield Cemetery on Friday, the 9th inst., amongst those present being many Provincial Grand Officers, present and past officers of the Everton Lodge, and others. The burial service was read by the Rev. T. Whalley, incumbent of St. John's Church, Liverpool, and the Rev. W. M. Barrow. The chief mourners included a son and brother of the deceased, and Mr. H. Rowe, the Messrs. Brew, and others. Among the Freemasons present were Bros. John Houlding, P.P.G.R.; Councillor W. J. Lunt, J. Holland, W. Williams, J. Boyle, T. Webster, H. Ashmore (all P.M.'s of 823); T. H. Carefull, W.M.; J. Beesley, S.W.; W. Brasseley, J.W.; J. M. King, Sec.; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673, P.G. Treas.; T. Chesworth, P.P.G.D.C. (Cheshire); R. Washington, P.M. 1094; Hugh Williams, P.P.G.A.D.C.; L. Peake, R. C. Yelland, P.M. 1094; R. R. Martin, P.M. 1094; R. Warriner, P.M. 1547; H. A. Tobias, P.M. 1502; M. Hart, P.M. 1502; I. Jacobs, S. C. Harvey, W. Simpson, R. Martin, jun., P.M. 1182; John Williams, P. Ball, W. H. Ball, Joseph Wood (Freemason), and others. The funeral arrangements were conducted by Messrs. Waugh and Sons.

BRO. DR. HENRY.

We regret to announce the death of this prominent Cumberland brother, after a long and painful illness, at the early age of thirty-seven years. An Irishman, he graduated M.D. at Dublin, and settled in Whitehaven in the year 1866, when he entered into partnership with the late Bro. Dr. John Thompson, P.M. 119, P.G. Treasurer of Cumberland and Westmorland, and brother of the present Archbishop of York. This extensive and lucrative practice he eventually became the head of, and was for a number of years past greatly esteemed and respected by his numerous patients—rich and poor alike—for his untiring energy and frank and hearty manner. In private life Dr. Henry was a true friend to the poor and distressed; in fact his decease is a subject of regret in every circle of Whitehaven. He was Honorary Surgeon of the Whitehaven and West Cumberland Infirmary, and took a deep interest in its welfare and management. He was also Hon Assistant-Surgeon of the Whitehaven Rifle Volunteers. As a Freemason our departed brother had attained the highest honours in his Province. He was P.M. of Lodge 119, and P.P.G.S.W., P.Z. of the same chapter, and P.P.G.S.N.; P.M. of Fletcher Lodge, No. 213, M.M.M., and P.P.G.S.W.; and a P.S. of Dykes Conclave, No. 36, Knights of Constantine. His portrait in oil, was presented by him to Lodge 119 some years ago, and joins one of many similar presentations of departed brethren, to be witnessed in the elaborately furnished Masonic Hall in College-street, Whitehaven. Bro. Henry was naturally a main supporter of the charities connected with the Order; indeed, his purse was always freely offered for any ordinary or special appeal. His remains were followed to the grave by a numerous concourse of sorrowing friends, on Friday, the 9th inst. Mr. A. Henry, the well known and successful barrister of the Northern circuit was his brother.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor (Bro. Alderman Ellis, who will, we believe, be installed as W.M. of the Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, early in the new year) has kindly consented to preside at the eighty-fourth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be held in June next.

The Clothworkers' Company have made another grant of £200 to the City of London College, making a total of £500 contributed by them to this institution—*City Press*.

Bro. Major-General Burnaby, M.P., presided at the anniversary festival of the Dairymen's Benevolent Association, at Freemasons' Tavern.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, has succeeded the late Dean Stanley as president of the Working Men's Club and Institute Union.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington has consented to preside at the annual festival of the Warehousmen and Clerks' Schools, at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday, February 15th, 1882.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany will lay the foundation stone of the new buildings of the Princess Helena College, at Ealing, this day (Saturday).

At the meeting of the Royal Gloucester Lodge Bro. George Davies, the S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

Bro. Henry Irving has secured the services of Bro. David James, one of the best comedians on the London stage, who will appear as *Our Mr. Jenkins* in the "Two Roses."

Bro. James Weaver, P.G.O. Middlesex, will succeed Mr. Michael Connolly, as musical director of the Princess's Theatre.

Mr. Henry Harvey has had the honour of submitting to the Queen, at Windsor Castle, his bust of Bro. General Sir Frederick Roberts, V.C., previous to its dispatch to India.

We are glad to be able to announce that Bro. Alderman Knight is slightly better in health, and is now able to attend business for a few hours a day.—*City Press*.

Bro. Sir T. Brassey, M.P., is preparing for publication a work on "Recent Naval Administration."

Bro. Alfred Potter, 813 (late of the *Hackney Gazette*), has been presented with a very handsome gold watch, made by Bro. Benson, of Ludgate-hill, and an address, on his retirement from the firm of Potter Bros., by a few of his immediate friends, including a number of the brethren of his mother lodge (New Concord, 813), as a token of their sincere respect and esteem in which he was held.

Bro. George R. Sims is announced as amongst the contributors to the Christmas number of the *Penny Illustrated Paper*.

Bro. E. E. Barratt Kidder, Senior Warden Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, has been unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

The Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction will, in future, be held at the North Pole, 387, Oxford-street, six doors from Wardour-street, on every Friday evening at 8 o'clock, having removed from the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street. Bro. Baker, P.M., is the Preceptor.

ERRATUM.—In the report of the meeting of the Skiddaw Lodge, Cocker-mouth, which appeared in our last, Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, W.M. elect, was stated to be a Past Master of the Lodge. This was a printer's error. For Past Master read Past Warden.

At the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho Square, the number of patients under treatment for the week ending Dec. 10th was 954.

At the last Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of New South Wales, it was decided, on the motion of W. Bro. A. Elkington, D.G. Supt. of W., and seconded by W. Bro. N. Hopson, P.D.G.J.W.:—"That, with a view to render the object of Masonic Benevolence more comprehensive, the laws of the present Benevolent Fund be extended, in order to an addition being made therein, so as to embrace the objects of the English law, viz, to extend permanent assistance to indigent Freemasons and their widows;" and that "a Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the best means of increasing the present Benevolent Fund, especially with the view of affording permanent assistance to aged and helpless brethren and their widows." W. Bro. J. Pope, as chairman of the District Grand Steward's Ball Committee, on behalf of his Committee, handed to the R.W. District Grand Master a cheque for £130, representing the net proceeds of the late Masonic Ball, given at the Exhibition Building, Prince Alfred Park, under the English Constitution, and which amount the Committee desired to present to the Benevolent Fund.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, 45, in the Corinthian Lodge of Instruction, 1382, at the George Hotel, Glengall-road, Cubitt Town, Poplar, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., commencing at 6.30 p.m.

The Town Council of Salisbury have decided on presenting to Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold an address of welcome on the occasion of His Royal Highness visiting that city and examining the cathedral.

Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S., President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, has had the honorary degree of LL.D. of the University of Aberdeen conferred on him by the Senate of that University.

The Honourable Commissioners of Customs have appointed Bro. Emra Holmes, at present Collector H.M. Customs at Fowey, to the Collectorship of Barnstaple, vacant by the retirement of Mr. Richard White.

Bro. the Earl of Lathom, the Countess of Lathom, and Ladies Wilbraham have gone on a visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury, at Hatfield House, Herts.

Bro. Agg-Gardner is progressing favourably from the injuries he received from being thrown out of the balloon *Saladin* on Saturday last.

There was held at the Alexandra Palace this week a show of dogs, and in connection therewith some oil and other paintings of canine subjects were exhibited. Among the latter was a picture that attracted some attention. Two dogs, called Cavalier and Roundhead, are placed in admirable contrast, and telling the tale of these old opponents. It was well painted, and the work of Bro. H. E. Frances.

A special morning performance of the spectacular fairy opera "Black Crook," and the Grand Ballets will be given at the Alhambra, on Boxing-day, Monday, December 26th. It is announced that this is the only morning performance that can be given of the "Black Crook."

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon and the Countess of Carnarvon, who have been staying at High clere castle, near Newbury, left England on Thursday for the South of France.

Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, LL.D., F.R.S., President of the Royal College of Surgeons, will take the chair at the ensuing meeting of the governors and friends of the Royal Medical Benevolent College.

Bro. His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany has consented to preside at the sixty-sixth anniversary festival of the Royal Caledonian Asylum, to be held in the Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, February 23rd next.

Bro. Professor E. M. Lott's, (W.M. 1929, P.M. 245, 1765, P.P.J.W. Jersey, P.P.G.O. Surrey) Communion Service was performed at the church of St. Ethelburga, Bishopsgate, on Sunday last.

Bro. the Earl of Jersey has forwarded the Secretary of the Swansea Constitutional Club a subscription of £5 and a donation of £20 towards the formation expenses.

Bro. E. J. B. Bumstead who has been Secretary of the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, for twenty years, was presented with a silver tea and coffee service, and an illuminated address by the members of the lodge on the 13th inst.

THE ROYAL MASON.—

"H.R.H. has of honours a plentiful store,
Behold him Grand Master of Masons once more;
Far and near through the lodges great pleasure prevails,
For he's Prince of good fellows as well as of Wales."
—*July*.

Bro. Alderman Nottage continues to make satisfactory progress in regaining his health.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught honoured the Aldershot Dramatic Club with his presence last week, when "The Chimney Corner," and "Our Bitterest Foe" were played with as great success as their last entertainment.

Bro. Irving was visiting Birmingham last week, and Bro. Toole, Worcester and Bath, with their respective companies. Both these distinguished theatrical brethren will settle in London in January, at the Lyceum and Toole's Theatre (lately the "Folly").

Among those invited and present at the meeting on Friday, in the Chapter House, Westminster, presided over by the new Dean, to establish a fund and nominate a Committee for the purpose of perpetuating the memory of the late Dean Stanley were the following: Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Archbishop of Canterbury and Dublin, the Minister of the United States, Right Hon. Hugh Childers, Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt, Sir Henry James, Mr. J. G. Talbot, M.P., the Bishop of Rochester, Mr. W. H. Gladstone, M.P., Lord Coleridge, the Marquis of Lorne, Lord Granville, Duke of Westminster, Rev. Randall Davidson (Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury), Canon Barry, Farrer, Prothero and Rowsell, Marquis of Salisbury, Mr. J. B. Lee, Bro. Henry Wright, Mr. Samuel Morley, M.P., Bishop of Bedford, Bishop Claughton, the Dean of St. Paul's, Professor Huxley, the Baroness Burdett Coutts, Mr. Ashmead Bartlett Burdett Coutts. A committee was formed, and it was decided the memorial should take the form of a recumbent statue of the Dean near the grave in the abbey, and the filling in of the Chapter House windows with stained glass, the designs for which the late Dean had approved of and had also given one of the windows. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught wrote expressing his regret at being unable to be present.

LONDON COTTAGE MISSION.—Poverty's home was largely represented at the Irish Stew Dinner given on Wednesday, the 7th inst., to half-clad, hungry children who crowded outside the London Cottage Mission Hall, in Conder-street, Limehouse. Our readers may probably recollect that these dinners have been given weekly during the winter months for several years, and this was the first of this season. A thousand quarts of rich Irish stew was provided, and several hundred mouths soon emptied the pans and coppers. It was a grand sight to see so many little ones happy—gladness and joy being written on their faces. No hungry child was turned away. We understand that there is not half sufficient funds on hand to defray the expenses of this dinner, and we feel sure that many a kind heart will be opened to aid this Mission to carry on this work of mercy and benevolence during this winter. The Mission Hall is in wretched repair, and inadequate for the noble work carried on therein, and we are glad to see a new building, containing two halls, is in the course of erection, a few yards off, at the cost of about £1000, and to hear that two friends have promised £50, and another £25, on condition that £800 be subscribed at once. We feel sure that the public will at once supply that amount. The Mission hopes to give another dinner on Wednesday next, but cannot do so unless the benevolent send the necessary funds, which will be gladly received and acknowledged by Miss Napton, 304, Burdett-road, Limehouse, E.; the bankers, the London and South Western Bank, 7, Fenchurch-street, E.C.; or by Mr. Walter Austin, at the office of the Mission, 44, Finsbury-pavement, E.C.

Bro. R. M. Field, who was for twenty years in Cheapside, has taken premises in Liverpool-street, close to the Great Eastern Railway Station, and purposes opening the same with a choice stock of silver, electro-plate, and cutlery.

Bro. Rev. Ambrose Hall, Grand Chaplain, was, on the 12th inst., presented with a complete suit of Grand Officer's clothing by the St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1591, to commemorate his being the first W.M., and to mark the esteem he is held in by the members.

Mr. John Maitland, one of the proprietors of the *Liverpool Mercury*, and chairman for the year of the Press Association, died between nine and ten o'clock on Monday evening, from an internal disease from which he had been suffering during the past six months.

A domestic and scientific exhibition, intended as an adjunct to the Brighton Health Congress, was opened at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Monday by the Earl of Chichester. The Speaker of the House of Commons, Bro. Hollond, M.P., Mr. M. D. Scott, M.P., Bro. Dr. Richardson, Bro. Alderman W. H. Hallett (the Mayor of Brighton) and Bro. Alderman Smith (ex Mayor) were amongst those present. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex welcomed at the Royal Pavilion the brethren attending the Health Congress in the evening.

Earl Granville, who came to town expressly to attend the meeting for the Memorial to the late Dean Stanley, returned to Walmer Castle the same evening.

With reference to the alleged disappearance of Viscount Boyle, reported by the Press Association, information reached Cork on Wednesday evening to the effect that the Viscount was in London on a visit to some of his relatives.

A telegram from Sydney states that the English cricketers have played a three days' match there against a Sydney team, whom they defeated by sixty-eight runs.

As an illustration of the value of land in the City, No. 50, Eastcheap, containing 1685 superficial feet, was let by auction by Messrs. Philip D. Tuckett, and Co., of 10A, Old Broad-street, on Wednesday last, on a building lease for eighty years, at a ground rent of £1200 per annum.

The Lord Chamberlain has addressed a circular to the managers of the Metropolitan Theatres, calling attention to the importance of having distinct and separate systems of lighting for the stage and for the auditory. The authorities of several cities in the United States have also directed an examination of the means of exit from theatres.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon left Highclere Castle, near Newbury, on Wednesday for town. On Thursday the Earl and Countess, accompanied by Lord Porchester and Lady Winifred Herbert, started for the south of France, where they will probably remain about two months.

A State portrait of her Majesty the Queen, painted by Mr. Sant, R.A., has been despatched to the Mikado of Japan, as a present from her Majesty's Government.

The Great Western Railway Musical Society (President, Bro. Sir D. Gooch, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. Berks and Bucks), gave its thirty-first concert on Friday, the 2nd inst., at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, which was filled with a very appreciative audience. Several glees and part songs were admirably rendered by the choir, and heartily received by the hearers, whilst the majority of the soloists (vocal and instrumental) obtained the honour of a recall. We may notice Miss Osborne's finished singing in "Some Day," and Miss Dunsford's piquant interpretation of "A Bird in the Hand," both of which were encored; Mr. King's fine voice in "True till Death," and Mr. F. Tappin's artistic rendering of "The Powder Monkey," compelling the same compliment. Mention should be made also of Mr. Choveaux's brilliant playing on the pianoforte, and of some unaccompanied quartets that gave great delight. Altogether we may congratulate Bro. H. Dehane (W.M. 1543, P.G.S. Essex), Hon. Sec., and the rest of the Committee upon a very successful concert. Mr. Walter S. White conducted and accompanied some of the solos with great care. We noticed a very fair sprinkling of the Craft among the audience.

PAINFUL CASE.—Richard Barnes, 66, was charged on remand with having stolen a quantity of Masonic jewellery. The prisoner had originally offered some badges and jewels of the craft in pledge to a pawnbroker at Hoxton, and after he was in custody it was found that aprons, swords, and jewels had been stolen from a Masonic lodge, held at the Cannon-street Hotel, the prisoner being door-keeper to the lodge. A number of pawn-tickets relating to property of the same description were found at his lodgings, and it now further appeared that these related to, among other things, a dirk and trowel belonging to a chapter held at an hotel in Fleet-street. The prisoner was a paid officer of the chapter, and had a key of the box in which the articles were stored. Barnes, in answer to the usual question, said that he was guilty, but had pawned the things from want. He had a wife suffering from illness, and four children, but no employment. At one time he had been head of a large school in this district, and held a good position. The Freemasons, of whom he had long been a member, had made him an annuity of £40, but that, it was stated would now be lost to him. When first charged, the prisoner had told the court that he had offered the goods in pawn in order to pay the rent, and save his sick wife from being turned into the streets. Mr. Hannay sentenced the prisoner for the two offences to a month and two weeks' imprisonment; but, as the sentences would run concurrently, the imprisonment would expire in one month.

Bro. J. Saffery has received a letter from Mrs. Garfield thanking him for the poem "In Memoriam," contained in the *Masonic Magazine*. Bro. General Sir H. Ponsonby has promised to lay a copy of the magazine before H.M. the Queen. Dr. Thorn (Theta) has sent him a note wherein he says:—"Every one must sympathise with your very feeling and manly poem on the death of the President. It is the poet who makes the actors in the great drama of life live in story, for without their aid who would remember even the most tragical events."

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Saturday, December 24, 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 17.

- Lodge 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
- " 1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.
- " 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
- " 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LOGES 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 19.

- Lodge 1, Grand Masters, F.M. Tav.
- " 8, British, F.M.H.
- " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 720, Panmure, B. Iham Hot., Ea'ham.
- " 862, Whittington, F.M.H.
- " 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.
- Chap. 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

LOGES 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 20.

- Board of General Purposes, at 4.
- Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., Gresham st.
- " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
- " 95, Fa tern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
- " 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea.
- Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
- " 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
- " 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham 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 Edgcombe, 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 21.

- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
- " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
- " 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.
- " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
- " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town.
- " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1624, Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly.
- " 1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
- Mark 144, Grosvenor, M.H., Air-st., Regent-st.

LOGES 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 Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn., 8.
- 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.
- Creton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
- 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 22.

- House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, E.
- Mark 118, Northumberland, M.H. Tav., Basinghall-st.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
- Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
- Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
- The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
- Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
- Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-st., Millbank, at 8.
- 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. Michaels, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 8.
- Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23.

- House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
- Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
- Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., 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.
- Unite 1 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 Star, 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 24.

No Meetings.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE
For the Week ending Saturday, December 24, 1881.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19.

- Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1814, Worsley, Court House, Worsley.
- " 1730, Urnston, Lord Nelson, Hot., Urnston.
- Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
- Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 830, Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.
- " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
- " 1276, Warren, Queen's Hot., Birkenhead.
- " 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., 80, N. Hill-st., L'pool.
- Red Cross Conclave, 77, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool.
- Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21.

- Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
- " 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.
- " 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
- " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
- " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
- " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
- " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
- Mark Lodge 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms, Hyde.
- De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., 70, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
- Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
- Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Stanley L. of I., 214, St. Horner-street, Liverpool.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23.

- Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.

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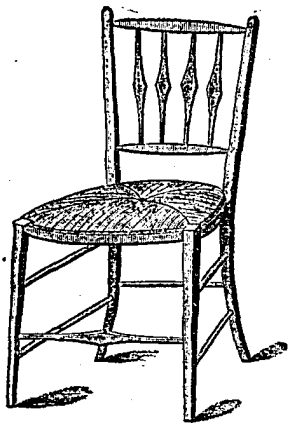
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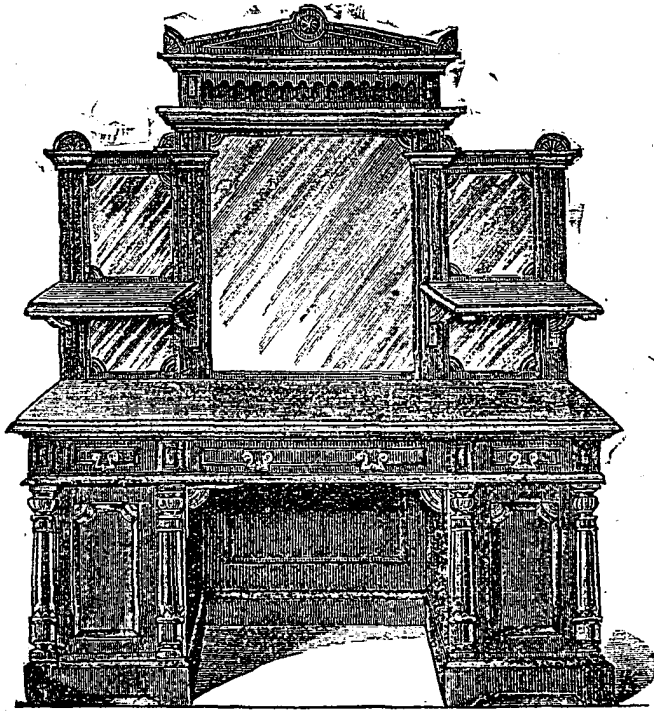
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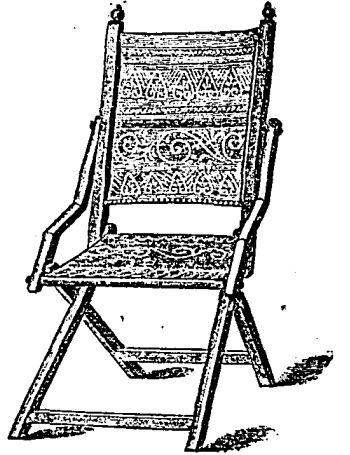
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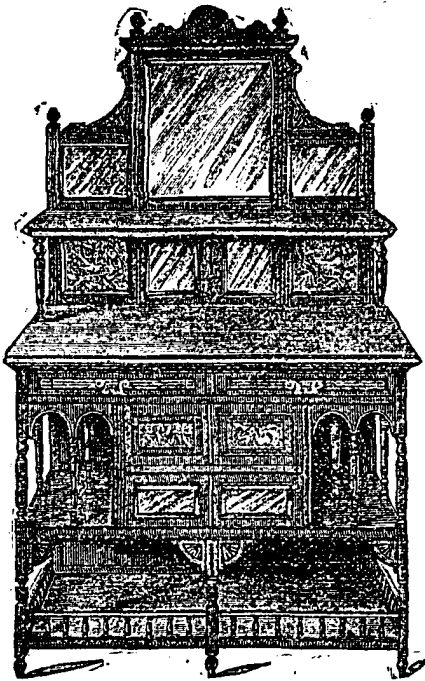
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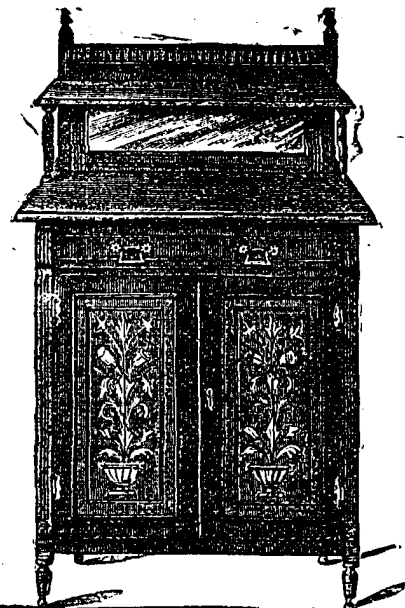
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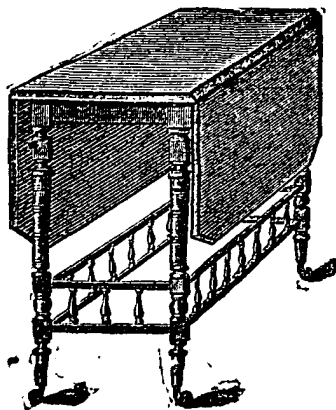
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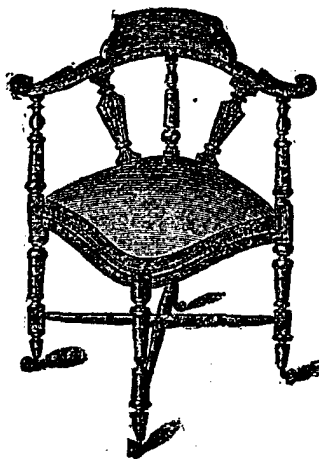
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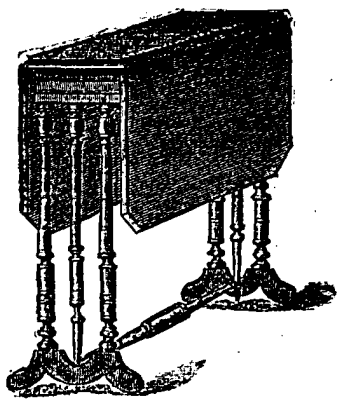
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