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OUR esteemed Bro. ARNOLD's remarks on the Past Master status will receive, as they well deserve, attentive perusal and careful consideration. We are not disposed to differ much from him. If we understand him rightly, he nowhere bolsters up that broad and unwise theory that all joining Past Masters are to be Past Masters of the lodge, simply on account of the fact that they have joined a lodge and a paid a money consideration. He is too good and old a Freemason to hold any such mistaken and, in our humble opinion, heretical view. He, like us, looks on rank and honours as a reward for work, and not to be obtained by a mere money payment. We think with him the provincial position of Past Masters *in*, but not *of*, a lodge was both anomalous and unjust, and we are glad to note the rectification and alteration brought about by the revised provision of the Book of Constitutions, and which we ourselves also originally recommended. We are also pleased to know that Past Masters *in* a lodge can now be utilized and do the work when need be of the Master's chair. But we cannot see our way to endorse the recent suggestion that private lodges should have the power to give a sort of quasi rank to joining Past Masters, a rank the conditions of which are specially laid down in the Book of Constitutions. We cannot at present realize a proposition which would be more likely, if carried to a large extent, to break up the harmony of our lodges. The arguments in favour of such lodge resolutions and acts are more subtle than safe, more shadowy than real. In fact, it is really the old argument cropping up over and over again in the constant endeavour to amplify and extend the phraseology, meaning, and bearing of distinct provisions for the government of this body or that. Put into English the argument amounts to this—"all that is not positively prohibited is lawful," and its converse, "all that is not positively commanded is not forbidden." But then we must be on our guard against what Lord RYON once well termed "tampering with the Book of Constitutions." It has been the boast of some persons that there was "no Act of Parliament they could not drive a carriage and six through," and few codes of laws there are to which, and of which, if we set to work, we cannot find opportune exceptions and ingenious evasions. We ourselves do not like this theory of lodge rank at all, and we feel convinced, from some knowledge of our lodges, that it will not and cannot work. In fact, we return to our original text, "quieta non movere," let well alone. We have conceded all that Past Masters can fairly claim, then let us "stand fast." We trust that all our readers will weigh well the arguments in the recent paper in the *Freemason* against altering any further the "Status of Past Masters." We think that to the good sense of the vast majority of the members of Grand Lodge the remarks we have alluded to will appear alike most weighty and unanswerable.

WE much regret to find that Bros. RIACH and HAWKINS have taken our comments on their able and laborious work a little to heart. They were made, we can assure them, in the most friendly spirit. We deprecated any obstruction to the publication of the revised edition, because, as we stated, we considered eleven months ample time for formulating amendments, and we could see no new suggestion among those submitted by them of sufficient importance to necessitate the reopening of discussion. Some of the amendments which were not recommended by the Board they again wish to bring forward, because they say they were not put to the vote; they were, however, all read by the PRESIDENT, but as no voice was raised in their support they of course fell to the ground. We have had an opportunity of seeing the arrangement of the two Books side by side as prepared for the use of the GRAND MASTER IN THE CHAIR, and we certainly consider that it offers a more intelligible comparison than that published in our journal. We do not profess to have studied carefully the whole of the latter compilation, but our attention was directed to one or two instances of so-called omissions which appeared mis-

leading, one in particular where the word "omitted" stands against A. 4, P. 47, would lead any one to suppose that a Provincial Grand Master was deprived of a power which he has hitherto possessed, whereas that power is distinctly preserved to him by Par. 2 of 208. Again we notice the query against Rule 169: "Should not the Master still be made responsible for the observance of this rule as he was before?" but in the arrangement submitted to us we find by Rule 133 that "the Master is responsible for the due observance of the laws" (that is, *all* the laws) "by the lodge over which he presides;" and against it are placed no less than four cuttings from the old edition in these or like terms: "The Master is responsible for the observance of this law," taken from pages 63, 70, 78, and 89, now all embodied in one general law. We are asked why Bros. RIACH and HAWKINS should be debarred from proposing amendments when others are said to be intending to move verbal alterations in the amendments standing for confirmation. We can only say in reply that we were informed that the proposers of some of the amendments were desirous of putting them into more suitable language. But whether this can be done on confirmation we are not certain. We hope however that a way will be found to make some such corrections in the words as our Bros. RIACH and HAWKINS themselves suggest.

OUR excellent contemporary the *Graphic* gives an illustration of the "First Lodge in Morocco," with the likenesses of its members. We hardly know what the Masonic position of the Lodge "El Akhsa" is just now. When last we heard from Manitoba the "warrant of the lodge had been withdrawn, and if it is now meeting it is assembling without Masonic authority, and not a legal lodge at which any English Mason can be present. We have always regretted the "embroglio" which took place at Tangiers, doubtless through a little over zeal, and with good intentions, but in utter ignorance and disregard of the principles and laws of Freemasonry. There is no reason why lodges should not be warranted to meet at Tangiers, Tetuan, Fez, Mogadore, &c., and why eventually a Grand Lodge of Morocco should not be formed. But as the original movement was, "ab origine," most wrong, everything has to be done over again; and though we shall always be glad to hear of a lodge being duly and lawfully formed at Tangiers, until we are better advised we cannot, with deep regret, recognise "El Akhsa" as a true offshoot of our great Masonic tree. No objection was ever made in England to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba warranting a lodge at Tangiers. If that body, which has acted thoroughly Masonically, had granted a warrant for Tangiers, Tetuan, and Fez (assuming the authorities did not object), the three lodges might have asked either to be formed into an English District Grand Lodge, or have formed themselves into a Grand Lodge, if they were the only lodges existing in Morocco. But with the oldest Provincial (or District) Grand Lodge a few miles across the "straits," it did seem, "prima facie," something of a "reductio absurdum" to obtain a warrant from across the Atlantic. As we think over the transactions and correspondence arising therefrom of this famous Tangiers case, we think we see how wise was old TALLEYRAND's advice to a young diplomatist, "Surtout point de zele."

THE history of lodge life is most interesting and valuable in itself, and often aids to settle many moot points of doubt and controversy. Yet strange to say, we have very few old minute books in England. There is a curious one at Alnwick, 1704, and the Lodge of Industry, Gateshead, has another. But so far, except Alnwick, no contemporary minute book of 1717 is known to be in existence. This is not to say that they do not exist, but they are not yet come to the fore. Therefore, as Bro. WHYTEHEAD to whom we are indebted for the minutes of an extinct lodge at Chester, well puts it, all our brethren should be always looking out for similar documents. Grand Lodge has no earlier records than 1723, and though one or two of the London lodges have "notes" up to 1721-22, as was their wont in those days the entries are very short, and altogether silent on what we want most to know about. There can be no doubt that a great deal has yet to be discovered about seventeenth and early eighteenth century Freemasonry. A Freemasonry and Masonic lodges existed as between 1600 and 1700 in England, of which we have only traces here and there. It will be very curious if the earlier history of Freemasonry in this country in the seventeenth century and early eighteenth century should be eventually found to be mixed up in some measure with Hermetic Masonry. And therefore fully endorsing Bro. WHYTEHEAD's expectations in his last interesting paper on the Chester Lodge, we hope that without any preconceived ideas on this or that, all Masonic students will set to work to solve what is still a "Crux" to the thoughtful and enquiring Freemason.

BRO. JOSEPH BATLEY, P.P.G.J.W. West Yorkshire, and P.M. Lodge of Harmony, Huddersfield, has asked us to correct a statement which appeared in our last issue, to the effect that the craft were greatly indebted to him with reference to the arrangements at the Town Hall, on the occasion of the recent gathering of Freemasons there to present an address to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany. He wishes us to know that all the preparations and arrangements were managed by a committee formed from the five Huddersfield lodges, and that to them all praise is due for the very excellent arrangements referred to.

### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following summons and agenda have been issued:

Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., M.E.Z.

E. Companion,—You are hereby requested to attend a Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter, at this place, on Wednesday, the 7th day of November next, at six o'clock in the evening, punctually.

By command of the M.E.Z.,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

31st October, 1883.

#### BUSINESS.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

#### THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 18th July, to the 17th October, 1883, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£1043 14 1	By Disbursements during the	
„ Unappropriated		Quarter	£201 10 4
„ Account	209 9 10	„ Balance	1031 19 9
„ Subsequent Receipts	195 14 6	„ Unappropriated	
		Account	215 8 4
	<u>£1448 18 5</u>		<u>£1448 18 5</u>

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:

1st. From Comps. Wm. Richard Pratt, as Z.; James Gray, as H.; Wm. Barefoot, as J.; and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the John Miller Lodge, No. 1906, Madras, to be called the Madras Chapter, and to meet at Royapoorum, or Black Town, Madras, in the East Indies.

2nd. From Comps. Theobald Ringer, M.D., as Z.; Rev. John Augustus Lloyd, M.A., as H.; John Campbell Maclean, as J.; and 10 others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1533, Marlborough, to be called the Methuen Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Marlborough, Wiltshire.

3rd. From Comps. Sir Michael Edward Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., as Z.; John Walker, as H.; Richard V. Vassar-Smith, as J., and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Royal Gloucestershire Lodge, No. 839, Gloucester, to be called the Royal Gloucestershire Chapter, and to meet at the Bell Hotel, Gloucester.

The foregoing petitions, being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a memorial from the companions of the Chapter of Unanimity, No. 42, Bury, Lancashire, praying for a charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st February, 1882.

This memorial being in form, and the chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer therefore be granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that the District Grand Lodge of Malta having on the 18th September, 1883, expelled from Masonry Bro. George Dennis Roe, P.M. of the Wanderers' Lodge, No. 1604, London, and P.M. and Treas. of the Wayfarers' Lodge, No. 1926, Malta, also of Melita Chapter, No. 349, Malta, for defalcation of his lodge accounts, the Grand Chapter will, in accordance with article 10, page 6, of the Royal Arch regulations, proceed to declare Comp. George Dennis Roe expelled from the Royal Arch Degree.

The PRESIDENT will therefore move: "That Comp. George Dennis Roe, of the Melita Chapter, No. 349, be declared expelled from the Order of Royal Arch Masons."

The Committee have also to report that the Grand Orient of Portugal having intimated that they had authorized the formation of a Royal Arch Grand Chapter for that country, with chapters working in accordance with the English Ritual, and the said Grand Orient and Grand Chapter having each requested the recognition of the latter Body by the Grand Chapter of England; the Committee recommend that this Grand Chapter do accede to the request.

The PRESIDENT will therefore move: "That the Grand Chapter of Portugal be henceforth recognised by the Supreme Grand Chapter."

The Committee also beg to recommend, and the PRESIDENT will move: "That the sum of £2000 be granted from the funds of this Grand Chapter, in aid of the proposed re-building of the Temple at Freemasons' Hall, recently destroyed by fire."

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, P.P.G. Soj., President.

### ADVANCEMENT OF THE PRINCE OF WALES TO THE MARK DEGREE.

The brethren who attended Grand Mark Lodge on the 5th of June last will remember that after Grand Lodge had been formally opened Lord Henniker, the M.W.G.M.M.M., made the following address: "Brethren, before we proceed to the business of Grand Lodge I have an announcement to make to you which I am sure will be welcome to every brother present here to-day and, I think, to Mark Master Masons throughout the world. It is this, that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is about to join our Order. He desires it to be distinctly understood that in doing so, his taking this degree shall in no way be construed into a wish on his part to see the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons amalgamated with the Grand Lodge of the Craft, and he also wishes it to be distinctly understood that his joining this Order should in no way be used as an argument in favour of such an amalgamation. Brethren, I am sure that you will agree with me that we shall all welcome him into our Order and into Grand Lodge with the greatest possible pleasure, and I can assure you it is a great pleasure to me that he has determined to join the Order, to which I may say, and think safely without fear of contradiction, I have my heart particularly attached during my term of office. Brethren, it will be my pleasing duty to propose to you at our next meeting of Grand Lodge that the Degree of a Past Grand Master should be conferred upon his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. I do not think that this will meet with anything but cordial approval from everyone connected with Mark Masonry, and I shall not only move that he be made a Past Grand Master of the Order, but that his name be placed at the head of our list of Past Grand Masters."

The announcement thus made was received with applause by the assembled brethren, who all felt that the Order which already numbered one member of the Royal Family amongst Past Grand Masters was fast gaining hold on the affections of the Masonic brotherhood generally, who did not think their Masonic career could be complete unless they were members of the Mark Degree. After this announcement it was only a question of convenience to his Royal Highness as to when a meeting should be called for his advancement and it was only on Monday night that a select few had a circular from Grand Mark Lodge stating the ceremony would take place at 33, Golden-square, on the following day.

The circular announced that it was limited to Past Grand Masters, the Deputy Grand Master, Provincial Grand Masters, Grand Officers of the year, and Deputy Provincial Grand Masters. The meeting was an emergency meeting, called by special dispensation from Lord Henniker, and the brethren who attended were

M.W. Bros. Right Honourable Lord Henniker, G.M.M.M.; H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., P.G.M.M.M.; the Rev. Canon Portal, Prov. G.M. Hants and I. of W., P.G.M.M.M.; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.M.M.; R.W. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middx. and Surrey; John Watson, J.P., Prov. G.M. Notts; Gen. Lord Wolseley, G.C.B., G.S.W.; Hon. A. H. Henniker, G.J.W.; Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.W.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.W.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.W.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; V.W. Bros. H.R. Hatherley, G.M.O.; Col. C. E. Bignold, G.S.O.; S. G. Kirchoffer, G.J.O.; Rev. E. H. Crate, G. Chap.; Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny, G. Chap.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, D. Prov. G.M. East Anglia, P.G. Chap.; Frederic Davison, G. Treas.; H.C. Levander, M.A., G. Reg.; Frederick Binckes (P.G.W.) G. Sec.; D. M. Dewar (P.G.M.O.), Asst. G. Sec.; W. Bros. George Cooper, G.S.D.; Dr. Brodie, G.S.D.; Robert Harwood, G.J.D.; T. J. Ralling, G.J.D.; R. W. Edis, F.S.A., G.S. of Works; R. Bertridg, G.D. of C.; G. Dalrymple, G.A.D. of C.; Controller S. G. Bake, G. Swd. Br.; J. D. Murray, G. Std. Br.; W. Watkins, G. Std. Br.; E. M. Lott, P.G.O., as G. Org.; J. H. Banks, G.I.G.; Thomas Taylor, W. March, John O. Marsh, J. S. Cumberland, G. Ker, W. C. Gilles, and John Tomkins, G. Stewards; and George Austin, as G. Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened by Lord Henniker, assisted by Bros. Lord Wolseley, G.S.W., and A. H. Henniker, G.J.W. The ceremony of advancing the Prince of Wales was performed by the Duke of Albany. A Mark Master's Lodge was afterwards opened by the Grand Mark Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Past Grand Master, occupying the S.W.'s chair, and Bro. C. F. Matier, Past Grand Warden, that of the J.W. His Royal Highness was presented to the Grand Mark Master by Bro. Binckes, Grand Mark Secretary, and installed by Lord Henniker as Master of a Mark Masters' Lodge. The various ceremonies appeared to give great satisfaction to his Royal Highness. As stated by Lord Henniker in the announcement given above, and made on the 5th June, the rank of Past Grand Mark Master Mason will be conferred on the Prince of Wales at the Half-yearly Communication of 4th December next.

### THE REBUILDING OF THE TEMPLE.

We published last week a circular issued by the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire containing resolutions adopted at a meeting held on the 3rd ult. The agenda paper of the Prov. Grand Chapter just issued contains a Notice of Motion similarly worded, with the following addition: "2.—And this Provincial Grand Chapter would strongly recommend that the Antient Temple in Great Queen-street be preserved, and that it be immediately restored, the cost to be paid out of the funds received from the Fire Insurance Offices,—and further, that no extensive building operations be undertaken until the expiration of the lease on Bacon's Hotel—which will afford a favourable opportunity for the consideration of a comprehensive scheme for an additional Hall, and the re-arrangement of the premises of Grand Lodge."

## THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

(Continued from page 533.)

It will be taken for granted that men of the known experience of Bro. Crucefix and his coadjutors did not confine their labours in promoting the cause of the Asylum to Masonic circles. They knew well enough that outside help is an advantage, not so much, perhaps, from the actual good it may do as from the publicity it confers upon any such scheme. Even those who may think lightly of banquets, concerts, balls, bazaars, sermons, and such adventitious aids as are constantly being invoked on behalf of charity, must admit that they are productive of much benefit in the majority of cases, and it is not surprising that in turning over the pages of the Masonic journals of the time we should find suggestions in favour of some such means of help being adopted. The archives of the Institution make similar disclosures, and the references to some proposal for organising a concert or ball in order to aid the funds are not infrequent. Thus, at the very outset, a theatrical entertainment was given at "the Theatre Royal English Opera House," the day selected being the 29th May, 1835. Everything passed off most satisfactorily and the result helped materially to swell the fund that was being raised on account of the Asylum. On these occasions it is not so much the performances which prove attractive as the circumstances under which they are held. It would be most ungracious to criticise unfavourably services rendered in the cause of Charity, and place them on the same level with services professionally rendered, but if the artists fulfilled their part only one half as well as did our late Bro. Douglas Jerrold, of the Bank of England Lodge, when he wrote the address that was to be delivered on this occasion, the audience must have had good reason to be gratified. So admirable indeed in our judgment is this brief but telling composition, that we have deemed it worthy of a place in this record, so that it may answer the two-fold purpose of a memento of the event it was written to serve as well as of its kindly and versatile author.

In types we speak: by tokens, secret ways,  
We teach the wisdom of primeval days.  
To-night, 'tis true, no myst'ry we rehearse,  
Yet,—hear a parable in homeliest verse,  
A noble ship lay found'ring in the main,  
The hapless victim of the hurricane;  
Her crew—her passengers—with savage strife,  
Crowd on the boat that bears them on to life.  
They see the shore—again they press the strand—  
A happy spot—a sunny, fertile land!  
But say—have all escaped the 'whelming wave?—  
Is no one left within a briny grave?  
Some few old men, too weak to creep on deck,  
Lie in the ocean, coffin'd in the wreck.  
They had no child to pluck them from the tide,  
And so unaided—unremembered—died.  
But orphan babes are rescued from the sea  
By the strong arm of human sympathy.  
For in their looks—their heart-compelling tears—  
There speaks an eloquence denied to years.  
The shipwreck'd men, inhabiting an isle  
Lovely and bright with bounteous nature's smile;  
And richly teeming with her fairest things,  
Ripe, luscious fruits, and medicinal springs,  
Must yet provide against the changing day—  
The night's dark dew—the noontime's scorching ray.  
For nature giving, still of man demands  
The cheerful industry of willing hands.  
But some there are among our shipwreck'd crowd,  
Spent of their strength—by age, by sickness bow'd;  
Forlorn old men in childhood's second birth,  
Poor, broken images of Adam's earth!  
Of what avails the riches 'bout them thrown  
If wanting means to make one gift their own?  
To him, what yields the juicy fruit sublime,  
Who sees the tree—but needs the strength to chime?  
To him what health can healing waters bring,  
Who palsied is, and cannot reach the spring?  
Must they then starve with plenty in their eye,  
Near health's own fountains must they groan and die?  
Whilst in that isle, each beast may find a den,  
Shall no roof house our desolate old men?  
There shall!  
(To audience) I see the builders' throng around,  
With line and rule prepar'd to mark the ground;  
Nor lack there gentlest wishes, hands most fair,  
To join the master in his fervent prayer;  
But, with instructive goodness, crowd to-night,  
Smiling approval of our solemn rite,  
The noblest daughters of this favour'd isle,  
And virtue labours, cheer'd by beauty's smile.  
The stone is laid—the temple is begun—  
Help! and its walls will glitter in the sun.  
There, 'neath its roof, will charity assuage  
The clinging ills of poor depending age;  
There, 'neath acacia boughs, will old men walk,  
And, calmly waiting death, with angels talk.

The result was that over £100 found its way into the coffers of the proposed Asylum, so that promoters and patrons alike had every reason to be pleased. A projected banquet, however, in furtherance of the same object was postponed until, we presume, the details of the organisation were more perfect.

On 22nd June, 1835, was held at Radley's Hotel, New Bridge-street, Blackfriars, the first meeting of subscribers, the following being the brethren present, namely: Bros. R. T. Crucefix, who was unanimously voted into the chair, Z. Watkins, R. Field, George Henekey, W. L. Wright, Richard Cooper, Henry O'Brien, T. J. Hollands, John Beebie, Charles B. Teague, James Lee, J. Whitmore, George Reid, Wm. Farnfield, John Canham, sen., William Sansum, Henry Rowe, Edward Pitt, John Morshall, J. H. Clark, Edward Evans, and George Price. As a matter of course it devolved on Bro. Crucefix as his first duty to explain the motives which actuated them in the establishment of a new Charity. His remarks, so far as they appear to have been recorded, were general in their character, and dealt mainly with the expectations of support the promoters had been

led to form. About the most salient features in his statement were (1) that from "a census of the lodges in London and of about 70 lodges in the country," and having made allowance for brethren belonging to more than one lodge, it was reckoned that "if each subscribing member would for three years subscribe voluntarily one half-penny per diem,—or in round numbers sixteen shillings per annum, at least £10,000 would be raised." It was further reckoned that the collection of such a sum "would cover the outlay for at least twenty Freemasons, and for a larger number if it should not be thought prudent that the erection should in its architectural design be of a costly nature." As regards an endowment fund that was to be partly by voluntary contributions and partly by other modes which might commend themselves to their judgment, while great expectations might justly be formed of the support that would be forthcoming from "the nobility and the Grand Officers," from the assistance that would be rendered by the ladies, and from foreign lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England. He also announced that on his application the Earl of Durham, D.G.M., and Bro. W. W. Prescott, the Grand Treasurer, had consented to act as trustees.

The meeting then set itself to the task of passing a series of resolutions, several of which, however, were non-confirmed, or, at all events, had, of necessity, to be reconsidered and revised. These resolutions included, among others, one appointing certain brethren "a Committee, with power to add to their number, to act 'ad interim' in superintendence of affairs in conjunction with the Trustees and Treasurer. The following constituted the Committee, namely: Bros. Jos. Copeland Bell, John Begbie, Robert T. Crucefix, Richard Cooper, John H. Clark, Edward Evans, Robert Field, William Farnfield, George Henekey, Thomas John Hollands, James Lee, Henry O'Brien, George Price, Edward Pitt, George Reid, Henry Rowe, W. Sansum, Z. Watkins, William Wright, John Whitmore, and J. P. Acklam." Of these Bros. Crucefix, J. C. Bell, Henekey, Rowe, Field, and Watkins were appointed a sub-committee to "prepare a memorial to H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, M.W.G.M., soliciting his powerful aid in the cause of the Aged and Decayed Freemasons' Asylum, and humbly offering to the acceptance of his Royal Highness the dignified office of President of the Institution—such memorial to be subjected to the approbation of a general Committee." Thanks were offered to the Earl of Durham, and Bro. W. W. Prescott for their kindness in accepting the position of Trustee. Bro. Crucefix was constituted a Trustee and also Treasurer, and in the latter capacity received authority to convene meetings whenever he deemed it desirable. Bros. Henry Rowe and John Begbie were requested to act as Collectors, and Bros. Farnfield and Edward Pitt as joint honorary Secretaries, they "having in the most handsome manner volunteered their services." It was also resolved that a donation of 50 guineas and upwards should constitute the donor a Vice-President; 20 guineas a Life Governor; 10 guineas a Life Subscriber; two guineas a Governor; and one guinea a Subscriber; while as regards lodges, those giving 50 guineas became entitled to all the rights and privileges of a Life Governor; those which contributed 20 guineas received the same privileges, but for a period of 25 years only; and those contributing 10 guineas to the privileges of a subscriber for 14 years. An inaugural Festival, which, however, as has been noted already, did not take place, was fixed for the 31st July, and Messrs. Grotc, Prescott, and Grote were chosen to act as Bankers to the Institution.

The minutes that immediately follow relate to the festival which did not take place and need not therefore be dwelt upon further than for the purpose of stating that Bros. George Price was invited to act as President; J. G. Bell, as Vice-President; Henekey, as Treasurer; and Henry Rowe, as Secretary of the Board of Stewards; while the Earl of Durham was solicited to occupy the position of chairman on the occasion. His Lordship, however, appears to have on the first instance acceded to this request, but shortly afterwards to have reconsidered his determination, as the following letter addressed to Bro. Crucefix and dated "Coves, July 9th, 1835," will show:—

Dear Sir and Brother,—  
When I consented to become a Trustee of the new Masonic Charity and to preside at the dinner, I, of course, presumed that the whole proceeding had received the sanction and approbation of his Royal Highness the Grand Master. It is therefore with real surprise and regret that I find, from a communication with his Royal Highness, that such is not the case. You will see the impropriety—nay, the impossibility—of my interfering at all in the matter. As his Royal Highness's Deputy I am bound to obey his commands, and, as his Royal Highness's attached servant, to respect his feelings and attend to his wishes.

As I am in daily expectation of the arrival here of the ship of war which is to take me from this country on the embassy to which I have been appointed, I shall have no opportunity of corresponding with you on the subject; but I earnestly recommend you, and all who are engaged with you in the laudable object of charity, to take no steps without the full approval of the Grand Master.

With the best wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the Craft,  
I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly,

(Signed) DURHAM, D.G.M., &c.

R. T. Crucefix, Esq., M.D.

This was certainly not the gravest of the disappointments which the promoters of the scheme met with at the outset of their proceedings. To what cause due it is immaterial, but there is no doubt that some among the principal and active members of the Committee must, in the earlier stage of their labours, have done something in the shape of offence against his Royal Highness, the Grand Master's sense of his own personal dignity and that of the position he had held for so many years. There is no appearance of unwillingness on his part to give the subject of establishing an Asylum for Aged and Decayed Masons all the consideration so important a proposal deserved, nor in any of the letters and memorials addressed to his Royal Highness on the subject is there apparent anything but the most profound respect for both him and the position he occupied; indeed the language in which he is approached would appear to be almost fulsome in its character. But the idea that any number of brethren should have met together and constituted themselves into an organisation without waiting for the authority of the Grand Master, and, still further, that they should have taken upon themselves to address circular letters to lodges and brethren, to arrange theatrical benefits, and to propose an inaugural banquet at which those

guests, who were members of the Craft, proposed to appear in Masonic clothing—all this seems to have been received with disfavour by His Royal Highness, and it is not surprising in these circumstances that, what between this no doubt unintentional, yet assuredly indiscreet, presumption on the part of some among the leading promoters and the Grand Master's sensitiveness as to what was due to himself, not so much as a Prince of the Blood Royal, but head of the Mason Craft in England, the early progress of the scheme for founding an Asylum was a somewhat troubled one. Then again his Royal Highness expressed a wish to be furnished with information so that he might be in a position to judge of the merits and future prospects of the proposal, but only very imperfect information was vouchsafed to him in the first instance, and this omission no doubt had the effect of increasing the disfavour with which, as Grand Master, he had come to regard the idea. At all events, it is impossible for anyone to read the letters which are incorporated in the earlier minutes without arriving at the conclusion that, from the very beginning, the relations between the promoters of the Asylum and the chiefs of Grand Lodge were the reverse of cordial. Let us take for instance the letter addressed by Bro. J. C. Bell, under date "Austinfriars, 20th April, 1835," in which the subject of erecting an Asylum is first prominently brought under the notice of the M.W. the Grand Master. It reads thus:

Sir,—I have the honour of addressing your Royal Highness at the request of several of my Masonic brethren to solicit that patronage of our proceedings which, as dutiful Masons, we are most anxious to obtain.

Our object is to establish an Asylum for Aged and Decayed Freemasons, and although our proceedings are in their infancy, yet the truly Masonic feelings in which they originated have been so nobly responded to by those brethren whom we have had an opportunity of consulting that I have great satisfaction in being able to state to your Royal Highness that the certainty of means to establish an Asylum without interfering with the two excellent Charities is placed beyond doubt.

This being ascertained, we have considered it our duty without loss of time to solicit that patronage and countenance which the cause of Charity in general and the welfare of the Craft in particular have never failed to receive from your Royal Highness.

We do not presume to lay before your Royal Highness any settled or detailed plan for the establishment of the intended Asylum. In fact the only point at present decided is the certainty of means to carry the intended object into effect, and as regards the future details, we venture to hope the Charity will be favoured with that advice which your Royal Highness's judgment is so well calculated to afford.

I am also desirous on behalf of those with whom I have the great pleasure of being associated on the present occasion to add that with a view to assist our friends, "two of them with myself"—in the margin are written the names of "Bell, Crucefix, Rowe,"—have on our own responsibility engaged the English Opera House, to which we beg most dutifully also to solicit the sanction of your Royal Highness's name and patronage.

In doing this we shall benefit our funds without interfering with the established Masonic Charities, of which we are most of us Life Governors and zealous supporters.

I beg leave most respectfully to state that we are desirous to submit to your Royal Highness our contemplated means for the proposed theatrical benefit, and to solicit your Royal Highness's advice and approbation prior to taking any public step, and with that view, to ask whether it will be your Royal Highness's pleasure to allow a deputation to wait upon you.

I hope I may be pardoned for soliciting the favour of your Royal Highness's early consideration, as it is a most important object to avail ourselves of the present Masonic session, and as the lodges will generally conclude their meetings in a very short period, there is no time to be lost, and, although it may appear pressing too earnestly on your Royal Highness's attention, yet we fondly hope the cause in which we are engaged will sufficiently excuse us.

I have the honour to be, &c.,  
(Signed) J. C. BELL.

The reply to this, dated "Kensington Palace, 25th April, 1835," was most gracious:

Sir and Brother,—I am commanded by the M.W. Grand Master, the Duke of Sussex, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst., and to say that his Royal Highness feels great satisfaction at all times in promoting any measure for furthering the interest and honour of the Craft, and will therefore have much pleasure in fixing a day for receiving the deputation referred to in your letter; but his Royal Highness is desirous, before he does so, to be informed of the outline of the plan for the proposed Asylum, that is, the immediate objects of the institution and the supposed or expected means for carrying the measure into effect, as well for the erection of the structure as for its permanent support.

His Royal Highness wishes for this information prior to seeing the deputation, that he may give the subject such consideration as will better enable him to enter into detail with the brethren.

I have the honour to be, with every sentiment of fraternal regard,  
Your most obedient servant and brother,  
(Signed) WILLIAM H. WHITE, G.S.

To Bro. Joseph C. Bell, Esq.

Bro. Bell was very prompt in furnishing the information requested, his reply, to the following effect, bearing nearly the same date as that of Grand Secretary:

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Royal Highness's answer to my application for your Royal Highness's patronage of the intended Asylum for Aged and Decayed Masons.

The plan and details best adapted for the formation and government of the intended Institution, and the precise qualification of the objects to be entitled to its benefits, and whether or not it should extend in the first instance to the deserving widows of worthy Masons are points which have not been arranged, as it was considered much more dutiful and respectful to your Royal Highness not to enter into these matters prior to applying for your Royal Highness's patronage and approbation, but rather to leave them open in order to obtain the benefit of your Royal Highness's advice and judgment. I think, however, I may say it is not intended to allow the benefit of the proposed institution to persons who have been merely for a short time subscribing members to a lodge. It is not intended to form a retreat for those who may become Masons merely for its benefits, but on the contrary, for providing for those who have long been contributors, to endeavour to raise the character of the Craft, and to benefit its other Institutions.

The means by which we propose to accomplish our object, under your Royal Highness's sanction, are at present confined solely to voluntary donations and contributions, and without repudiating any of those aids of which we may hereafter be thought worthy, we don't wish to do anything which can interfere with the resources and means of the already established Charities. So far from wishing to establish a rival, we only desire to render the circle of our Masonic Charities more complete.

It is now only 16 days since I first saw my Masonic brethren on this subject, and in that short time amongst a small number several hundred pounds have been subscribed, and if we are favoured with your Royal Highness's sanction to our scheme in a few days, so as to avail ourselves of the close of the present season, we shall have a fund of £1000 to commence with.

Our next object is a theatrical benefit which will be a certain source of profit, as no funds contributed towards the charity will be hazarded by this benefit, two of my brethren with myself having personally guaranteed the whole expenses at our own risk, and we feel sure your Royal Highness's name will be a tower of strength.

The annual subscriptions will be more than ample to repair and keep in order any Asylum which may be built, and also to provide coals, and some weekly and monthly allowance to the inmates; and although we contemplate only at first erecting and providing for a limited number, yet year by year the institution when once founded will increase in extent and be confirmed in stability.

Some of my fair friends suggest a bazaar to which they will contribute ornamental works. This, however, I hope will be adopted in behalf of the Female School, and shall for that charity have my humble aid and the contributions of my fair friends' ingenuity.

I have the honour to be, &c.,  
(Signed) JOSEPH C. BELL.

(To be continued).

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

On Tuesday, the 23rd ult., a Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of Durham was held in the Victoria Hall, Sunderland, under the presidency of the R.W.P.G.M., the Marquis of Londonderry, K.P. The hall was specially decorated for the occasion, and the appearance of the dais covered with scarlet cloth, the newly-upholstered chairs, and the banners of the various lodges, was very beautiful. A number of plants were also suitably placed on the dais, the foliage plants having been brought by the direction of the P.G.M. from Seaham Hall grounds. The local committee in Sunderland, together with Bro. Hudson, P.G.S., had spared neither efforts nor expense to give a magnificent reception to the head of the province on the occasion of his visit to Sunderland. Meetings of the Charities' and Fund Committees were held at the Masonic Hall, in Park-terrace, at noon and one o'clock respectively. The brethren attending Provincial Grand Lodge gathered in very large numbers from all the lodges in the province at the Victoria Hall. Punctually at a quarter-past two the brethren, being all in their places, received the P.G.M. in due form, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Marquis of Londonderry, who was supported by the following officers:

Bros. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Dep. Prov. G.M.; J. W. Cameron, acting Prov. G.S.W.; C. R. Fry, Prov. G.J.W.; the Rev. R. H. Yeld, Prov. G. Chap.; B. Boulton, Prov. G. Treas.; R. Luck, Prov. G. Reg.; R. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec.; T. Bradley, Asst. Prov. G. Sec.; T. Bell, Prov. G.S.D.; T. Coulson, Prov. G.J.D.; T. Tillman, Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; G. Greenwell, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; D. Sinclair, Prov. G. Asst. Dir. of Cers.; G. Lord, acting Prov. G. Std. Br.; G. Forteous, Prov. G. Org.; J. Wyld, Prov. G. Purst.; J. Curry, Prov. G. Tyler; C. McNamara, J. C. Martin, W. B. Elsdon, W. Davidson, J. Burn, and W. H. Turner, Prov. G. Stwds. The following Past Provincial officers were present: Bros. F. Maddison, P.P.G.S.D.; J. J. Clay, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Brignal, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Liddell, P.P.G.J.D.; T. G. Mabane, P.P.G.S.D.; A. S. Fowler, P.P.G.S.D.; M. Knowles, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Hunton, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Spearman, P.P.G.J.W. Northumberland; C. E. Lane, P.P.G.D.; E. D. Davis, P.P.G.J.W., &c.; A. T. Munro, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Sinclair, P.P.G.P.; M. Watson, P.P.G.J.D.; W. B. McLearn, P.P.G.S.B. Northumberland; Thos. Jobling, P.P.G.J.D.; James McCulloch, P.P.G.J.W.; S. P. Austin, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Montgomery, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Bell, P.P.G.A.D. of C. Northumberland; S. Wilson, P.M. 124; S. Fenney, P.M. 124; T. G. Smith, I.P.M.; J. Wood, I.P.M. 48; J. Horsley, P.M.; T. J. Johnson, P.M. 531; H. Tonkinson, P.M.; W. Beattie, P.M.; G. C. Watson, P.M.; J. H. Leech, I.P.M. 97; J. Stonehouse, W.M. 764; M. Frampton, P.M. 94; H. J. Turnbull, P.M. 80; J. T. Wilson, P.M.; W. Gray, I.P.M.; D. Finlay, W.M. 1230; H. W. Emerson, P.M. 667; J. Moul, W.M.; M. Corbett, P.M. 48; E. Hudson, P.M.; H. Golder, I.P.M.; T. Renton, W.M. 1119; Thomas Potter, P.M.; G. N. Watson, W.M. 1370; J. Potts, P.P.J.D.; C. J. Drury, P.M.; W. Simpson, W.M. 940; W. H. Turner, W.M. 1932; J. Mitchell, W.M.; R. W. Young, Newcastle; J. Probert, P.M.; A. Allen, P.M.; John Cavannah, P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire; J. Morrell, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Usher, P.P.G.P. Northumberland; C. B. Pord, P.P.G.J.D. Northumberland; R. Singleton, Sec. 97; Thomas Willis, P.M. 1418; G. Lawson, P.M. 240; J. H. Thompson, W.M.; R. Cummins, P.M.; J. Hudson, W.M. 94; R. de Ciare Yeld, W.M. 80; Dr. Murphy, W.M. 1389; C. McNamara, W.M. 97; C. Cobham, W.M. 949; J. Egglestone, P.M.; R. Kinmond, I.P.M. 89; R. W. Halfknight, P.M.; S. Cockburn, H. Craven, J. Whitter, P.M. 1119; Rev. J. J. Brown, P.P.G. Chap.; W. Garbutt, S.W. 48; W. Atkinson, Tyler; W. Gregory, S.W. 764; W. Marley, J.W. 764; W. M. Pybus, Sec. 48; E. Shewbrooks, S.D. 48; J. R. Pattison, J.W.; C. M. Wake, J.D.; J. Sedcole, S.W. 1119; J. G. Nasbet, I.G. 97; J. Armstrong, J.W. 97; E. W. Richardson, Sec. 124; W. Logan, S.D. 124; R. Ashnton, S.W. 940; G. Hardy, W.M. 1643; S. Chadwick, S.W. 1643; W. Atkinson, S.D. 1643; J. Heslop, J.W. 1932; T. M. Barron, J.W. 1379; John Reed, S.W. 1121; T. Brown, P.P.G.S.W.; G. C. Lee, I.P.M. 1230; J. G. Hall, S.W. 1230; J. C. Moor, S.W. 97 (Freemason); and others.

The lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last and a special Grand Lodge were read and confirmed.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. B. BOULTON, read his accounts, with a balance of £292 8s. 4d. from the preceding year; the total receipts amounted to £615 9s. 6d.; the expenditure amounted to £352 1s. 10d., leaving a balance in hand of £263 7s. 8d. The report was approved.

The Secretary of the Fund Committee, Bro. T. BRADLEY, read its report. It showed the capital account to be £2393 6s. 5d. The Committee recommended that the following sums be granted: Masonic Boys' School Preparatory Fund, £52 10s.; Girls' School, £52 10s.; Institution for Aged Freemasons, £26 5s.; Institution for Widows, £26 5s.; the Durham Masonic Education Fund, £25. This left £65 17s. 8d. in the hands of the Treasurer.

The Deputy P.G.M., Bro. SIR HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, Bart., proposed that the report be received and adopted, which was seconded by the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. R. HUDSON, and agreed to.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY said that in accordance with the resolution of last Grand Lodge, he communicated to the late Prov. Grand Treasurer the resolution of thanks passed thereat, and he read a letter from the Rev. Canon Cundill acknowledging with grateful feelings the receipt of their communication.

The Prov. G.A. Secretary, Bro. T. BRADLEY, read the sixth annual report of the Charities' Committee, which was duly received.

The Prov. G. Registrar, Bro. LUCK, read the report of the sub-committee appointed to consider the amendments to the Book of Constitutions. The principal and material alterations affecting Prov. Grand Lodge and private lodges were clearly set forth. With respect to the clauses bearing upon the status of Past Masters, the Committee were of opinion, after the discussion that had taken place, that the interests of the Craft would not be advanced by confirming it.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER formerly moved "That the Committee be reappointed, and be requested to continue their labours."

Bro. E. D. DAVIS seconded, and the motion was agreed to. The roll of the various lodges in the province was then called, and the reports were of a satisfactory character.

Bro. E. D. DAVIS proposed the re-election of Bro. Babington Boulton as Prov. G. Treasurer for the ensuing year, which was seconded by Bro. B. LEVY, P.P.G.J.W., and carried unanimously.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.	...	...	Prov. D.G.M.
„ John Horsley, 531	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
„ John Wood, 48	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
„ Rev. E. Coltier Biggs, 1389	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
„ Rev. W. C. Harris, 1974	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
„ B. Boulton	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ H. Maddison, 111	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
„ R. Hudson, 1389	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
„ T. Bradley, 940	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
„ R. S. Hopper, 940	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
„ G. C. Watson, 97	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
„ C. Cobham, 949	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
„ E. Hudson, 764	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
„ G. Hardy, 1643	...	...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
„ M. Frampton, 94	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.

Bro. W. Talantyre, 509 ... .. Prov. G. Org.  
 „ J. A. Witter, 1119 ... .. Prov. G. Purst.  
 „ R. Kimmond, 80 ... .. Prov. G.A. Purst.  
 „ Joshua Curry, 48 ... .. Prov. G. Tyler.

And the following lodges were asked to appoint Prov. G. Stewards: Rose of Raby, 1650; Fawcett, 661; Barnard, 1230; Fenwick, 1389; Norman, 1334; and Marquis of Ripon, 1379.

The R.W. the PROV. GRAND MASTER, in his address to the lodge, first referred to the death of the late Prov. Grand Master, and said that the province had thereby sustained a loss which it would be difficult to replace. The great esteem in which the late Bro. Fawcett was held was shown by the large attendance at the funeral of brethren from all parts of the province. He next referred to the great success of the Hadrian Lodge at South Shields, which he had the pleasure of consecrating in September, 1882, and it was pleasing to know that the young sapling had in no way interfered with the prosperity of the present St. Hilda Lodge. He next referred to the revise of the Book of Constitutions, and complimented the small committee appointed last Prov. Grand Lodge on the zealous manner in which they had performed their duties. The appeal made last year on behalf of the Royal College of Music had been cordially responded to, especially by the lodges on the banks of the Tyne, and the sum of £50 would be placed to the credit of the institution. He recommended every Master on assuming the chair to study carefully the Book of Constitutions, especially the clauses under the heading of "Private lodges;" attention to this would prevent many mistakes, and enable a new W.M. to rule his lodge with greater firmness and satisfaction. He considered it of importance that each lodge should carefully preserve the reports issued after each Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, as they would form a valuable reference for both young and old Masons. In 1881 there were 1979 members, and notwithstanding many removals and deaths, there were now 2011 members in the province, or nearly 72 for each of the 28 lodges; 202 candidates had been initiated during the year 1882. The Charities' Committee, ably piloted by Bros. Lane and Bradley, had done much useful work during the year, and in view of the increasing difficulty of placing a boy or girl in our excellent Institutions in London, the Local Educational Scheme was finding much hearty support, and he thought it was likely to play an important part in the near future. Each lodge, as well as each member, ought to subscribe to the scheme, only 2s. 6d. per annum, or 1d. per week, being asked from each member. He was glad to find that the annual returns had all been sent in in good time. He desired that a copy of each lodge circular should be sent to the Prov. Grand Secretary at time of issue. Most lodges had done this and he hoped in future all would regularly do so. He again cautioned the brethren, especially in the seaport towns, to be very chary in admitting candidates at seven days' notice, unless there were really good grounds for so doing. In one or two cases circulars had been issued to members of lodges by individuals, and he must remind them that such a practice was highly improper and constituted a grave Masonic offence. He hoped to have the pleasure of holding the next meeting at Durham, in the first week of October, 1884. He hoped the officers invested that day would endeavour to attend at least one of the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge during the next 12 months, and that such duty would be recognised by each W.M. during his year of office, and that Past Prov. Officers and Past Masters would do well to remember that their responsibility in this respect did not terminate with their year of office. Many important and interesting points came up for discussion at those meetings, and it was manifestly unfair to cast such a heavy responsibility on the London brethren as had been done in the past. He desired the Prov. Officers to take an active interest in the lodges in their respective districts, and occasionally report thereon to the Prov. Grand Secretary. Owing to the non-confirmation of the minutes at the last Grand Lodge the status of Bro. Bradley as Assistant Secretary could not yet be officially recognized, but he hoped after the December meeting that this drawback would be removed, and he asked Bro. Bradley to continue his excellent services for another year. He thanked the outgoing officers for the zealous manner in which they had worked during the year, and hoped they might all be spared to meet again another year. (Loud applause).

The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. R. HUDSON, read a communication from the Province of West Yorkshire referring to the proposed rebuilding of Freemasons' Hall. He brought this before them, and especially before the W. Masters of lodges, in the hope that they would consider the question in their lodges, and be prepared to give expression to their opinion at Grand Lodge in December.

On the motion of Prov. Grand SECRETARY, seconded by P. Prov. Grand Registrar, Bro. LUCK, it was agreed that the calendar of the province be issued under the auspices and direction of Prov. Grand Lodge.

Prov. Grand Lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

The annual banquet was subsequently held at Mr. Clayton's, the Palatine Hotel, at which the Prov. Grand Master, Lord Londonderry, presided, and was supported by Bros. Cameron, Horsley, Wood, Hudson, Davis, Watson, E. Hudson, Banister, and other Prov. Grand Officers.

The various loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and received with much enthusiasm.

Bro. E. D. DAVIS in an eloquent speech proposed "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master, the Marquess of Londonderry." It was evident that the noble Marquess was fitted pre-eminently to supply the place of him they had lost, Bro. Fawcett, and even to add additional lustre to the rank which he held. (Loud applause.) The toast was encircled in their hearts. (Loud cheers.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER in responding said that when the honour was bestowed upon him, he felt he should endeavour to follow in the footsteps of one whom they so deeply regretted, and that with the assistance of the brethren and officers of the province he should endeavour to discharge the duties which might devolve upon him. He had always looked forward to these meetings with pleasure, because it was a pleasure to meet there apart altogether from political feelings and from religious or any other differences which might annoy them. It was a pleasure and happiness to find themselves met together in harmony and unity, and with goodwill and love towards all men. (Applause). As long as he had the honour of presiding over their welfare, and Masonic welfare in general, he should ever be found humbly endeavouring to discharge his duties to their satisfaction. (Applause). He proposed the toast of "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master," which Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., responded to.

Bro. the Rev. E. C. BIGGS, Prov. G. Chap., proposed "The Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. C. S. Lane, who suitably replied.

Other toasts followed, and at intervals, Bros. Whitehead, Walker, and Nutton, of Durham Cathedral, rendered in their admirable and efficient manner several part songs.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF JERSEY.

The annual Grand Lodge of the above province was held on Friday, the 19th ult., at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road. There was a large gathering on the occasion, all the lodges in the province being represented. W. Bro. Dr. J. Le Cronier, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, presided, and the following Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers were in attendance:

W. Bros. J. T. du Jardin, Prov. G. Treas., P.P.G.S.W.; John Baker, P.P.G.S.W.; John Durell, P.P.G.S.W.; J. O'Flaherty, P.P.G.S.W.; R. Barrow, P.P.G.S.W.; Dr. T. J. Aubin, Prov. G.S.W.; G. J. Renouf, P.P.G.S.W.; J. V. Le Sueur, President of the Board of General Purposes, P.P.G.S.W.; W. T. Pugsley, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Le Seilleur, Prov. G. Reg.; O. Dodge, P.P.G. Reg.; E. L. Bennett, P.P.G. Reg.; W. H. Chapman, Prov. G.S.D.; P. W. Binet, P.P.G.S.D.; Dr. E. A. Briggs, P.P.G.S.D.; P. E. Solier, P.P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec.; T. J. Ainsley, Prov. G.J.D.; T. Leat, P.P.G.J.D.; P. Bois, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; J. Blampied, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; J. Pool, Prov. G.D. of C.; Ph. Blampied, P.P.G.D. of C.; C. Naylor, P.P.G.D. of C.; W. H. Bowles, Prov. G.A.D. of C.; F. Le Feuvre, P.P.G.S.B.; S. Gilley, P.P.G. Org.; H. M. Bartlett, Prov. G. Purst.; J. H. Elliott, P.P.G. Purst.; H. N. Godfray, F. P. Cabot, John Hennequin, and T. Baudains, Prov. G. Stewards; J. T. Baal, Prov. G.A.D. of C.; and G. H. Newman, Prov. G. Steward.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in form at four o'clock p.m. when the minutes of the last anniversary Grand Lodge were read and unanimously confirmed. The report of the Committee of Benevolence for the last year was read and confirmed; and the report of the Board of General Purposes was also read and approved. The D. Prov. G. Master appointed and invested the following provincial officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Dr. E. A. Briggs ... .. Prov. G.S.W.  
 „ T. Le Seilleur ... .. Prov. G.J.W.  
 „ Rev. J. W. Tapper ... .. Prov. G. Chap.  
 „ W. H. Chapman ... .. Prov. G. Reg.  
 „ G. J. Renouf ... .. Prov. G. Treas.  
 „ P. E. Solier ... .. Prov. G. Sec.  
 „ W. T. Pugsley ... .. Prov. G.P.B.G.P.  
 „ Richard Binet ... .. Prov. G.S.D.  
 „ J. T. Baal ... .. Prov. G.J.D.  
 „ W. H. Bowles ... .. Prov. G.D. of C.  
 „ L. Hispiradoux ... .. Prov. G.A.D.C.  
 „ Thos. Baudains ... .. Prov. G.S. of W.  
 „ H. N. Godfray ... .. Prov. G.S.B.  
 „ W. Fentum ... .. Prov. G. Org.  
 „ H. G. Newman ... .. Prov. G. Purst.  
 Bros. T. B. Cabot, Thos. Stone, A. Roden, John Hennequin, F. D. Wallis, and F. Pierce ... } Prov. G. Stwds.  
 Bro. G. Rogers ... .. Prov. G. Tyler.

Among the several notices of motion the following was carried unanimously: "That in consideration of the valuable aid rendered to this province by W. Bro. Torkington at the election of our candidates to the Royal Masonic Institutions, a vote of thanks be presented to him from the Provincial Grand Lodge in appreciation of his services."

Prov. Grand Lodge having been closed in form, the brethren shortly afterwards reassembled at the banquet table, which gave the utmost satisfaction to every one present, Bro. G. Rogers being, as usual, the caterer, who exercised his usual ability in these matters.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and replied to, especially the toast referring to the great Masonic Charities, which was given by the worthy DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER in a most zealous manner, stating that these noble Charities were the glory of Freemasonry.

W. Bro. J. V. LE SUEUR, P.P.G. Sec., responded in his usual able manner, remarking that the Masonic Institutions had rendered very valuable aid to this province, especially by returning to the Boys' School at the last election one of their candidates. The services of Bro. Torkington, as also of Bro. Binckes, would never be forgotten in the province.

The meeting throughout was of a hearty character, and the brethren separated after having spent a happy and interesting evening.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF KENT.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge took place at Rochester, in the council room of the Guildhall, on Thursday, the 25th ult., St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 237, being the entertainers, when a goodly muster of the Mark Master Masons of the province assembled to do honour to the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A. Prov. Grand Lodge was opened at half-past two o'clock, the Prov. Grand Master being supported by the following Officers:

Bros. J. G. Podovin, P.M. 152, Dep. Prov. G.M.; R. K. Miller, W.M. 294, Prov. G. J.W.; H. Ward, S.W. 262, Prov. G.M.O.; H. M. Baker, P.M. 152, Prov. G. Sec.; E. Page, S.W. 255, Prov. G. Ins. of Wks.; C. H. Y. Goodwin, S.W. 44, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; T. Holleyman, 226, Prov. G. Asst. Dir. of Cers.; T. D. Hayes, S.O. 226, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; J. Anthony, S.D. 237, Prov. G. Std. Br.; H. Nutt, Sec. 69, Prov. G. Org.; and R. T. Kolfe, 129, Prov. G. Tyler.

The Prov. Grand Master, Dep. Prov. Grand Master, and Grand Officers having been saluted according to their several ranks, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed. The Prov. Grand Master in his opening address, referred to the handsome Prov. Grand Lodge banner that stood behind the throne, and said he saw no reason why Provincial Grand Lodges should not have a banner as well as Grand Lodge, for what was the use in appointing a Standard Bearer if they had no standard? If they remembered, it was proposed at their last Prov. Grand Lodge meeting that they should have a banner, but he would not not allow the proposition to go to the vote, because no notice of motion to that effect was on the agenda paper, but seeing that it was the wish of the brethren generally he determined to have one ready for the next (that) meeting, and now he begged to present it to them, and asked their acceptance of it. (Applause). He then feelingly referred to the great loss the province had sustained through the deaths of Bros. L. Finch, P.M. 129, Prov. G. Treas.; Rev. Dr. Mangan, D.D., LL.D., P.M. 262, Prov. G. Chap.; E. S. Copland, W.M. 267; and J. L. Ellerm, P.M. 129, Prov. G.S.W.; trusting they had gone to their reward in the Grand Lodge Above.

The election of Prov. Grand Treasurer was the next business, and Bro. J. S. EASTES, P.M. 129, and P.P.G.S.W., proposed Bro. G. Page, P.M. 129, and P.P.G.M.O., and in so doing paid a high tribute to the energy and zeal displayed by their lamented Bro. Finch in carrying out his duties, a zeal that he felt sure would be emulated by Bro. Page.

Bro. the Rev. J. B. HARRISON, M.A., S.O. 126, seconded the proposition, and Bro. Page was duly and unanimously elected to the office and returned thanks. The following brethren were then invested by the M.W. G.M. as officers for the ensuing year, viz. :-

Bro. J. G. Podovin (re-appointed) ...	...	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" R. K. Miller, W.M. 294 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" H. Penfold, W.M. 237 ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" A. Penfold, I.P.M. 226 ...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" J. Gieseman-Chillingworth, W.M. 309 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" E. Page, W.M. 255 ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. J. B. Harrison, M.O. 129 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" G. Page, P.M. 129, and P.P.G.M.O. ...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. Escott, Sec. 294 ...	...	...	Prov. G.R.M.
" H. M. Baker, P.M. 152 (re-appointed) ...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. B. Black, I.P.M. 69 ...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" Dr. W. Murdock, I.G. 255 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" F. C. Abbott, J.W. 235 ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" E. Hire, J.W. 266 ...	...	...	Prov. I. of Wks.
" T. Blamiers, J.W. 262 ...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" G. Spinks, J.W. 226 ...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" J. B. Brown, S.O. 255 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" J. Hart, J.O. 255 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" C. Jolly, 226 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" V. Cotterell, S.W. 322 ...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" T. Ovenden, J.D. 226; and Jas. Taylor, D.C. 237 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" R. T. Rolfe, 129 (re-elected) ...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Two Auditors, Bros. Harrison and Hughes-Hallett, were then elected by the lodge, and the Prov. G.M. appointed Bro. Eastes as his Auditor. Bros. Fenn, Terson, Lukey, and Smith were chosen as a General Purposes Committee.

Bro. PODOVIN then rose and proposed "That the best thanks of this Prov. Grand Mark Lodge be and are hereby given to the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., M.W.G.M.M. of the Province of Kent, for the beautiful banner presented by him to the Prov. Grand Lodge of Kent." In so doing he said their Prov. Grand Master had had no end of trouble and correspondence with the best authorities on the matter of the banner, and their opinion, coupled with his (Bro. Robinson's) own knowledge of heraldry, had produced the handsome and effective banner that then surmounted the throne of Prov. Grand Lodge.

Bro. MILLER, S.W., seconded, and the vote was carried with acclaim.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER in response detailed the means whereby he had arrived at a correct solution of the important question as to what their banner should be. Through the kindness of Bro. Col. Gough, Prov. G.M. of Staffordshire, and Bro. Kelly, Prov. G.M. of Leicestershire, he had enlisted the services of Bro. Stephen Tucker, Somerset Herald in Heralds' College, and under his instruction the heraldic painter at Heralds' College had designed the one that now was at the back of his chair. The idea was to have the banner of Grand Lodge with the Prov. Grand Lodge arms in the centre. He believed that it was correctly designed, and for that correctness they had to thank Bro. Tucker, who was present. (Loud cheers.) For himself, he thanked them and would propose "That a cordial vote of thanks be presented to Bro. Stephen Tucker, of Wulfruna Lodge, No. 186, Wolverhampton, for his valuable assistance in designing the Prov. Grand Lodge banner, and that he be elected an honorary member of the Grand Mark Lodge of the Province of Kent."

Bro. EASTES seconded, and the proposition was carried unanimously.

Bro. TUCKER briefly returned thanks for the exceeding courtesy shown him for the small services rendered. He was exceedingly anxious to be present, and certainly felt gratified as to the cordial reception given him. He regretted, however, that a previous engagement prevented him stopping to dine with them, but thanked them most sincerely for the honour done him in electing him an honorary member of their Provincial Grand Lodge. (Applause.)

Bro. D. M. DEWAR, P.G.M.O. and Asst. G. Sec. England, made an appeal on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund. They had 16 boys and girls now being educated through it, and he earnestly asked the lodge to send up a Steward to the next Mark festival.

In answer to the appeal Bro. Dr. W. WATSON, W.M. elect 237, P.G. A.D.C. England, and P.P.G.S.D. Kent, responded, and consented to act as Steward in July next.

A vote of thanks was then unanimously accorded to the R.W. the Mayor of Rochester for the use of the Guildhall; and after the sums of ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and fifteen guineas to the Mark Benevolent Fund had been voted, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, where a superbly appointed banquet awaited them.

Among the other brethren present, besides those above enumerated, were:—

Bros. Captain Eugene Sweny, I.P.M. 44, P.P.J.O.; M. J. Sullivan, P.M. 6, P.P.G.D.C.; H. A. Johnson, W.M. 6, P.P.G.I. of Wks.; G. T. Green, S.W. 6, P.P.G. Org.; R. J. Brown, J.W. 6, P.P.G.A.D.C.; L. B. Biggs, M.O., Treas. 237, P.P.G.I. of Wks.; R. H. Platten, J.O. 6, P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. Ashdown, P.M. 237, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Wyles, P.M. 237, P.P.G.M.O.; T. S. Warne, P.M. 237, P.P.G.S.W.; E. J. Penney, P.M. 6, P.P.G.J.W.; E. Goreham, P.M. 6; G. Parsons, 237; F. Wood, S.W. 309; A. Tuke, 237; C. Cooper, S.O. 69; A. Davis, 6; T. Pilcher, Sec. 237; T. Lemon, Org. 237; T. Higham, 237; G. Paine, 237; F. Nicholls, 237; and others.

The banquet having been discussed, the Grand Master gave "The Queen and Mark Masonry," which was cordially greeted. The next toast was that of "The M.W. the Grand Mark Master," and in putting it, the Prov. Grand Master said their esteemed Grand Master, Lord Henniker, was a most excellent Mason and would hand down to his successor a prestige worthy of the Order and a title honoured all over the world, more especially in England and its dependencies. (Applause.)

Bro. EASTES proposed the next toast, that of "The R.W. the D.G.M.M.M., and Grand Officers Present and Past," and said he felt proud to have the company of Grand Officers at their meetings. It was to them the brethren looked up to for support, and led as they were by such able leaders as Lord Henniker and the Earl of Kintore the Degree was sure to prosper. He asked them to drink the toast with all the cordiality it deserved. (Cheers.)

Bro. DEWAR in responding said he felt it a very great privilege to be allowed to respond to the toast. He knew from his own experience that the Grand Officers, especially the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, were worthy of all the compliments so often and heartily paid them. As to the subordinate officers, they all rose to the position they occupied by reason of the services they had rendered, both to their own lodges and the Order in general. He had heard that day the Prov. Grand Master refer to one of the Prov. Grand Officers as being a Scotchman; now, their Deputy Grand Master was a Scotchman, and a worthy one too. (Cheers.) If the time should arrive, and most likely it would soon, that he should be elected to rule over their Order, they would have a most excellent Grand Master, and one

who would most likely at the same time be G.Z. of the Grand Chapter of Scotland. (Applause.) Their present ruler was an excellent one, and the marvellous attention he paid to Mark Masonry was the undoubted cause of its latterly increasing prosperity. He thanked them for the toast, and then proposed that of "The R.W. the Prov. G.M.M. of Kent, Bro. T. Robinson." He said they had all had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Robinson before, and every time they met him their admiration for him increased. They all knew how the degree had improved and increased in the province under his (Bro. Robinson's) guidance. It was a small province when he was appointed head of it; but now it had 14 lodges, and every one of these were doing well. It was a very difficult thing to praise a man to his face; but he knew they all had a deep affection and respect for Bro. Robinson, and he asked them to drink the health of their brother with all the enthusiasm it deserved. (Applause.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER in response said it was now some few years since he was elected to preside over them as their Grand Master. At that time there were six lodges, and now they were 14. When he was elected he threw his heart and soul into the work, and if he had succeeded in making Mark Masonry something more than a name in the province, he could only say that he was proud of it, but must attribute that success not so much to his own efforts as to the united help and zeal shown by every lodge in the province. (Cheers.) He strongly advocated an earlier sending in of the returns from the lodges; which should be sent in not later than September, whereas they came in many of them in October, so that, when he asked brethren to receive the purple, he was informed that some of them were either dead or gone away. He thanked them for the very kind way in which they had drunk his health, and assured them that as time rolled on they, he trusted, would like him the better, as he felt sure he should like them; but above all he urged them to still go on as he, with the help of the G.A.O.T.U., should do, and make the Province of Kent one of the foremost in the ranks of Mark Masonry. (Loud cheers.)

The next toast was "The W. the D.P.G.M.M. and Officers, Present and Past, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Kent." In giving the toast the P.G.M. spoke admiringly of the services of the D.P.G.M., and also of the earlier struggles of the "Mark," and regretted the absence of the P.G.S.W. He coupled the toast with the name of Bros. Podovin, Prov. D.G.M., and A. Penfold, Prov. G.M.O.

Bro. PODOVIN said he must be very brief in his remarks as he had to catch a train. There were 14 lodges in the province and 545 members had been registered. Out of that number, owing chiefly to the exigencies of the military and naval services, to which a great proportion of the original members belonged, 277 had resigned; but they being scattered over the face of earth and water had carried the principle of Mark Masonry with them, and founded lodges all over the globe, the birth of which could be seen by a perusal of the *Freemason* every week. With new members they had now 315 good on the books of Grand Lodge. (Applause.) During the year they had made 48 new members. As the Prov. Grand Master had told them, death had during the year thinned their ranks; yet they were prospering and going on well. He thanked them for the toast.

Bro. PENFOLD said it was very gratifying to him to find his name associated with the toast. He could assure them that he and the Grand Officers would do all they could to promote the interests of Mark Masonry in the province, and support their esteemed Grand Master. The grand meeting they had had that day showed that they were not asleep, but were progressing, and he felt sure that the time would come when the Grand Master would be, as their Prov. Grand Master in the Craft, Lord Holmesdale, said he was, like "the old woman who lived in her shoe, she had so many children she did not know what to do." He trusted it would be so, and cordially thanked them for the toast. (Cheers.)

In response to the Grand Master, Bro. DEWAR gave some account of the charities connected with the Mark Degree, and said the Benevolent Fund was formed 14 years ago, and began very low down the list, until last year they had some £750 handed in by the Stewards at the festival. He gave an exhaustive account of the use made of the fund, both for benevolence and education, and said that any further enquiries would gladly be answered by him from Red Lion-square.

The toast of "The Entertaining Lodge, St. Andrews," responded to by Bro. H. PENFOLD, concluded the proceedings.

### SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.—A STUDY.

CAN nothing be done to settle one "vexed question," the Masonic reality of Sir Christopher Wren's membership. Was he a Freemason? or are all earlier and later statements of Masonic writers a "fad" and a "myth?" The evidence "pro and con." may be briefly summed up thus! We have Aubrey's MS. assertion; a London paper of 1723 alluding to that "worthy Freemason," and the declaration of Anderson in 1738 of Wren's Grand Mastership. We have in addition the constant tradition of the Lodge of Antiquity, the possession of the mallet, the candlesticks, &c. We have since 1738 a "consensus" of Masonic writers; the evidence of the "Parentalia" and "Elmes." "Per contra," we have several considerations to deal with which seem to militate with any such theory. Why did not Anderson claim the great architect as a Freemason, (which he does not), in 1723? A very able brother thinks he sees in the frontispiece of the 1738 edition a representation of Wren as presented by the Duke of Montague to King William III., with likenesses of Sayers, Desaguliers, and Anderson, but such, however probable, is still only an ingenious hypothesis. The same argument which affects Locke's claim interferes with Wren's, and it is not easy to understand if Wren was a Freemason and had been Grand Master, why Anderson did not say so in 1723.

We once set some store by Aubrey. We do not now. His words are only "they say," and we feel sure that there is only one possible position, one probable solution, either the Masonic accounts are correct, or they are in error, a credulously perpetuated error. The "Parentalia" does not hesitate to assert the fact of Wren's Grand Mastership, and though in 1723 the Grand Lodge made no sign, yet an explanation may be found in Dermott's statement, (who is not altogether reliable), and the fact that Sir Christopher seems to have had some serious questions to deal with as regards his financial administration at St. Paul's, and from contemporary pamphlets and works, trying and disagreeable disputes with some of his employes. His Latin diary moreover does not allude to the subject. We are as yet aware therefore, of no actual document throwing light on the subject, except old and cherished traditions. His Latin diary is no doubt the compilation of Christopher Wren the son, but still is evidence "ad hoc."

Now tradition has this peculiar characteristic that it always has some truth in it, and taking all things into account, and remembering how lax all minutes and the like Masonically were 180 years ago, and designedly so, we think that Wren's membership must be positively disproved, before we can be called upon to give up this old belief of our fathers. We must assume that Anderson, in 1738, had some authority for his statement, and as he is the first Masonic writer who mentions the fact, we must suppose (as probably was the case), that he had access to documents not yet discovered and unknown to us. Aubrey may be quoted as a generation earlier, and as a non-Masonic evidence of value; but we hink the utmost Aubrey's evidence amounts to is this, that he had heard that Wren was a Freemason, or was about to be made a Freemason. But if Aubrey is correct, Masonic tradition is altogether "out," and yet on the whole, as we regard it, Aubrey's statement rather supports Masonic tradition than otherwise. Thus it will be seen what a pretty little question of doubt and difficulty to begin with, Masonic students and Masonic historians have to decide.

We have shewn above that we lean ourselves to Wren's Masonic membership, though it is, as often happens, easier perhaps to assert, than to prove! And though it is difficult to "prove a negative," yet fairly and properly the "onus probandi" that Wren was *not* a Freemason rests upon those who question and disavow our old Masonic tradition.

## THE REVISE OF THE CONSTITUTIONS.

BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

I feel sure that the labours of Bro. H. H. Riach and Bro. L. E. Hawkins, M.A., in compiling the "Comparison of the old and revised Book of Constitutions" will be warmly appreciated by the many readers of the *Freemason*. The form in which the comparison has been made will enable the many interested in so important a matter to easily note the several alterations and additions, and thus be the means of informing brethren of the changes involved by the revise in a way and by a method as effective as simple and thorough. The "comparison" should be read also in connection with the series of articles on the Revise which appeared in the *Freemason* from September 30th to October 28th, 1882 (I. to V.), and with the various reports of Provincial Grand Lodges from time to time which have been made public. The fact is, we cannot well be too much informed, or take too much interest in all that affects and concerns the welfare of the Craft, and certainly the revision of the laws, or "Constitutions," is of primary importance.

Bros. Riach and Hawkins note the "rules appearing for the first time in the new book," consisting of nine in number; but there are virtually many more, for the alterations or additions in several of the clauses so change their scope and character as to make them, to all intents and purposes, quite the same as new rules.

Then there are "Suggestions not affecting the sense of the new rules," several of which appear to me most reasonable, though some are fairly to be understood, even from or according to the present text, e.g., Rule 30, line 7, to add the words "and when so audited shall be," &c., Clearly the presentation of the accounts to the Grand Lodge in March should come after the auditing. In Rule 41, line 7, instead of "who," I would rather not have "he," but *omit* the former and place "he" before "shall" in the following line. I thoroughly endorse some other suggestions, for they will, if adopted, make the meaning plainer and thus add to their usefulness. The well considered communication by these two most willing and able compilers deserve especially our close attention, for whilst I cannot follow them entirely with approval throughout, I am quite willing to admit that they may be right and myself wrong, where I slightly differ from them. Some of the suggestions I cannot agree with because to my mind, not in order, e.g., Rule 130, the words in italics in the *revise*, as follows, are *not* unnecessary: "elect its Master by ballot from among those of its members who have served for one year the office of *Master or Warden*;" otherwise the *first* Masters of new lodges prior to the revise, *who had not previously acted as Wardens*, would be excluded from the authorised list of candidates. The differences however are but few compared with the many points of agreement, and I again thank the two zealous and competent brethren for their excellent and timely compilation.

The history of the various Books of Constitutions since this Union, as told by Bro. Hawkins, is both interesting and instructive for the many who have been led of late to look into the subject. It lacks however one curious particular. The earlier publications respecting our laws and customs had a long historical introduction, covering the whole ground of sacred and secular history. In the issues from 1815 to 1827 the Constitutions, &c., only were given, and designated "Part the *Second*." This led many to suppose there was a "Part the *First*," but there was not. I have seen it advertised for several times.

I do not consider the publication of 1819 was a distinct edition, for it was in all respects as that of 1815, save title page and a few corrected sheets.

## RECORDS OF EXTINCT LODGES.

BY BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

ROYAL LODGE, CHESTER.

(Continued from page 534.)

The annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge on St. John's Day, 1759, is recorded as usual. The three lodges were represented, the Raven Lodge being now called the Golden Lyon Lodge. Edward Orme was again appointed Deputy; Thos. Cholmondeley and Richard Barry, Grand Wardens; H. Burrows, Treasurer; and C. Townsend, Secretary. At a subsequent meeting of the Assembly House Lodge John Lawton was elected Master, and the Hon. John Smith Barry presented the lodge with a set of glasses. The lodge subscription for the year was fixed at 12s. and a payment of 6d. for each attendance.

In the record of the June meeting of 1760 appears a copy of a memorial from the Master and brethren of the Golden Lyon Lodge, No. 203, addressed to "the R.W. John Page, Esq., P.G.M., his Deputy and Grand Wardens, the Right Worshipfull the Master and Wardens of the Provincial Grand Lodge in Chester, and all others whom it may concern." These terms show that at this period the Assembly House Lodge was acknowledged as forming the Provincial Grand Lodge. The memorial

recommended John Gother for the office of Provincial Grand Tyler. It is signed by Richard Golding, Master; his Wardens; and John Byrne, Thos. Huxley, and Thos. Leigh, Past Masters. On St. John the Baptist's Day, "the Master, Wardens, and brethren of the Golden Lyon Lodge came according to custom in the evening in due form to visit this lodge; and after their departure the Master, Wardens, and brethren of the Feathers Lodge came in like manner to visit this lodge, after which the Right Worshipfull Provincial Grand Master, his Deputy, the Master, and his officers went in due form and returned their visit."

At the November meeting a communication was read from Bro. Spencer, G. Sec. of England, and a guinea was voted for the relief of Bro. Omaert Valck, a French prisoner of war at Liverpool.

The Provincial Grand Lodge Festival of St. John's Day, 27th December, 1760, seems to have been attended only by the Assembly House Lodge. It was held at the Assembly Room in the Exchange and Edward Orme was once more appointed Deputy Grand Master, and Thos. Cholmondeley and Peter Walthall, Grand Wardens. At a lodge meeting held immediately afterwards Bro. Thos. Farrington was elected Master, and John Croughton and Wm. Lewis, Wardens. Two Stewards and two Assistant Stewards were also elected, but no mention is made of any other officers.

At the January meeting, 1761, a yearly salary of two guineas was voted to the Secretary. The yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 28th December, when there was a procession to St. John the Baptist's Church and a sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. Theophilus Meredith. At this meeting the Deputy Grand Master, "by order of the Prov. Grand Master," proceeded to the choice of new officers, and William Blackett and Roger Wilbraham were nominated Grand Wardens. As I do not find Blackett's name in any of the records of meetings I am inclined to think he may have been a member of the Golden Lyon or Feathers Lodge. If so it is the first instance of a Provincial Officer being appointed outside the Assembly House Lodge. At the subsequent annual meeting of the Assembly House Lodge Thos. Cholmondeley was elected Master, and the thanks of the lodge were given "to our worthy Bro. Jonathan Cotgreave for his attendance on a sick Brother lately deced., one Hundred and Twenty-six Days without Gratuity or Reward."

On the 14th December, 1762, Francis O'Brien was nominated as Master and on the St. John's Day following Bro. O'Brien was invested with the jewel of his office and invested his officers. A Provincial Grand Lodge was held and the officers of the previous year were re-appointed and visits were exchanged between the three Chester lodges in the evening. For some time the meetings had been held at the Feathers, but during 1763 most of the meetings were held at the Coach and Horses.

In March, 1763, the Prov. Grand Treasurer moved that an address of thanks be sent by this lodge to the Grand Lodge of England for their "Bountiful Charity to our Bro. Thos. Wilbraham," and at the same lodge Thos. Swanwick, a waiter, received permission to be initiated as a serving brother, and the initiation fee was reduced to one guinea. The fee was again raised to two guineas on St. John's Day, 1765.

I observe several peculiar entries such as this. In 1754, H. Burrows, John Thomas, and W. Delacour are entered as brethren present on St. John's Day, but on June 10th of next year they appear as having been balloted for and initiated on the latter day. Were these "Ancient" brethren who had recanted and been reobligated? or how are we to account for their presence at a lodge before they were Masons? This occurs in several instances.

At the November Lodge, 1763, a Mr. Michael Connor, of the Island of Maderia, who was going abroad, was admitted by dispensation, granted by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, without the usual preliminary notice. On St. John's Day following the Assembly House Lodge was opened, and Bro. Holme Burrows (who had been nominated on December 13th) was invested with his jewel of office as W.M., and invested his officers. The Prov. Grand Lodge was then opened, and the Deputy Grand Master invested his officers, Wm. Blackett and Roger Wilbraham being Wardens. The Golden Lyon and Feathers Lodges attended in due form and the Grand Lodge was closed. In the evening "an Enter'd Apprentices' Lodge was open'd," and two candidates were initiated by dispensation. At the November meeting, 1764, it is recorded that "the Right Worshipfull Prov. Grand Master was a visitor." Bro. Page must therefore have ceased his lodge membership. On the 11th December the W.M. nominated Bro. Bowers to be his successor, and on St. John's Day he was duly installed. A procession of the Prov. Grand Lodge was also formed to St. John's Church, and a sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. Jas. Milliquett, the lodges present being the Assembly House, the Golden Lyon, and the Bull and Dog. This last-named lodge was the "Feathers" under a new title, doubtless derived from their place of meeting.

I note that at the August meeting, 1765, Mr. Samuel Harvey was initiated by dispensation, "he being oblig'd to go over to the Indies very soon," and the same minute records Bro. Samuel Harvey being present as a visitor. On the 10th December it was agreed that the joining fee should be two guineas and that each member should pay threepence into a fund of charity for the relief of distressed brothers.

On St. John's Day, 1765, Roger Wilbraham was nominated and invested as Master, but there is no note of any meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, and in March, 1766, five shillings were voted to Bro. Thos. Huxley, a member of the Golden Lion Lodge. During this year the meetings were few and small. On the 9th December, Bro. William Blackett was nominated as W.M., but on December 29th Bro. Blackett "desired to be excused" and the present Master was continued in his office and "his health was drank as such in due form." At this meeting Bro. Henry Rider, of the Golden Lion Lodge, was accepted as a joining member. At the April meeting, 1767, Bro. Henry Rider presented two dozen glasses to the lodge.

The next meeting recorded is in September, 1767, but it seems likely that some leaves have here, as in other places, been extracted or lost.

The last meeting recorded in the book is on the 8th December, 1767, at the Coach and Horses, kept by Mrs. Sarah Buckton, in Northgate-street, under the mastership of Bro. Holme Burrows. At this meeting a committee was appointed for auditing the Treasurer's accounts, and amongst the visitors was Bro. Sir John Chetwode, Bart.

At this time the lodge appears on the lists as No. 101, Coach and Horses, Watergate-street. In the lists 1770-80 it will be found as No. 78, Coach and Horses, Northgate-street, and in the 1781-91 lists as No. 62, Royal Chester Lodge, Feathers Inn, Bridge-street. In the 1792-1813 lists the number was changed to 58 and at the "Union" to 80. The lodge was still in existence in 1832 when it appears as No. 71.

(To be continued.)

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## To Correspondents.

### THE HUGHAN TESTIMONIAL.

We have much pleasure in stating that communications  
have been received from a large number of influential  
members of the Craft desiring to have their names placed on  
the Committee formed for promoting the above object,  
and that the Earl of Zetland, Prov. Grand Master for  
North and East Yorkshire, has consented to become  
President of the Fund.

E.W.R.—Your letter is held over pending enquiries.

The following communications have been received, but  
are not inserted in this issue owing to want of space:—

Correspondence—"Terra Firma."

Craft Lodges—Lewis Lodge, No. 1185; West Kent  
Lodge, No. 1297; Friars Lodge, No. 1349; Dramatic  
Lodge, No. 1906.

Royal Arch Chapters—Affability Chapter, No. 317;  
Sir Francis Burdett Chapter, No. 1503.

Harcourt Preceptory, No. 74.

### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Broad Arrow," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Citizen," "Die  
Bauhütte," "New York Dispatch," "Jewish Chronicle," "Court  
Circular," "Victorian Masonic Journal," "Keystone," "Tricycling  
Journal," "Procedimientos de la Gran Logía de la República del  
Perú, 1882-83," "Freimaurer Zeitung," "City Press," "House-  
keeper's Guide to the Use of Preserved Meats," "La Abeja."



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1883.

## 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.]

### POSITION OF JOINING PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Not having seen the correspondence which pro-  
duced the excellent article in the *Freemason* for the 20th  
ult. on the above subject, I write at a little disadvantage;  
nevertheless you may perhaps allow a few words to appear  
from one who at the present moment occupies the invidious  
position of a Past Master *in* but not of a lodge, and yet is  
so dead to all sense of shame that he has never yet realized  
the painful nature of that position.

As I am one therefore of those for whose benefit (I presume)  
the new legislation is proposed, I have the right to protest,  
on my own behalf and on the behalf of many who I know  
think with me, that we want no such alteration in the  
Constitutions, and that so far from conferring on us a boon  
we desire it will place us in what may really be a very un-  
pleasant position.

Take my own case, not because there is anything special  
about it, but because it is such an ordinary one. A few

years ago I joined one of the red apron lodges, being at the  
time a Past Master of another much younger lodge. It  
has been a pleasure to me to take office again, and I look  
forward still to the further pleasure of serving in the chair,  
and in due time becoming once more a Past Master. In my  
own case there existed the special gratification that I took  
office under one whom I had myself initiated into Masonry.  
Most of the active Past Masters in the lodge are my juniors  
in the Craft, though my seniors in the lodge. Who is the  
worse for this? not I, for certain. Nor can I understand  
how in any lodge conducted on genuine Masonic principles  
there can be the slightest difficulty, the slightest ill-feeling.  
Had the need arisen I am quite certain that my brethren  
would have had as much pleasure in seeing me performing  
the work of the chair as I have on occasions had in taking  
some of the junior offices.

I can of course easily imagine a very different state of  
things, but only under circumstances which, to my notions,  
would render the harmonious working of a lodge impossible.  
Where true Masonic feeling exists there is no need to  
dictate to a lodge the terms on which it shall receive a  
member; where it does not exist, such dictation will only  
introduce discord.

If the only object of the change is to give joining Past  
Masters a special seat at dinner and a right to stand up  
when other people's healths are being drunk, I can only say  
that I believe this part of the rule will be rendered of no  
effect by the good feeling of those concerned. Possibly  
some Worshipful Masters may find it convenient to divide  
the time-honoured toast of "The Past Masters of the  
Lodge" into two portions, and give it as first "Those who  
have passed the chair of the — Lodge," and second,  
"Other Past Masters of the Lodge." I hope I may never  
be called upon to respond on behalf of the latter.—Yours  
faithfully,

A GRAND STEWARD.

### THE HUGHAN TESTIMONIAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As a Mason of 36 years' standing, a subscriber  
and frequent contributor to the "Freemasons' Magazine"  
and to its successor, your present weekly periodical, I have  
been aware of the Masonic movements during that long  
period for the promotion of various objects connected with  
the Craft. To none of these have I been able to accord a  
more hearty approval than to the one suggested in your  
pages a few weeks ago by Bro. Whythead, of York, and  
which, as we were informed by a paragraph last week, has  
met with sympathy and promises of support in communica-  
tions from many brethren throughout the country. For such  
a proceeding we have precedents in the collection of large  
sums of money for presentation to individuals, to mark  
appreciation of their services, as recorded in your pages  
from time to time, e.g., in obtaining great contributions to  
the Charities. The present case is unique in its character,  
as requiring persistent efforts extending over many years,  
of which the majority of Masons are scarcely cognizant,  
and peculiar qualifications which few possess, besides con-  
siderable expense in the research. In the early part of my  
Masonic career there was much laxity in the work of the  
lodges, and still more as regards a knowledge of the history  
and archaeology of the Order. Dr. Oliver, by his publica-  
tions about that period, did much to excite an interest in  
the subject, though many of his traditions, theories, and  
opinions are now discarded. Still, they did good, inasmuch  
as they paved the way for attention to the subject by a small  
band of earnest and thoughtful men, Murray Lyon, Findel,  
"Masonic Student," Whythead, Gould, &c., with others  
in America, and, though last by no means the least among  
English Freemasons, Bro. W. J. Hughan, whom it is de-  
sired now to honour. The difference between these men,  
who have to a great extent been working in unison, and  
their predecessors is that they reject all assumption of cir-  
cumstances as facts for which documentary proof cannot be  
found, and that they are unwearied in their efforts to obtain  
satisfactory evidence of statements respecting Masonic histo-  
rical men and events, thus endeavouring to bring the  
whole into a united and compact form, free from legend  
and tradition and chronological discrepancies.

By your recent publication of reports from Cornwall,  
your readers are aware that Bro. Hughan's health has  
been far from good during his long residence at Truro,  
and that consequently he has been forced to relinquish his  
business engagements and to remove to Torquay. The  
extent to which his labours have been appreciated there is  
shown by the presentation of a handsome jewel and a purse  
containing £275, and by the laudatory remarks of the  
Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M., on the occasion.  
Many brethren in other provinces were anxious to increase  
this amount by their contributions, but all such offers were  
declined. Thus an opportunity was afforded for a separate  
and distinct fund, and hence the present movement to raise  
a large sum in all parts of the country from Masons who  
have benefited by his writings in your columns, by his  
historical researches and their results as recorded in his  
numerous publications (which by-the-by have not been  
remunerative), by his readiness to give assistance and in-  
formation whenever and wherever required. During a close  
intimacy for about a quarter of a century I have been  
privileged to benefit greatly by his help, and have had  
means of knowing the immense labour he goes through in  
the cause, and I may add that this is one of the pleasures  
derived from connection with the Order, that it brings  
together men of kindred spirit to labour together in doing  
good. Our Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, has  
marked his sense of Bro. Hughan's merits by conferring  
upon him honorary past rank in the Grand Lodge and  
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England, a strong proof  
that he has well earned such distinction. Surely it behoves  
us subordinates to follow the example thus set us.

In your last number you intimated that an influential  
committee was being formed to arrange means for carrying  
out the project. I trust, therefore, that many eminent  
brethren will answer your appeal by sending you their  
names and promises of assistance, so that our distinguished  
brother may speedily be assured of such pecuniary resources  
as will enable him to continue his efforts, unfettered by  
business engagements and anxieties, and stimulate him to  
increased exertions. So well is Bro. Hughan known and  
appreciated in our colonies and in America, that I cannot  
doubt the receipt of considerable contributions from his  
many friends and admirers in those distant districts,  
when they hear of the proposal.—Yours faithfully and  
fraternally,

H. H.

14, Belvedere, Bath, Oct. 30th.

OLD MASONIC PORTRAITS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
Referring to Bro. Sadler's letter in your issue of the 13th, I have to-day found amongst some old papers sent to me for inspection, steel engravings of portraits as under, and I have no doubt that if any of them should be of service to the Masonic body, the lodge to whom they belong will grant the use of them. They are all octavo size.—I am, yours fraternally,  
MANCUNIAM.  
P.S.—The two first are named in Bro. Sadler's letter.

- The Right Hon. Robert Edward Lord Petre, from a painting by the Rev. W. Peters—in Royal Arch costume.
- H.R.H. Henry Frederick Duke of Cumberland and Strathairn—with Grand Master's chair.
- H.R.H. Prince Frederick William of Gloucester.
- The Right Hon. Robt. Lord Donoughmore, Grand Master of Ireland.
- The late Grand Secretary, Bro. W. White.
- William Preston, P.M. No. 1.
- Thomas Duncerley, P.G.M.
- John Errington, Esq., P.G.M. Northumberland.
- Chevallier Ruspini, C.S.B.—from an original painting.
- Henry Lambton, Prov. G.M. for Durham.
- Tipping Brown, M.D., P.G.S.W. Durham.
- Sir Peter Parker.
- W. Hannum, Esq., and  
Masonicus.

October 30th.



THE MAGAZINES.

The November magazines are before us, and appear to us rather inclined to the "sensational," like Guy Fawkes's day, full of "squibs and crackers."

"The English Illustrated Magazine" is a striking number, and is in a condition of progress and advance. "In the Fens," and "The Banqueting House and Old Whitehall," are most interesting, and admirably illustrated. So also is "Brass Work at Birmingham." "Oysters and the Oyster Question" will attract many readers; and while "The little Schoolmaster Mark" is altogether too "spiritual," too weird, and too sensational for our old-fashioned taste, though not without touches and glimpses of grace, "The Armourer's Prentices" proceeds in Miss Yonge's "best form," and seem to promise another characteristic and charming tale. Who of us all, after all, forgets "Heart's ease" and "The Chaplet of Pearls"?

"Longman's Magazine" gives us the first instalment of "Jack's Courtship," "The Children of the Mist," "The Foundering of the Fortuna," "Love at First Sight," two papers by C. E. Leland and R. Jefferies, and a scientific paper on Darwinism by the Astronomer Royal of Ireland, Princess Bares, formerly Miss Praed, daughter of the Poet, W. M. Praed, according to Miss Becker, confirms our view of "Good Night." We always thought the ingenious commentator who started an improved exposition, like many other new lights now-a-days, was "off the mark." "Good Night" may not be satisfactory; but it was Praed's own explanation; and we have yet to find a better one. The one suggested in "Longman's," however ingenious, was inadmissible.

"The Bibliographer," a Dryasdustian publication, "pure et simple," is somewhat heavy this month. A bibliography of Sacheverell is very tedious—to say the truth, uninteresting. We can call attention to "John Payne Collier and his Works," "Caxton's Book on Chess," and "Sir Richard Phillips."

Other magazines not yet to hand will be noticed next week.



251] BRO. WHYTEHEAD AND CHESTER LODGE RECORDS.

The capital article by Bro. Whytehead in the *Freemason* of the 27th ult., relative to the extinct lodge held in Chester from 1738, is an indication of what is still in store for us in many a neglected lodge box. It is refreshing to find that enlightened brethren in that ancient city were so willing to place the old minute book in such competent hands, and we shall rejoice on finding such an excellent example being faithfully imitated. When the Masonic historian Bro. Gould comes to treat of post-Grand Lodge lodges, all such particulars will be of the greatest value, for it is facts we want, not fictions. I write now however to suggest the probability to Bro. Whytehead that this volume of records is the one mentioned by Mr. Halliwell in his "Early History of Freemasonry in England" as follows: "Mr. Black possesses a minute book of the *Freemasons of Chester, of the commencement of the eighteenth century*;" and I shall be glad to hear as to the point. Freemasonry under the Grand Lodge of England began in Chester in 1724, in which year there were as many lodges in the city as now.

W. J. HUGHAN.

252] FREEMASON—FRANCMA CON.

It is a very curious fact, explain it as you will, that in 1764 Boyer in his great French Dictionary, one of the best existing, seems to know nothing of "Freemason," "Francmacon." Why is this? In Germany, Freimaurer is not of early eighteenth century use, and I should like to know when the word Freemason is first recognized in an English Dictionary.

MASONIC STUDENT.

253] A PORTRAIT OF SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.

I have been told there is an old portrait of Sir Christopher Wren with a Masonic emblem. Have any "Students" heard of the same or can any reader of the *Freemason* help me to such old print of Sir Christopher. Kindly address, care of editor of *Freemason*, 16, Great Queen-street, W.C.

ANTIQUITY.

MASONIC HISTORY.

254] In a curious collection of what may be termed "odds and ends," and entitled "Memoirs of the Life and Writings of Richard Gardiner, alias Dick Merry-Fellow," published in London by G. Kearsly, Fleet-street, 1782, we find several allusions to Freemasonry. Besides several references to Norfolk Freemasonry, and which he describes as "revived" at Swaffham in 1764, he mentions that in 1765 the W.M. was Richard Gardiner; Wm. Paultett, Deputy Master; W. Mason and Henry Peyton, Wardens; Sir Clement Trafford, Bart., Treasurer; and that in 1764 Alderman Nuttall, of Lynn Regis, installed Bro. Gardiner as W.M. The lodges were then flourishing at Lynn and Norwich, as the procession to church is mentioned of a large number of Freemasons, when the Rev. John Warren read the service and the Rev. Charles Chadwick preached the sermon. Bro. Gardiner states the church at Swaffham "fell down in the reign of Edward IV., and the new one began to be erected about the year 1480, the 20th of the same reign," and by various contributions, with the tower at the west end, was founded in the year 1570, the first year of *Freemasonry VIII.* By this it appears that the noble art of Freemasonry flourished in great perfection at Swaffham during the reign of Edward IV., Edward V., Richard III., Henry VII., and Henry VIII. I wish Dick Merryfellow had given us a few more details and proofs. He refers to the great Revival, in 1717, in eloquent words, and then subjoins, "The noble art of Freemasonry, though acknowledged to be very old, was not exercised in Europe until the 7th century, at which time the famous Abbot of Alban introduced it into England, and first constituted a lodge at the city of Verulam, the very spot where the town of St. Alban's, in Hertfordshire, now stands, of which he was very fond, and recommended its continuance at his death." As this is a new fact to me, as probably to Bro. Gould and Masonic students generally, I think it well to preserve it in the "Notes and Queries" column. I may add that Bro. Gardiner alludes to the ridiculous societies of Bucks, Pandemonians, Cousins, Antediluvians, Gregorians, Albions, Ubiquitarians, Lumber Troop, Antient Britons, Bothneans, Free and Easys, and a "thousand other nonsensical institutions," which, as he says, "have since been established, either to serve a party, or in vain imitation."

MASONIC STUDENT.

255] OLD PRINTS AND PORTRAITS.

Who has the best "Emporium" now for old prints and portraits, Masonic and other? COLLECTOR.

256] CHARLES SACKVILLE.

I have been looking over Walpole's correspondence with Sir Horace Mann, in which occur numerous references to Charles Sackville, Earl of Middlesex. I refer "G. B. A." to pages 264 and 276, vol. i., especially. In the former passage I think he will agree with me we have hardly the true subject for a medal; in the latter the conjunction of the passage with the "Freemasons" with his name just above is not a little curious. The Duke of Tuscany, afterwards the Emperor Francis, husband of Maria Theresa, was a Freemason, and it was by his influence that when the Pope's Bull of 1738 was published the persecution at Florence was practically "nil." If "G. B. A." has not seen these passages I call his attention to them.

DRYASDUST.

257] AN OLD MASONIC HALL.

In a series of articles appearing under the head of "Annals of the Northern Counties" in the *Newcastle Weekly Chronicle*, the following reference to Freemasonry in that town in the year 1777 will no doubt interest our readers. The latter part appears particularly suggestive. "An elegant Masonic Hall was erected in Low Friar-street, Newcastle. It contained an excellent organ, and two paintings by Bell, one representing St. John, the other a portrait of Mr. Francis Peacock, roper, the Grand Master of the lodge. In front of the building was a Greek inscription, signifying, 'The darkness comprehendeth it not.' At its dedication, an excellent band, and the best vocal performers from the choir of Durham Cathedral, assisted. A 'pathetic exhortation' was delivered by Mr. Huntley, and an 'elegant oration, displaying the antiquity, progress, and excellence of the Order,' by the Rev. Dr. Scott, of Simonburn. The festival was held in the New Assembly Room, where near 400 of the brethren dined together at three tables. In a short time extravagance and the introduction of politics ruined this lodge; and Alderman Blackett, who had a mortgage on the Hall, sold it and the other lodge property for £320."

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Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 205).—The members of the above old lodge met on Tuesday last at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., it being the opening night of the session. Bro. H. M. Harris, P.M., W.M., was well supported by Bros. G. A. Gartley, S.W.; E. Norden, J.W.; A. M. Cohen, P.M.; Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.M.; Sec.; J. Da Silva, I.P.M.; H. J. Phillips, P.M.; A. Bassington, P.M.; I. P. Cohen, P.M.; S. M. Harris, P.M.; M. J. Emanuel, P.M.; A. Henochsberg, I.D.; S. Jacobs, J.D.; Paton, Org.; H. J. Lonsdale, S.G.; W. Rawles, Tyler; Goldberg, J. Richmond, W. Hunter, S. Hyman, J. Jacobs, Alf. Abrahams, P. Williams, A. Abrahams, S. Schmerl, A. Rains, L. Emanuel, A. Cohen, C. J. Ehrenberg, G. Saling, C. M. Anderson, T. Houghton, H. Shanly, H. Hart, T. Hart, and others. The visitors present included Bros. Edgar Bowyer, P.M., W.M. 1904, G. Std. Br.; Meads, S.D. 1321; Chivers, W.S. 1772; and G. H. Stephens, S.W. 1623, 1382, and 898 (*Freemason*).

The work before the lodge was that of admitting two gentlemen into the mysteries of the Order, and Messrs. H. Hart and T. Hart (father and son) were duly initiated in a very impressive manner. Subsequently a capital banquet was disposed of, and after the usual loyal toasts had been given, Bro. E. Bowyer suitably responded for "The Grand Officers." "The W.M.'s Health" was cordially received, and "The Initiates" were heartily welcomed, and responded,

and "The Visitors" received hearty greetings, for which Bro. G. H. Stephens was called upon to return thanks, and other toasts were given. Some capital songs enlivened the proceedings, Bros. Henochsberg and Stephens giving a reading, and a very prosperous meeting terminated.

SELWYN LODGE (No. 1901).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 18th ult., at the East Dulwich Hotel. The W.M., Bro. Bellis, advanced Bro. Dadd, jun., to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and passed Bro. Palmer to the degree of a F.C., and Mr. Joseph Henry Stevenson, who had been previously balloted for, was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. The W.M. can be conscientiously congratulated upon his exceedingly efficient staff of officers, visitors one and all expressing themselves that they had never seen the work done so perfectly in any lodge, the M.C., Bro. Foyd, P.M., especially distinguished himself.

After the labours of the lodge the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet supplied by the worthy host, Bro. Gurney. Among the visitors were Bros. Wallis, P.M. 901; Leonard, W.M. 1777; Vail, 1155; Hill, 1702; Forbes, P.M. 1329; Meggey, 377; Penny, 1679; Bridger, 72; and Auld, 569; the members present in addition to those above mentioned being Bros. Bridgman Anderson, S.W.; Powles, J.W.; Eagle, Treas.; Wible, J.D.; Hook, P.M.; Wells, Dadd, jun., Eagle, Beck, Searby, Rowan, Gauntlett, Burnett, S. W. Andrews, Davis, Lightfoot, Gurney, sen., Gurney, jun., Shaws, Phillips, Terry, Smeeting, Dean, Campbell, Boshier, Bullimore, and Constable. After having heard good speeches and listened to capital songs well accompanied, the brethren separated.

SAINT MARY ABBOTTS LODGE (No. 1974).

—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the Town Hall, Kensington. W. Bro. Captain A. Nicols, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab, the W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Capt. C. Compton, S.W.; Rev. W. Francis, J.W.; James Green, P.M., Treas.; Geo. Capper Harding, P.M., Sec.; Reuben C. Green, J.D.; Francis C. Compton, P.M., P.P.G.O. Surrey, D.C.; H. Rockingham Gill, I.G.; E. L. Cleaver, Stwd.; and Thomas Friend, Tyler. Bros. D. Shorter Skinner, P.M.; W. Cunningham Glen, P.G.S.; Captain H. S. Andrews, W. Beavis, Algernon C. Bauke, H. Oliver Smith, A. J. Pritchard, Irwin E. B. Cox, M. W. Williams, and the following visitors: Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, Bart., 1383; H. Dehane, I.P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex; George N. Watts, P.M. 194; and E. Engelback, 19.

The lodge was opened at 5 p.m. punctually, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The W.M. congratulated the members on their return to labour after the recess. A ballot was taken for two candidates for initiation and one joining member, proving unanimous in each case. Bro. Francis C. Compton having assumed the chair at the request of the W.M., Bro. M. W. Williams was raised, the ceremony being performed with a care and perfection of ritual for which Bro. Compton subsequently received a unanimous vote of thanks from the lodge.

The Worshipful Master then resumed the chair and passed Bro. Irwin E. B. Cox, afterwards initiating Mr. J. H. T. Green and Mr. John Peacock in a manner reflecting much credit on the lodge, so much so that Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, No. 1383, after expressing his admiration of the working, offered himself as a joining member. Two candidates were proposed for initiation at the November meeting, and "Hearty good wishes" concluded the meeting.

The brethren adjourned to Bailey's Hotel and partook of a sumptuous banquet, personally superintended by the host. After grace the Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

In proposing "The Queen and the Craft" the Worshipful Master said her Majesty, being the greatest queen in the world, empress of the largest empire, the first lady in the land, and being the patroness of the Order, she was of course the only sovereign no Mason would ever wish to change.

The toasts of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the G.M.," "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.," the Earl of Lathom, Deputy G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," met with due eulogium and Masonic reception.

The gavel was then entrusted to Bro. F. Compton, who proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master" in very kind terms. He said no words of his were requisite to point out the admirable manner Bro. Nicols had worked and ruled the lodge from its commencement, so that anyone should feel it, in his opinion as a P.M., an honour to be initiated in Freemasonry according to the elaborate and ornate working which Bro. Nicols had learnt in the Punjab, perfect in its style.

The Worshipful Master in reply said he was only too proud to find his efforts had been crowned with success. He thanked his officers for the support he had received from them, especially Bro. F. Compton, who was always ready and willing to take up any work to relieve him (the W.M.) on occasions such as that evening, when the work was exceptionally heavy, the Three Degrees having to be worked in so short a time.

In reply to the toast of "The Initiates," Bro. T. Green said firstly he would express his feeling of thankfulness, and secondly his obligation to the W.M. for performing what he had long looked forward to, namely to be made a Freemason, and to belong to a lodge composed of true and good men and Masons who would doubtless help him in any future trial or trouble, and he should certainly look forward with pleasure to the next meeting.

Bro. Peacock, echoing these sentiments, hoped he should prove no discredit to the lodge.

The W.M. in proposing "The Visitors" welcomed them as he hoped they would always be as long as the lodge existed.

Bro. Dehane in responding said that it gave him great pleasure to have again heard the beautiful ritual of all three Degrees rendered in the words he had heard so often in India and the Colonies, and acknowledged the thanks his friend the W.M. had given him for performing the duties of S.D. in the absence of that officer of the lodge, and on his own and the other visitors' behalf thanked the brethren for their splendid hospitality and cordial welcome.

Bro. Cox, who was unable to be present at his initiation banquet, said it was very hard of the W.M. to call upon him now for a speech; he had prepared one months ago, which had fled from his memory, and all he could say on the spur of the moment was that he felt pleased, honoured,

and happy to be a member of the St. Mary Abbott's Lodge, and his ambition had been and ever would be to occupy that chair which his brother-in-law, Bro. Nicols, so ably filled, as was evidenced by the cordiality of the brethren around him.

"The Officers" toast was responded to "all round." The Tyler's toast followed.

We were pleased to see a custom, devoted to benevolence, adopted since the foundation of the lodge continued this evening, that is to say, an old pollard oak box with the following quaint inscription engraved on it, was passed round the banquet table—"This doe ye Brethren alle Per Charyté."

The evening was enlivened by such an amateur harmonic entertainment as is seldom heard in a private lodge unassisted by professional musical brethren. This quality again is a feature of the St. Mary Abbott's Lodge, which contains within itself all the essentials of admirable working, perfect arrangement, and most liberal hospitality.

**GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.**—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The regular monthly meeting of this thriving lodge was held at the Industry Masonic Hall on Monday, the 22nd ult., when there was a capital gathering of members and visitors. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. John Moutt, who was supported and assisted by the following members and visitors: Bros. J. G. Smith, I.P.M.; J. Wood, P.M.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M.; D. Sinclair, P.M., D.C.; J. Beveridge, P.M.; W. Garbutt, S.W.; A. Rhagg, J.W.; W. M. Pybus, Sec.; E. Shewbrooks, S.D.; W. Dalrymple, J.D.; W. Brown, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; W. F. Raeburn, S.S.; T. Thompson, J.S.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; J. T. Harrison, W. F. Carmon, J. Patterson, R. Braxton, John Dixon, W. Richardson, R. Locke, G. Dunn, T. E. Brigham, W. Stafford, R. Tate, A. Simpson, C. R. Gourlay, T. Graham, J. Snowdon, John Spearman, P.M. 481; G. Lawson, P.M. 240; J. Nesbit, W.M. 24; C. Roope, S.W. 24; E. Prentice, 481; W. M. Lyon, Sec. 406; W. B. Belemore, 1427; J. B. Garland, S.D. 24; R. Waugh, 1626; R. L. Markham, 24; G. N. Patterson, 424; T. A. Moffitt, I.G. 424; T. R. R. Stack, 62, I.C.; M. Watson, 481; A. M. Loades, P.M. 24; J. T. Ridley, S.D. 406; and others.

The ballot was taken for Mr. H. F. Dryden and Mr. C. Casc, both of whom were duly elected, and being in attendance were regularly initiated by the W.M. The working tools were explained by the J.W., and the charge was delivered by the I.P.M. Bros. John Dixon and Wm. Richardson were afterwards passed as Fellow Craftsmen by the W.M., and the working implements were given by the S.W. Two new candidates were proposed for initiation, and the "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren having been tendered to the W.M., the lodge was closed. An adjournment was made to the refreshment board, at which there was a capital attendance, and the usual toasts, mingled with some excellent songs, enabled the brethren to enjoy themselves until 10.45, when they dispersed.

**CHORLEY.**—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 730).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 17th ult. The following brethren were present: Bros. R. Irving, W.M.; P. Yates, I.P.M.; J. M. Kerr, P.M. and Treas.; J. Barnes, S.W.; J. Bradshaw, Sec.; J. Brindle, S.D.; G. Tootell, I.G.; T. Forrester, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; James Lawrence, P.M. 730 and 1032; Edward Lawrence, P.M.; H. Nightingale, J. Willis, L. Eccles, John Monks, B. P. France, J. Atherton, P.M. 1032, and Cnas. Richmond.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. M. Kerr then moved the resolution of which he had given due notice, that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the lodge for the endowment of the S.W. and J.W. chairs, with five votes each in the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

The motion was seconded by Bro. James Lawrence and carried unanimously. All the chairs are now endowed in the above named institution, and the lodge is in a healthy and flourishing condition. A beautiful Past Master's jewel was then presented to Bro. Lawrence, P.M., by the lodge in grateful token of past services. Bro. Forrester presented the lodge with two Festival Stewards' Certificates, elegantly framed, for which he received the thanks of the lodge. The lodge was closed in due form.

**GRIMSBY.**—Pelham Pillar Lodge (No. 792).—On Thursday, the 25th ult., the annual gathering of the brethren of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, when the installation of Bro. R. J. Tonge as W.M. for the ensuing year was performed in the presence of about 80 brethren, amongst whom were the R.W. Prov. G.M. of Lincolnshire, Bro. Major Smyth, and the W. Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Captain Locock, several Past Masters, and visitors. The ceremony was performed by Bro. W. Copeland in his usual excellent manner. Bro. Tonge invested as his officers the following brethren: Bros. J. Hewson, Charity Sec., I.P.M.; H. Clarke, S.W.; J. Duke, J.W.; J. Cook, P.M., Treas.; M. Maslin, Sec.; W. W. Copeland, P.M., Chap.; A. Bates, P.M., Lecture Master; T. C. Hill, D. of C.; J. Waldram, S.D.; W. Goodwin, J.D.; J. Reddish, I.G.; M. Abrahams, Almoner; A. Wykes and J. Linnell, Stewards; and M. Lancaster, Tyler. The W.M. after this ceremonial then presented the retiring Master, Bro. Josh. Hewson, with a Past Master's jewel which had been subscribed for by his officers as a testimony of esteem in which they held him, for which Bro. Hewson responded in a feeling manner.

After the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel to a banquet, given as a compliment to Bro. Hewson on his retirement from the chair. Bro. Tonge presided, having the R.W.P.G.M. and the W.D.P.G.M. on his left, and Bro. Hewson on his right.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, the W.M. proposed "The R.W. Prov. G.M. for Lincolnshire, Bro. Major Smyth, and his Deputy, Bro. Major Locock," saying that it gave the lodge great pleasure to have their Prov. G.M. amongst them, particularly so as he was now an honorary member of the lodge, and coming amongst them was like coming home, and he gave their distinguished brethren a very hearty welcome at their festive board.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master in responding remarked that the W.M. had rightly said that he came home when he entered the Pelham Pillar Lodge, and he might say that he attended more installations in this lodge than in his own lodge at Louth. He felt the high compliment which the

lodge had paid him in electing him an honorary member of the lodge; and he was much pleased to see so large a lodge for Bro. Tonge's installation. He had never seen such a Board of Installed Masters as were assembled, there being no less than 22, being equal to any provincial meeting. The lodge was also to be congratulated on the number of Past Masters and old Masters who regularly attended the meetings, who were always ready to give advice and promote the interests of Masonry. He believed there was a prosperous future for the Pelham Pillar Lodge.

Bro. Major Locock also responded. Bro. Haddelsey, P.M., responded for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Board of Installed Masters," saying he was impressed with the ceremony through which he had passed, and he had to thank Bro. Copeland for the manner in which he had performed it, and also the 22 Installed Masters for their assistance. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Copeland, who responded in becoming terms and then proposed the toast of "The Retiring Master," in whose honour the banquet was given. He had served the Pelham Pillar Lodge during the past year well; he was a hard-working Master, and had conducted the business second to no other preceding Master. The brethren gave him due honour, and hoped he would live long to enjoy the honour he had gained.

Bro. Hewson, the I.P.M., responded in a feeling manner, and he then proposed "The Health of Bro. Tonge, the W.M.," in which he paid that brother a high compliment on his elevation.

Other toasts having been honoured, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings of a very successful gathering.

**MANCHESTER.**—Blair Lodge (No. 815).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held and the St. John's Festival celebrated at the Hulme Town Hall, on Friday, the 19th ult., when there were present Bros. Ephraim Harris, W.M.; W. R. Sowter, I.P.M.; J. Sheldrick, S.W.; J. F. Anderson, J.W.; A. Bickley, Sec.; Dr. J. St. Patrick Riley, S.D.; W. Fell, J.D.; H. L. Rocca, P.M., P.P.G.D., D. of C.; T. Newton, I.G.; W. E. Perry, Tyler; Henry Snowden, D. Foulkes, H. W. Riley, W. Towle, P.M.; N. A. Rowley, and S. C. Lowe. Visitors: Bros. Robt. Davies, P.M. 1387; W. H. Hopkins, P.P.G.D. of C., P.M. 633; N. Dumville, P.M. 152; Elias Nathan, P.M. 1798; G. Foyster, P.M. 1253; John Roberts, P.G.D. of C., P.M. 204; and R. R. Lisenden, S.D. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Sheldrick, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. H. L. Rocca, and by him inducted into the chair of K.S. with all due rite and ceremony. On the readmission of the members, Bro. W. Sheldrick was proclaimed and saluted. The W.M. then invested and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. F. Anderson, S.W.; Dr. St. Patrick Riley, J.W.; W. R. Sowter, Treas.; N. A. Rowley, (re-appointed) Sec.; Alfred Bickley, S.D.; W. Fell, J.D.; H. L. Rocca, P.M., D. of C.; Bryce Blair, I.G. (by proxy); D. Foulkes, H. W. Riley, Stwds.; J. Sly, Tyler (by proxy). Bro. Ephraim Harris, I.P.M., addressed the W.M., H. L. Rocca the Wards, and W. R. Sowter the brethren. When hearty good wishes had been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the festival of St. John with a banquet, which being the first attempt of the Tyler and Hall-keeper, Bro. Perry, was undoubtedly a great success, and gave universal satisfaction. After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

**WHITEHAVEN.**—Lewis Lodge (No. 872).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 15th ult. Bro. Thos. Glessal, W.M., P.G. Steward, presided, supported by his officers and the following brethren: Thos. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. B. Cowman, P.M., P.G. Swd. Br.; F. Hodgson, P.M.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Barr, P.M. 119, P.P. G.J.W.; W. Sandwith, P.M., P.G.J.W.; Ed. Tyson, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. Bewlay, P.M.; W. Anderson, P.M. 354 (S.C.); H. Burns, J. Jackson, G. W. Smith, J. S. Wilson, Alex. Hardie, J. Sewell, J. McGill, R. Twentyman, W. Selkirk, T. F. Mayson, J. Metcalf, J. Ray, J. Moffatt, R. Nelson, J.W. 310; Thos. Robinson, 491; and others.

The minutes were confirmed, and the ballot taken for four candidates; all were accepted and initiated by Bro. Glessal in his usual able manner. The lodge was then duly closed.

**MANCHESTER.**—Derby Lodge (No. 1055).—The installation meeting took place on Thursday, the 25th ult., in the Masonic Rooms, Bedford-street, Bury New-road, at which a goodly number of brethren and visitors were present, amongst whom were Bros. A. B. Wimpory, W.M.; Joseph Snape, S.W.; F. R. Cooper, J.W.; Alfred Turner, Treas.; Geo. W. Sharples, S.D.; A. Smitte, P.M.; E. G. Hughes, P.M.; J. Pollett, P.M.; J. W. Hope, P.M.; R. H. Hankinsen, P.M.; Robert Leech, P.M.; George Chappell, W. O. Pettitt, Chas. Smith, C. Bagot, Wm. Taylor, J. M. Cains, C. E. Johnson, T. R. Armstrong, Geo. McWilliams, Joseph Challenger, Robt. Kitchen, G. E. Hall, Robt. Williamson, T. Thornhill, W. Griffiths, W. Gilliland, Thos. E. Rigby, Sec.; P. Donohoe, I.G.; J. J. Clegg, W. Clayton, W. Butterworth, A. Morrison, P.M.; J. Morcliffe, E. Kelly, and J. Kirk, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Meakin, P.M. 992, P.G.S.D.; W. H. Braddon, P.P.G.J.D.; Joseph Wildgoose, P.M. 163, P.G.J.D.; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D.C.; Ed. Irving, 127; Thos. Nowell, 163; E. Adams, 1213; B. Wood, 78; Samuel Lawton, W.M. 78; J. Openshaw, 1077; Wm. Brown, P.M. 1633; R. Neild, P.M. 163; R. Hartley, P.M. 204, 1009; Wm. Dumville, P.M. 1011; R. Latham, W.M. 1723; G. T. Bowes, 993; J. M. Sinclair, P.M. 163; N. Dumville, P.M. 52, 322; Thos. Shorrocks, W.M. 204; Joseph Senior, W.M. 163; Geo. A. Gates, W.M. 993; J. Chadfield, and R. R. Lisenden, S.D. 317 (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, Bro. E. Kelley was passed to the Degree of a F.C. by the W.M. The installation of Bro. Joseph Snape was then proceeded with. It should here be mentioned that the usual time this lodge installs its W.M. is April, but in consequence of the long and serious illness of the W.M. elect, the installation ceremony was postponed until October, and we are pleased to state that

our Bro. Snape has entirely recovered through the gracious mercy of the G.A.O.T.U. During our brother's protracted illness, Bro. A. B. Wimpory still continued the important duties of W.M., and thus extended his tenure of office from 12 to 18 months, and it is satisfactory to note that the brethren so far appreciated Bro. Wimpory's extra service as to present him, in addition to the usual collar and P.M.'s, silver jewel with a gold jewel also. After the usual preliminaries the W.M. elect was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. A. B. Wimpory, and with all due rite and ceremony inducted into the chair of K.S., and proclaimed to and saluted by the M.Ms. on their entry. The following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing year, and were invested and addressed by Bro. E. Griffiths Hughes: Bros. F. R. Cooper, S.W.; G. W. Sharples, J.W.; E. H. Hughes, P.M., Treas. (invested by Bro. Pollett); J. J. Clegg, Sec.; Morris Davis, S.D. (by proxy); J. Donohoe, J.D.; C. Bagot, I.G.; W. O. Pettitt, Org.; J. Challenger, Geo. Chappell, Charles Smith, and Allen, Stwds.; and J. Kirk, Tyler. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. Pollett, P.M., to the Wardens by Bro. A. Morrison, P.M., and to the brethren by Bro. A. Turner, P.M.

Bro. Williamson then said he felt great pleasure in entrusting to the care of the W.M. a piano, which had been purchased by subscriptions from the brethren of the lodge, solicited and obtained through the exertions of Bros. P.Ms. Morrison and Wimpory. He begged on behalf of the lodge to tender to those brethren his warmest thanks, and likewise to Bros. Pettitt and Campbell for their kind advice and assistance over the purchasing of the piano.

The Worshipful Master, referring to the statement of accounts, said he held a proof of the balance-sheet in his hand, and was happy to inform the brethren that the debt which had so long hampered their movements was now entirely removed, their only liability being £4 9s. 1d., and their assets nearly £500.

Bro. E. G. Hughes, P.M., read a report of the Executive Committee, which stated that the money borrowed for clearing off the debt in connection with the purchase of their present abode, &c., would soon be paid, and moved that the best thanks of the Committee be tendered to Bro. Wimpory, P.M., for his untiring exertions in paying off the amount. The S.W. proposed and the J.W. seconded a vote of thanks to the Executive Committee for their arduous labours. The W.M., S.W., J.W., Treas., Sec., P.Ms. Morrison and Turner, and Bros. Davidson and Clayton were appointed members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing 12 months. Bro. Wimpory having been appointed to represent the lodge at the Charity Committees, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed and the lodge was closed, the brethren subsequently sitting down to dinner, after which the usual toasts were honoured.

In response to that of "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie; the V.W. Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Geo. Mellor; and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. J. J. Meakin, Prov. G.S.D., said he presumed it was the duty of the senior Prov. Grand Officers to respond to this toast, and in sincerely thanking the W.M. for his kind expressions of feeling towards the R.W. Prov. G.M., he (Bro. Meakin) would take care on the first opportunity of conveying those sentiments to Col. Starkie. Bro. Meakin continuing said he was particularly pleased to be present that day and to see his friend Bro. Snape installed into the position which he now occupied, and to congratulate him warmly on having recovered from his long and serious illness.

Bro. Wimpory in proposing "The Health of the W.M." said that it was his peculiar privilege and pleasure to propose what he considered (with all due deference to the Prov. Grand Officers) the toast of the evening. Reference had been made to the long illness of the W.M., which had obliged the lodge to postpone the usual installation meeting, and many of the brethren were aware their present S.W., Bro. Cooper, was soon afterwards afflicted with an illness, which obliged him to absent himself from business, and necessarily from the lodge, and it was therefore a time of deep anxiety to him (Bro. Wimpory) and others, during several months, to know their future W.M. and S.W. were prostrated by illness from which there was no telling when or whether they would recover. He congratulated both on their restoration to health and called upon the brethren to rise and drink to their W.M. in a bumper.

When the enthusiasm had subsided Bro. J. Snape rose and delivered an exhaustive speech, during which he thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast, and Bro. Wimpory for his flattering remarks. The W.M. also expressed his gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U. for his recovery, and to Bro. Dr. Braddon for the attention and skill he had shown him during his long illness. He also thanked those brethren and friends for their kind enquiries, presents, and many acts of kindness rendered to him during that memorable period, and expressed to Bro. Cooper, S.W., the great pleasure he felt in seeing him in his present position after his illness, and referred to his (Bro. Cooper's) kind consideration when asked if he would take the Worshipful Master's chair, and replying he thought they had better wait until Bro. Snape got well, as it would give him (Bro. Cooper) more pleasure to serve as S.W. under him than to occupy that position himself.

Several other toasts were proposed and responded to and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**BATTLE.**—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 18th ult., at the Masonic Hall. Bro. C. W. Duke, P.P.G.D., P.M. 40 and 1184, presided (in the absence of the W.M.). There were also present Bros. J. B. Sargent, I.P.M.; B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G.D., P.M., S.W.; J. Richardson, J.W.; the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Prov. G. Chap., Chap., S.D.; H. G. F. Wells, Prov. A. G. Purst, P.M., Treas.; Robert Hughes, Sec.; J. Walder, acting J.D.; Henry Kerwin, I.G.; Jesson, Tyler; W. Lamborn, P.P.G. Purst, P.M.; Charles Martin, J. B. Foster, T. W. Jordan, R. Davison, M.D. Visitor: Bro. Major Robertson.

The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and some formal business disposed of and a joining brother proposed, the lodge was closed.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Lodge of Emulation (No. 1505).—During an existence of about ten years, the members of the above lodge have amply justified the choice of title which was made at the consecration, as by excellent working, liberal donations for charities, and the thorough unanimity.

mity of procedure, they have set an example worthy of being emulated and imitated. The annual celebration of the great Masonic Festival of St. John, which took place at head-quarters in Hope-street, on Thursday, the 25th ult., gave further striking evidence of the vitality of the lodge, and the manner in which the whole of the business was conducted was at once a credit to those engaged in its performance as it proved a delight to all who witnessed it. The chair was filled on this occasion by Bro. H. H. Smith, the retiring W.M., who was supported by a full complement of his excellent officers. The unusually large and influential attendance list of visitors included the names of Bros. H. S. Alpass, Past G.S.B. England, P.G. Sec. West Lancashire; G. Morgan, P.M. 1035; L. Peake, W.M. 1035; R. A. Bridge, W.M. 266, East Lancashire; H. Firth, P.G.S.; R. Washington, P.P.G.S.D.; E. A. Robinson, P.M. 659; J. P. Bryan, P.G.O.; F. J. Bailey, P.G.S.D.; T. Salter, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Skeaf, P.P.G.O.; D. Jackson, P.M. 673; Henry A. Tobias, P.P.G.S.O. of W.; J. W. Ballard, P.P.G.P.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; Squire Chapman, W.M. 1013; A. Bucknall, W.M. 667; E. J. Callow, S.W. 1094; R. Martin, P.M. 1182; J. Beesley, P.M. 823; H. Burrows, P.M. 973; R. E. Bence, 673; D. Cumming, 1609; R. Bethell, J.W. 1094; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; J. Neill, 1356; J. G. Bramley, 1609; and others.

Bro. Joseph Thomas, the W.M. elect, having been presented by Bros. J. Y. Callow and the Rev. H. G. Vernon, was installed in the chair by Bro. H. H. Smith, who performed the ceremony in a remarkably complete and impressive manner. The following were the officers invested by the W.M. for 1883-4: Bros. H. H. Smith, I.P.M.; Leon Kretzman, S.W.; Wm. Parry, J.W.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, Chap. (re-appointed); Robert Foote, Treas.; Wm. Foulkes, Sec.; Albert H. Hallwood, S.D.; W. B. Sweetman, I.G.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; M.C.; Walter Burnett, Org. (re-appointed); J. G. Hallwood, S.S.; J. Worthey, J.S.; B. E. Bailey, A.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler.

Before the closing of the lodge a valuable Past Master's jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, Monument-place, Liverpool, was presented to Bro. H. H. Smith, I.P.M., in recognition of the excellent services he had rendered to the Craft generally and the Emulation Lodge in particular.

About 80 brethren subsequently sat down to a capital banquet, admirably supplied by Bro. W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C., of the Canton Hotel, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. A varied programme was furnished by Bros. D. J. Davies, D. Williams, J. T. Jones, O. Rowlands, R. N. Hobart, J. A. Muir, A. Child, H. J. Nicholls, W. E. Stone, and W. Burnett.

**HAMPTON WICK.**—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel, on the 15th ult. Among those present were Bros. Featherstone, P.G.S. Middx., W.M.; R. W. Forge, P.G.S. Middx., S.W.; Piller, J.W.; Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny, P.P.G. Chap. Middx., P.M., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.D.; F. L. Chandler, I.G.; and others. Bros. Mahood, Knight, and Hunt were passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Ireland and Peat were raised to the Third Degree, the ceremonies being well performed by the W.M. with the able assistance of his officers. The following notice of motion for discussion at the next meeting was handed in to the Secretary: "That the meetings of the Wolsey Lodge be held henceforth at the Town Hall, Twickenham, instead of at the White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick." Whereupon another notice of motion was given: "That the meetings be held at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Hampton Wick." The lodge was then closed and the brethren separated. There was no banquet.

**BOLTON.**—St. George's Lodge (No. 1723).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Commercial Hotel, Bro. Rob. Latham, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. E. G. Harwood, J.W.; J. B. Tong, S.D.; N. Nicholson, Sec.; Bardsley, I.G.; and many other brethren.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the former meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Bolton was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. James Heywood, P.M. Bro. Whewell was next passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Nicholson, P.M., and Bro. Settle was also passed to the same degree by the W.M. (Bro. Latham). Mr. Robert Gowanlock was afterwards initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason by Bro. G. P. Brockbank, the senior Past Master of the lodge and W.M. 37, the working tools of the degree being explained by the J.W. (Bro. Harwood, Mayor of Bolton), and the charge delivered, as usual, by Bro. Brockbank.

The lodge was exceedingly well attended, and it was remarked that all the brethren who had served the office of Master in this lodge were at their posts and ready to take any part in the business of the lodge to promote its interests. A portion of the ancient charge was read by the Junior Warden, and the lodge closed in harmony.

## INSTRUCTION.

**PERCY LODGE (No. 198).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on the 27th ult., the following being present: Bros. Fenner, W.M.; Moss, S.W.; Powell, J.W.; Gribbell, S.D.; Cohen, J.D.; Ashton, I.G.; Percy, Preceptor; Galer, Sec.; and 41 other brethren. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees and resumed to the First, and the W.M. at once proceeded to work the Fifteen Sections, with the assistance of Bros. F. Ashton, 1507; J. Robinson, 1524; R. W. Galer, J.D. 1366; R. Percy, P.M. 228; C. G. Sparrow, W.M. 1743; T. Cull, P.M. 1446; and J. A. Powell, 185, in the First Lecture; Bros. A. J. Dixie, 1839; D. Moss, J.W. 1275; C. Weedon, 813; and G. A. Powell, 186, in the Second Lecture; and Bros. A. Gribbell, 1538; R. W. Galer, J.D. 1366; and J. P. Cohen, P.M. 205, in the Third Lecture. The following brethren were unanimously elected joining members: Bros. Patten, 813; W. Saint, 193; M. Isaacs, 511; O'Donnell, 1524; J. Amery, 1325; B. Coker, 581; and L. Pragen, 15.

Very cordial votes of thanks were accorded to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had worked the

Fifteen Sections, and to the brethren who had assisted him. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry the lodge was closed in ancient form and adjourned till to-morrow (Saturday) evening, Bro. C. G. Sparrow, W.M. 1743, having kindly accepted an invitation to work the ceremony of installation on that occasion. Brethren who can make it convenient to attend will receive a hearty welcome by the members of this, the oldest lodge of instruction in existence.

**YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).**—A capital meeting of the above old lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 23rd ult., at the Green Dragon, Stepney. Bro. Brown, P.M., was W.M., and had the support of the following brethren: Bros. G. Price, S.W.; W. Evans, P.M., J.W.; J. R. Shingfield, S.D.; G. H. Stephens, J.D.; A. Walter, I.G.; J. J. Berry, P.M., Preceptor; W. Cross, W.M. 554, Sec.; J. Taylor, and others.

After due preliminaries the ceremony of raising was well and carefully worked, Bro. Taylor being candidate. Bro. Brown also gave the candidate the benefit of the traditional history. Lodge was regularly closed down in the several degrees. Bro. G. Price was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday evening. The services of Bro. Brown, P.M., as W.M. were suitably recognised by a vote of thanks being passed and ordered to be officially recorded upon the minutes.

**DORIC LODGE (No. 933).**—We had the pleasure of attending the above good working lodge on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, and were gratified to find a capital attendance of brethren. This is not to be much wondered at when brethren are acquainted with the capital teaching to be obtained here and the truly comfortable surroundings of the lodge room, which, since the demise of our late esteemed Bro. J. Clayton, his worthy and amiable sister, Mrs. Farbridge, has kindly devoted to the use of the Doric Lodge. The chair was occupied by Bro. R. F. Hopkins, who was supported by Bros. West, S.W.; Smith, J.W., P.M.; Cundick, Preceptor, P.M.; Musto, Hon. Sec.; and some 20 brethren. The three ceremonies were very carefully and well worked, affording an excellent evening's instruction and an inducement to visit the lodge again this (Friday) evening, when Bro. J. West, 933, will preside.

A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hopkins eulogising his work, and two brethren from 140 and 749 respectively were admitted members, and a highly enjoyable meeting terminated in due form.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 29th ult., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W., there being present Bros. W. H. Chalfont, W.M. 1425, W.M.; H. Perdue, S.W.; J. C. Rhind, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Sec.; A. Herdy, S.D.; S. J. Humtress, J.D.; F. Chandler, I.G.; J. Lawrence, Steward; E. A. Sugg, P.M. 452, P.P.G.O. Surrey; F. T. C. Keeble, W.M. 1426; G. J. Earney, W. J. Mason, F. Swain, H. J. Wood, C. E. Williams, C. R. Wickens, M. J. Green, R. E. Cursons, C. J. Morse, W. Middleweck, C. E. Botley, E. J. Fox, W. Death, H. Robinson, and G. Simpson. Visitors: Bros. C. Dickinson, 1681, and J. Woodmason, J.W. 1657, S.D. 1642.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Keeble, W.M. 1426, being the candidate. The First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren, and the Fourth by Bro. Lawrence. Bros. Dickinson and Woodmason were elected joining members. Bro. Perdue was also elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed in ancient form.

**BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening last, the 23rd ult., at the Prince Regent Hotel, Bro. G. Monk's, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, where there was a considerable attendance of brethren, namely, Bros. C. J. Axford, W.M.; S. Richardson, S.W.; W. Lucas, J.W.; E. A. Francis, Preceptor; C. H. Phillips, Treas.; H. M. Williams, Secretary; G. W. Knight, S.D.; E. A. Albert, J.D.; H. Hooper, I.G.; C. J. Earney, P.M.; W. E. Farrington, S.W. 1949; J. H. Hudepohl, Rd. Poore, A. Jones, F. Wootton, H. Martin, F. Hill, W. Millen, J. M. Buckley, C. J. Dore, and Evans, 1949.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary, and unanimously confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed, with Bro. Martin as candidate. Bro. A. Jones proved his efficiency in the Degree and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of Passing was rehearsed, Bro. Jones being the candidate. Lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bros. C. J. Dore, No. 1949, and Hy. Taylor, No. 177, were elected members. On the motion of the Preceptor, Bro. S. Richardson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After "Hearty good wishes" from the brethren lodge was closed in due form and adjourned in perfect harmony.

The usual weekly meeting was again held on Tuesday evening last, the 30th ult., when there was a good attendance. Bro. S. Richardson, W.M., was supported by Bros. Henry M. Williams, S.W.; G. W. Knight, J.W.; E. A. Francis, Precept.; C. H. Phillips, Treas.; Richard Poore, acting Sec.; E. A. Albert, S.D.; A. Jones, J.D.; J. G. Banks, I.G.; also Bros. J. Harling, P.M.; Henry Baldwin, J.W. 1949; J. Warren, W. Miller, H. Taylor, Hy. Stokes, S.D. 1986; T. C. Edmunds, 1507; J. H. Hudepohl, 1669; F. Wootton, A. Martin, Sadler, F. Hill, C. J. Axford, G. F. Bruce, 1507; and H. J. Brotheridge, 1649.

Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Phillips as candidate. Bro. Edmunds proved his proficiency in the Degree and was duly entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Edmunds as candidate. Bro. Baldwin answered the usual questions most satisfactorily, and was duly entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising most impressively, Bro. Baldwin being the candidate. Lodge was regularly closed down to the First Degree. The Preceptor, Bro. C. A. Francis, having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week,

promised to work the ceremony of installation at the next meeting. Bros. G. F. Bruce, 1507, and H. J. Brotheridge, 1649, were elected members. After "Hearty good wishes" lodge was closed in due form and adjourned to Tuesday next, the 6th inst., at 8 p.m., at the close of which the usual monthly meeting (1st Tuesday) of the Benevolent Association in connection with the lodge will be held, and two ballots of £5 ss. each will be taken.

## Royal Arch.

**BATH.**—Royal Cumberland Chapter (No. 41).—A regular meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 16th ult., at the Masonic Hall. The following were present: Ex. Comps. L. Howes, M.E.Z.; F. Wilkinson, H.; Radway, J.; Moutrie, P.Z., as Treas.; Becket, as E.; Graham, as N.; W. Peach, Prin. Soj.; Cater, Sen. Soj.; Knight, Jun. Soj.; and Bigwood, Janitor. Of the Past Principals only the following were present: Ex. Comps. E. L. Hill, Hearne, and Dr. Hopkins, P.Z. 328, 587, and 710. Ex. Comp. S. Edwards, Z. 53, attended as a visitor. Many members were present.

The chapter having been opened the previous minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Baily, previously elected, was duly exalted by the M.E.Z. in his usual careful and correct manner, and it should be added that the Prin. Soj., always effective, performed his duties, if possible, more impressively than usual. The lectures were given by the Three Principals. No other business offering the M.E.Z. thanked the visitor for his attendance, and after he had suitably replied the chapter was closed.

**WHITEHAVEN.**—Sun, Square and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The annual meeting for installing the Principals of the chapter was held on Friday, the 26th ult. Comp. Geo. Dalrymple, P.P.G. Swd. Br., M.E.Z., presided, supported by the following: Comps. Ed. Clarke, P.G. Stwd., H., Z. elect; F. Hodgson, J.; J. T. Ray, S.E.; W. B. Cowman, S.N.; W. Bewlay, P.S. and Treas.; J. Casson, Janitor; J. Barr, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; Ed. Tyson, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Sandwith, P.Z., P.G.S.N.; Rev. Stuart Hall, Tom Dixon, J. J. Robinson, Chas. Gowan, Jas. Batt, L. Ward, W. C. Johns, S. Blinkhorn, R. Thomas, W. Bradley, 371; and others.

The minutes were confirmed, and Bros. W. Carlyle, P.M. 1400, and J. C. Thompson, 962, were exalted to the Supreme Degree. The companions then adjourned for refreshment and on their return to labour Comps. E. Clarke was installed M.E.Z.; F. Hodgson, H.; W. Bewlay, J. and Treas.; J. F. Ray, was invested S.E.; W. B. Cowman, S.N.; R. Baxter, P.S.; and J. Casson, Janitor. The installing chiefs were Comps. Barr and Tyson, who always discharge their duties well. Five guineas were voted to complete a governorship, one joining member was proposed, and after general business the chapter was closed in due form.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—The first convocation of this chapter, since the installation meeting in July last, took place on the 18th inst., at the High Schools for Boys, Fox-hill. M.E. Comp. Capt. Eugene Sweny presided as Z., assisted by M.E. Comp. H. Mason, as H., and M.E. Comp. R. Edmonds, as J. Among the other officers and Companions present were: Comps. E. Denton, P.Z., P.G.S.P.S. Kent; J. McDougall, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; A. Penfold, P.Z., Treas., P.G.P.S. Kent; H. J. Butter, P.Z., Scribe E., P.P.G.P.S. Kent; W. Rees, Scribe N.; E. B. Hobson, P.S.; J. H. Roberts, 1st A.S.; G. Letton, 2nd A.S.; C. Barth, Jos. Randall, G. Frost, D. Campbell, G. Nichols, C. Ellis, R. L. Appleyard, late 913; J. Warren, J. 13; and C. Jolly, 913, (Freemason).

The ballot was taken for Bro. Sidney Clarke, P.M. 706, and proved successful, but that brother being away on "leave of absence" his exaltation could not be proceeded with. In reference to the decease of the late lamented Lady Holmesdale, it was resolved that a letter of condolence should be sent from the chapter to Lord Holmesdale, Grand Superintendent of Kent, through M.E. Comp. Eastes, G. H. Kent, asking Comp. Eastes to deliver it to his lordship or not, as he thought necessary. Several candidates were then proposed for exaltation, and the chapter was closed in solemn form. The chapter has its own larder, and cellar, and certainly the handsome supper served by its caterer was all that could be desired, while Comps. Penfold and Mason, saw that the wines were promptly and liberally distributed.

The usual loyal and Royal Arch Masonic toasts were given and honoured, and then the M.E.Z. proposed the ever welcome toast of "Lord Holmesdale, Grand Superintendent of the Province of Kent." He did so with especial feeling that night, and felt they would also record their regret at the great loss he had sustained in the death of his most estimable lady. It was a loss that called upon their sympathies as men and brother Masons for all who knew their Grand Superintendent must know and feel something of the grief that had touched him. He asked them, therefore to drink the toast with heartiness, yet with deep feeling.

The next toast was that of "The Grand H., Comp. Eastes, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the name of Comp. Penfold, who made a suitable response, thanking the companions for their condolence with Lord Holmesdale in his great bereavement; it was a feeling that was deeply shared by himself, and he felt sure it was by not only every Grand Officer, but by every Mason in the province, for such a loss was irreparable.

Comp. Butler then proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z." He believed in giving honour to whom honour was due, and honour was most certainly due to their M.E.Z., not only for his excellent Craft working, but for the rare ability he had shown in every office he had held that led up to the chair of Z. in that chapter.

In responding, the M.E.Z. said he considered it a great honour to preside over them. He trusted that under his guidance the chapter would lose none of its lustre. It was a difficult task to follow such leaders as he had to follow, yet he trusted at the end of his year of office to merit their full and entire approbation.

Comp. Mason and Edmunds responded for "The First and Second Principals."

The other toasts were "The Visitors" and "The Officers," which brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

**CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.**—Chorlton Chapter (No. 1387).—The installation of Principals took place on the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when there were pre-

sent Comps. R. Davies, Z.; H. Marshall, H.; Jno. Dewhurst, J.; D. Williams, P.P.S., S.E.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. 3rd Principal East Lanc.; James Batty P.Z.; Wm. Hall, Chas. Heywood, Thos. Mottershead, Wm. Botham, F. Pugh, W. H. Milner, Dr. Pownall, and W. Cheshire, Janitor. Visitors: Wm. Goodacre, P.Z. 1730, P.P.G.P.S. Cheshire; W. Nicholl, Z. 317; W. Parker, P.Z. 993; Samuel Rowley, S.E. 815; John Sheldrick, P.S. 815; E. L. Littler, S.E. 1730; J. Compton, formerly 1787; and R. R. Lisenden, S.E. 317 (*Freemason*).

The chapter was opened in the usual manner and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, by request of the M.E.Z., then occupied the chair, and after the usual preliminaries in the most able manner installed Comps. H. Marshall as Z.; J. Dewhurst as H.; and J. J. Lambert as J.

The three Principals were proclaimed to and saluted by the companions, after which Comp. Sillitoe addressed them. The following companions were appointed officers for the ensuing year, and invested by the Installing Master: Bros. David Williams, S.E. (re-appointed); Charles Heywood, S.N.; Wm. Botham, Treas.; Thos. Mottershead, P.S.; Wm. Hall, 1st Asst.; Dr. Pownall, 2nd Asst.; W. Cheshire, Janitor; and F. Pugh, Org.; Comp. Sillitoe also addressed the officers, and concluded the ceremony with prayer. The newly-installed Z. then rose, and addressing Comp. Robert Davies said it gave him exceeding great pleasure to present him in the name of the companions of the Chorlton Chapter with a P.Z.'s gold jewel for the very exceptional services he had rendered to the chapter since its formation, and trusted he might be spared for many years to wear it amongst them.

Comp. Sillitoe rising said he thought that as he was what might be called the father of the chapter he was justified in corroborating every word of what Comp. Marshall had uttered in praise of Comp. Davies. Comp. Sillitoe then spoke of the kind assistance which Comp. Davies had volunteered to the members at the time the chapter was formed; how he had permitted them to use his schoolroom in which to hold their meetings before the Masonic Hall was built, and in conjunction with the aid of his exemplary wife (who had spared no pains to prepare various little repasts for them and make the surroundings cheerful) had done all in his power to promote the welfare of the chapter.

The remarks which fell from the lips of Comps. Marshall and Sillitoe, added to the very handsome gift, seemed to quite overcome Comp. Davies, who on rising said he should simply for the present content himself by saying "I thank you."

The balance-sheet was reported on by Comp. Lambert, and showed the chapter to be in a very flourishing condition, considering it is not above five years old. It transpired from Comp. Lambert's remarks that the small and only liability the chapter had incurred was more than covered by the sum he had in hand, and in addition subscriptions amounting to £7 7s. would still further enhance the prosperity of the chapter, whilst the furniture, which had cost nearly £50, was paid for. When "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors the chapter was closed in peace and harmony.

The companions came down stairs to supper, and here the interest which Comp. and Mrs. Davis take in the chapter was again manifested by the care and taste which had been bestowed in preparing the repast. The tables were literally ornamented with choice flowers and plants, and presented a very pleasing appearance. The viands had been cooked at the house of Comp. Davies, superintended by his wife, who also most kindly permitted her two servants to wait upon the companions. The supper was much enjoyed by all who partook of it, and afterwards the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and a very pleasant evening spent.

### Mark Masonry.

**YORK.**—York Lodge (T.I).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th ult., there being present, Bros. C. G. Padel, W.M.; J. Todd, P.M., as S.W.; M. Millington, J.W.; T. B. Whythead, P.M., Treas., and Sec.; G. Balford, P.M.; A. T. B. Turner, H. C. Pickersgill, G. Lamb, and many other brethren. Capt. Baldray, and Sergt.-Major Knights, 5th Dragoon Guards, were advanced to this Degree. The election of Master and Treasurer then took place, resulting in the unanimous return of Bros. Millington, and T. B. Whythead. Auditors were appointed; letters of apology were read and the lodge was then closed, the brethren afterwards spending an hour or two in social converse.

### Knights Templar.

**MANCHESTER.**—Royds Preceptory (No. 149).—A meeting of this preceptory was held on Tuesday, the 16th ult., at the Queen's Hotel. Sir Knight G. P. Brockbank, Past G. Captain, Em. Preceptor, presided, there being also present Sir Knights C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, Prov. G. Commander Lancashire, and many other leading templars in the province. The preceptory having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the Prov. G. Commander assumed the throne and installed Sir Knight Reginald Young as Em. Preceptor for the ensuing year. Em. Sir Knight Brockbank was elected Treasurer and Frater Sly, Equerry. The following were the officers invested: Fras. Rev. J. B. Phillips, Prelate; J. H. T. Cottier, Constable; H. L. Hollingworth, Marshal; W. J. Thompson, Reg.; H. Thomas, Sub-Marshal; T. Chorlton, Capt. of Guards; J. C. Lees, Almoner; John Worsley, 1st Std. Br.; John Greaves, 2nd Std. Br.; W. W. Cottam, 1st Aide-de-Camp; and E. Barber, 2nd Aide-de-Camp. Capt. Garnett was balloted for and elected a joining member. The death of the late Sir Knight Bagshaw was referred to, and deep sympathy expressed with his relations in their bereavement. Alms were collected and the preceptory closed in peace and harmony.

### Obituary.

#### BRO. HENRY HORNER.

On Wednesday, the 24th ult., the mortal remains of Bro. Henry Horner were committed to mother-earth. Our deceased brother, who departed this life on the 19th ult., was a member of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, having been initiated, passed, and raised in that good old lodge by

Bro. John J. Berry, P.M., in 1876. Bro. Horner, who had, attained his 62nd year, had gained by his uniform kindness and genial nature the esteem of all with whom he came in contact. The funeral, although of a private character, betokened the deep respect in which our late esteemed brother was held. The arrangements were entrusted to the firm of Messrs. Fox and Sons, of Cable-street, St. George's, E., and marshalled by Bro. Fox, whose experience in similar Masonic observances enabled him to render every detail with all becoming solemnity and respect. Among those whom we observed at the grave were the following brethren: Bros. W. Cross, W.M.; J. J. Berry, P.M.; J. T. S. Hood, P.M.; H. Colter, P.M.; J. Taylor, S.W.; J. R. Shingfield, S.D., all of 554; A. Wood, C. Warman, E. Rochester, C. Livermore, W. Hawes, Bizey, P.M.; F. Russell, F. Rogers, 860; A. Symes, G. H. Stephens, S.W. 1623; and many tradespeople and friends in the vicinity of our esteemed brother's residence. We can only express our deep sympathy with the daughter whom our late brother has left behind, and trust that He who fashions all things as seems, in his Divine Wisdom, for the best will watch over and guard her now deprived of a loving father's protection. Bro. G. Ward Very, P.M., Sec. 554, kindly furnished the sprigs of acacia which the brethren respectfully deposited upon the handsomely polished oak coffin, ornamented with the square and compasses; and took a silent last look into the grave of a friend and companion who will be deeply missed by many.

### Scotland.

#### MASONIC PRESENTATION.

On Thursday evening, the 18th ult., the ancient city of Dunkeld was the scene of a more than usually interesting Masonic ceremony, the occasion being the presentation of a valuable clock to Bro. Patrick Small Keir of Kindrogan, who has for the last 18 years acted as R.W.M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 14, Dunkeld, the presentation being made by his Grace the Duke of Athole, K.T., R.W. Prov. G.M. Perthshire West. The movement originated with the brethren of St. John's Lodge, but, immediately on their intention becoming known, the brethren of Operative Lodge, No. 152, Dunkeld, expressed a desire to be permitted to join the brethren of St. John's in testifying to the esteem in which Bro. Keir was held by the Craft. This desire was readily acceded to, and £100 was shortly raised. It was resolved that the presentation should take the form of a drawing-room clock, and it was left to the Duchess-Dowager of Athole, who is recognised as a competent judge, to select the article in London. The clock her grace has secured is not only of great artistic merit, but one of considerable antiquity and historic value, and, although the works are modern, the case is about 200 years old, and formerly ornamented one of the French Palaces. Since its purchase it has had chiming machinery introduced to play the Masons' Anthem each day at 12 o'clock. The chime is exceedingly pleasing, and the time of the music is perfect. A splendid Master's emblem adorns the lower part of the clock, which also bears an appropriate inscription.

The brethren of St. John's Lodge met at the Athole Arms Hotel, the lodge being opened by Bro. Keir, R.W.M., in presence of Bro. the Duke of Athole and a large gathering of the brethren. The Operative Lodge, No. 152, met at the same time at Fisher's Royal Hotel, and was duly opened by Bro. James Murray, R.W.M. The preliminary business having been transacted, the lodge, headed by a band, marched to the Athole Arms Hotel, where they were joined by the brethren of St. John's. The procession here formed in Masonic order and marched to the City Hall, the band playing the Mason's Anthem. Within the hall a distinguished party from Dunkeld House were in waiting to witness the proceedings, the party including the Duchess-Dowager of Athole, the Duchess of Athole, Miss Murray Macgregor, Mrs. Keir of Kindrogan, and Mr. Athole Macgregor. The gallery was reserved for the lady friends of the brethren.

The entire company having risen to their feet, Bro. the Duke of ATHOLE, having been requested by Bro. Charles Christie, Depute Master, to make the presentation, said he had a very pleasing duty allotted to him which he should have much pleasure in carrying out. The R.W. Master of St. John's had been for 40 years a member of that lodge, and for the last 18 years he had very worthily filled the Master's chair. They also knew how much he had done to foster the spirit of Masonry in that city, but not alone in Masonry had he shown his interest in the city of Dunkeld, but in everything that tended to the welfare of its inhabitants. Under these circumstances it was a very natural feeling that the brethren in Dunkeld should wish to give him some token of their affection and esteem. (Applause.) It was a pleasure to him (his grace) to be able, not only to take part in the movement, but to make the presentation. It was not a very easy thing to sing a gentleman's praises before himself; it was much easier to sing them behind his back. He would now simply ask the R.W. brother to accept at the hands of the Freemasons of the two lodges of Dunkeld the timepiece. (Loud applause.)

HIS GRACE then read the inscription, after which the clock played the Masons' Anthem in a way that greatly delighted the company.

BRO. JAMES MURRAY, R.W.M. 152, having expressed the pleasure his lodge felt in taking part in the movement, bore testimony to the good work performed by Bro. Keir, and how he had always acted up to the principles of Freemasonry.

Bro. Keir in reply said he sincerely thanked them for the kind gift they had presented to him. Ever since he was initiated into the St. John's Lodge, Dunkeld, in the year 1843, by Bro. his Grace George Duke of Athole, he had enjoyed the greatest kindness and cordiality from every brother of the lodge. He believed he could now claim to be the oldest Mason in the lodge with, so far as he could make out, three exceptions. If anything could add to the pleasure which the gift had given him, it was that his Grace should have been deputed by his brother Masons of Dunkeld to present it. He knew he felt how unworthy he was of the honour they had conferred upon him. All that he had been able to do for the lodge was nothing compared with the pleasure he had had in his intercourse with the brethren. That intercourse could not, in the nature of things, continue very much longer; but he hoped it would continue for some time, and that they would yet have many pleasant meetings. (Applause.) He would ever value the

gift while he lived, and he trusted that those who came after him would see in it a proof of the place he had had the pleasure to hold in the hearts and affections of the Masons of Dunkeld. (Loud applause.)

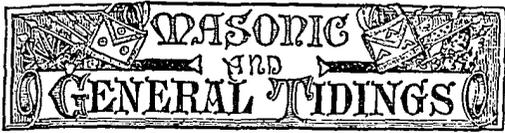
The proceedings then terminated, the company proceeding to the platform and examining the clock. The brethren of both lodges afterwards adjourned to the Athole Arms Hotel, where refreshment were served. Bro. Keir, R.W.M., presided. Toasts, intermingled with songs followed the removal of the cloth, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.



We regret to state that Bro. H. J. Byron, the eminent dramatic and burlesque writer, is in a very critical state of health.

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We chronicled last week an Adelphi triumph, and it is now our duty to speak of another Drury Lane triumph, for to this category "A Sailor and his Lass" undoubtedly belongs. Yet there are certain parts in it with which we cannot harmonise, and we hope later on to see eliminated. The authors, Bro. Harris and Mr. Buchanan will hardly lay claim to the new drama having any connected story running through it; rather is it a series of scenes more or less thrilling with a story hanging on to them. We do not know how much of the drama is from the pen of Bro. Augustus Harris, but we should say, and probably without much mistake, that it is nearly all his work. We must say we prefer Bro. Harris in his capacity as stage manager far more than as either actor or author. As a manager we almost think him without an equal. "A Sailor and his Lass" seems almost written for Bro. Harris to show himself as a great hero always ready to succour the oppressed and to suffer himself if needs be, though in the long run virtue is triumphant and vice pays it homage. Bro. Harris has the drama nearly all to himself from beginning to end. It is true a cabman figures pretty prominently, and in the hands of Mr. Harry Jackson is very comic, and a relief to the tragic portions. Harry Hastings is a sailor, and, like all sailors, loves a lass; but she is loved by another; of course a villain of the deepest dye. Curiously enough, Harry Hastings has made this gentleman his bosom friend. This man Kingston has a cousin, one Carruthers, the young squire, who also loves Mary Morton, but he disappears in the first act. Kingston has ruined Mary's half-sister, Esther, and gets her father to believe that the betrayer of his daughter is the young squire. The old farmer, Morton, in a fit of hot blood, sees young Carruthers calling for Mary and strikes a fatal blow. Kingston comes on the scene, and as he wanted his cousin out of the way he is delighted to find him dead, and tells old Morton he will, to save him, swear that the young squire was murdered by Harry Hastings. Kingston tells Mary Morton that her lover is a murderer, and that he must keep out of the country if he wishes to keep from a felon's cell. Having got rid of his two rivals he thinks he will be able to win Mary's love. He employs a young man who has taken up with a dynamite party to follow Hastings. This Green disguises himself as a sailor, gets engaged as one of the crew of the "Albatross," and has bound himself to take Hastings' life when the ship is on the high seas. But a stowaway has overheard the arrangements for the murder, and warns Hastings. The ship is presently wrecked. Hastings escapes after undergoing great hardships and hairbreadth escapes and arrives home at the moment Kingston is entreating Mary Morton to love him; assuring her her old lover is dead. Of course Kingston has Hastings arrested on the charge of murder; he is tried, condemned, and the last act shows the condemned cell in Newgate. On the morning of the execution the sheriffs are shown into the cell, the convict is pinioned, a procession of the chaplain, the sheriffs, and warders of the prison is formed, when a violent pull at the bell is heard; the gate is opened, a pardon handed in, though the warden thinks it too late, but is just in time. Hastings is released and Kingston arrested. This act we think might well be omitted. The life of a man after he is condemned for murder, whether guilty or innocent, is too horrible to be portrayed on the stage. We have the chaplain begging the unhappy man to confess his guilt; he, on the other hand, begging the chaplain not to torture him, as he has enough to bear already. Then the pinioning before he is led out to the scaffold, and the funeral procession of gaol officials, and the tolling of the bell of St. Sepulchre's Church. Fortunately the scaffold itself is not shown, but we think the end might be depicted in some other way. Bro. Harris now states that his object in this exhibition is to further the movement for the abolition of capital punishment. To this also we must take exception. It will be a pity if the stage is going to take up such questions. They are best left to the Houses of Parliament. During his career, Hastings rescues a young woman from an outraged father; he discovers the manufactory of dynamite, and gets inside and out in an extraordinary manner; he defends himself against a number of mutineers on board ships; hands his buoy to the stowaway and himself takes to the rigging, and is attacked by a villain whilst on the rigging of the sinking ship and throws him off into the sea. To few men come such fearful events. We have said the plot is rather thin, and we thought it scarcely probable that Hastings could be arrested for a murder he could not have committed, as he might easily have set up an alibi. The dynamite conspiracy takes its origin from recent events in London. The play is relieved by the comic utterances of the cabman and the oratory of the dissatisfied young man who has taken up with unlawful and wicked secret societies because he is too lazy to work for an honest living. Mr. Harry Jackson and Mr. Harry Nicholls came in for their share of the applause for their excellent acting in these characters. Miss Harriet Jay plays Mary Morton with satisfaction, as do all the other people too numerous to mention. To the scenic artists is due much of the success of the piece—for a success it is sure to be—Messrs. Emden, Grieve, Perkins, and Ryan. The shipwrecked scene perhaps was applauded the loudest. We understand that "A Sailor and his Lass" is drawing crowded audiences, and Bro. Harris will certainly find his latest drama remunerative.



Bro. Rev. J. Jackson Wray will deliver a lecture on Thomas Carlyle, at the Lecture Hall, St. Aubyn's-road, Upper Norwood, on Monday next, the 5th inst., to commence at 8 o'clock.

Bro. Moreton Graham, the well-known auctioneer and surveyor, of Burton Crescent and Kennington Green, has been elected W.M. of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975, and his installation takes place on the 10th inst.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Cheshire will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday next, the 7th inst., at the Public Hall, Runcorn. A banquet will follow, and will be served at Wilson's Hotel.

The following banquets have been held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Thursday, the 1st inst. — Wednesday, Oct. 31st: New Holborn Quadrilles. Thursday, Nov. 1st: Old Acquaintance Musical Society, St. Andrew's Lodge, Victoria Rifles Lodge.

The Prov. Grand Lodge of London and the four Metropolitan Counties of the Royal Order of Scotland will hold its Festival on Saturday evening, the 10th inst., at the Café Royal, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 6.30 for 7 precisely.

To-morrow (Saturday) night Bro. C. G. Sparrow, W.M. 1743, will work the ceremony of installation in the Percy Lodge of Instruction, at Bro. Langdale's the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, opposite the Railway Station on Thursday, November 8th. Lodge will be opened at 6.15 for 6.30. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

We have been asked to announce that the King Harold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1327, now holds its meetings at the Four Swans, Waltham Cross, on Saturday evenings, at 7 o'clock, having removed from the Britannia Hotel, Waltham Station, where it formerly met on Thursdays.

The Brown Animal Sanitary Institution, under the government of the University of London, has issued a very useful notice in reference to rabies or madness in dogs. Copies may be obtained on application to the Professor-Superintendent, The Brown Institution, Wandsworth-road, S.W.

Bro. A. J. Altman, C.C., P.M., 1657, in writing to the *City Press* on some criticism provoked by a recent fire in the City, recalls the fact that he some weeks since brought the matter of complaint—the widening of the Little Britain entrance to Bartholomew-close—under the notice of the Commission of Sewers, who had it passed to the Finance Committee, where it is now under consideration.

Luther's death-mask, the most valuable of all the relics of that great reformer, is preserved in the library of the Marienkirche at Halle. The mask was taken when the corpse was deposited for a night, during the transport from Eisleben, in the parish church of Halle on the 20th of February, 1546. The celebrated sculptors Ranch and Rietschel often expressed their regret that they had not seen the mask before completing their statues of Luther. Plaster casts and also copies in ivory, have been made from it.

Bro. H. Baldwin, P.P.G.D. of C. Middlesex and Surrey, P.M. and Sec. of the Brixton Mark Lodge, No. 234, asks us to state that the installation meeting of this very prosperous Mark Lodge will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Saturday, the 10th inst., at four o'clock, when Bro. George J. Dunkley will be installed into the chair of A. by Bro. George Clark, jun., P.G. Stwd., P.M., &c., a very gifted exponent of the sublime ritual of this Degree. We wish Bro. Dunkley a very prosperous year of office. He is probably known to the majority of our readers as Bro. "G. S. Graham," the excellent vocalist.

On Wednesday, the 17th ult., at a gathering of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, under the banner of the Copley Lodge, No. 111, Bro. C. L. Mason was installed Prov. Grand Mark Master by R.W. Bro. J. W. Woodall, Prov. Grand Mark Master North and East Yorkshire. The newly-installed R.W. Prov. G.M. appointed Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis his Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. W. Cooke Prov. Grand Secretary. Amongst those present were Bros. Strachan, Deputy Prov. Grand Master Northumberland; J. Chadwick, Prov. Grand Secretary Lancashire; T. B. Whythead, Prov. Grand Secretary North and East Yorkshire; J. T. Seller, York; and numerous other brethren.

The most successful and enjoyable reunion ever held in Liverpool took place on Tuesday the 23rd ult., at the Hall in Hope-street, where there was a gathering of between 600 and 700 ladies and brethren, for whose entertainment a most varied and attractive programme was provided. The celebration of the completion of the internal decorations of the Hall was the occasion of the gathering, and the programme provided embraced a dramatic, literary, scientific, and musical soiree, conversation, and ball. An exhibition of choice paintings and engravings, Japanese works, caricatures, models, illustrated books, &c.; a collection of microscopes; a comical living waxwork "show," entitled "The Modern Antiquities of Liverpool;" a new version of "The Showman," by Bro. Ellis Brammall; a "Grand Bal de Fantasie and Rainbow Revelry," and a concert of unusual excellence were prominent portions of the full bill of fare. A comprehensive report of the pleasant gathering will appear in the *Freemason* in due course. The proceedings of the social gathering will be devoted to some Masonic purpose.

MADAME TUSBAUD AND SON'S EXHIBITION.—Portrait Models of President Grevy, the Comte de Paris, Duc de Nemours, late Comte de Chambord, and M. Waddington. Costly Court Dresses from the first Parisian houses. Captain Webb (taken from life). Mr. Charles Parnell, M.P. Also James Carey, the Informer. MARWOOD (taken from sittings just prior to his death) now on view. Admission 1s. Extra rooms 6d. Open from 10 till 10.—[ADVT.]

The Blair Lodge, No. 815, Manchester, held its installation meeting on the 19th ult. Bro. J. Sheldrick was installed W.M.

Bro. the Earl of Jersey, Prov. G.M.M.M. Berks and Oxon, has been appointed President of Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford. The presidency was rendered vacant by the death of Bro. the Duke of Marlborough.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Prov. G. M. Derbyshire, visited Buxton on Tuesday, for the purpose of laying the foundation-stone of the new Church of England Sunday-schools.

The condition of Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough, according to Wednesday's bulletin, had improved. The progress of local inflammation also showed a favourable tendency.

The report is again gaining ground, the *Englishman* says, that the Duke of Connaught will succeed General Hardinge as Commander-in-Chief of the Bombay Army in March next.

Bro. Major Smyth, R.W. Provincial G.M. Lincolnshire, accompanied by his Deputy, W. Bro. Captain Laycock, honoured with his presence the installation of Bro. Tonge as Master of the Pelham Pillar Lodge, No. 792, Grimsby, on the 25th ult.

That prosperous lodge, the Emulation, No. 1505, Liverpool, held its annual celebration of St. John at the Hope-street Masonic Hall on the 25th ult., the principal item of business being the installation of Bro. Joseph Thomas into the Master's chair, the ceremony being performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. H. H. Smith.

Two Massachusetts Grand Masters of eminence and celebrity are represented in "Harper's Magazine" for October, one being Bro. Paul Revere, the hero of "the ride," and who held office 1794 to 1797; the other being Bro. Joseph Warren, G.M. 1769-75, and who was killed at the battle of Bunker's Hill.

Mrs. H. B. Marshall on Wednesday last laid the memorial stone of a new Wesleyan chapel at Amptill, Beds. This will make the forty-seventh trowel that Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall and Mrs. Marshall have received in commemoration of their Masonic labours in the erection of churches and chapels, asylums, orphanages, and convalescent homes.

The Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert-streets, one of the grandest buildings in the United States, has always needed some way of reaching the lodge rooms which would avoid the fatiguing stairways. The subject of having an elevator—long talked of—was decided upon previous to the summer vacation, and the brethren will be pleased to learn that the Temple Committee have had an elevator constructed, which will add greatly to the comfort of all who visit the Temple. It is moved by hydraulic power, and has an air cushion and all the best known appliances for safety. The car is of walnut, neatly finished, and will accommodate from eight to ten persons. The elevator is situated between the Grand Banquet Hall and Oriental Hall—doors opening upon each floor. It was put in operation on Monday evening last, the 15th inst., and all who used it expressed great satisfaction at the relief afforded by this much needed improvement.—*Philadelphia Key-stone*, October 20th.

Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., presided at the autumnal election of the Earlswood Asylum for Idiots, which took place at Cannon-street Hotel on Thursday week, for the purpose of choosing thirty applicants for the period of five years from a list of 159 approved candidates. In declaring the election open, Bro. Marshall, who was supported by the treasurer (Mr. J. W. Battley), the secretary, (Bro. W. Nicholas), and other members of the board of management, regretted to have to report that the finances did not improve, and that they were obliged from time to time to seek advances from their bankers. They earnestly appealed to their friends for funds. Should the depression continue, they would be reluctantly compelled to reduce the number of admissions. It gave him pleasure however, to be able to state that one of the committee had offered £100 if nine others would promise a like sum. A member of the board had promised another £100. It was hoped that the remaining £800 would be subscribed, and the board earnestly appealed to their friends for assistance. Towards the sum of a thousand guineas absolutely required, promises totalling in all £582 8s. 6d. had been received. In conclusion, Bro. Marshall commended the charity to the consideration of the benevolent, and himself promised a donation of 50 guineas in addition to the amount which he was pleased to term "a fine," paid by him in lieu of presiding at the Spring election.

The following interesting extract from the *Standard* of the 10th ult. seems to confirm the favourite theory of some Masonic writers of the indigenity of Freemasonry:—"We are used to hear Freemasons assert that their brotherhood is recognised more or less by all the races of mankind—past and present. Enthusiasts claim relationship with the ancient Egyptians and the modern Red Indians, including eras and peoples between. But we have not hitherto remarked a definite statement that the South Sea Islanders are Masons. That is now furnished by a gentleman, of experience no doubt, who contributes a series of articles to the *Melbourne Age*. He tells how the founders of the first lodge in Fiji waited on the King to ask his sanction. As soon as the matter was explained, that potentate said 'That he knew all about it, for his subjects had a like institution;' but he showed a Masonic caution in refusing to answer questions until assured that it was not only like but identical. The writer quotes his own experience also. When visiting the Solomon Island in search of 'labour,' he found the chiefs ill-disposed to help him. At a Council, however, he rehearsed the signs and symbols of Masonry, to the speechless delight of his audience, who, without further inducements, presented him with a mystic wig, betel nut, tobacco, and 'six or seven boys.' And that wig never fails to produce satisfactory results of this sort whenever displayed in the South Sea."

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On the 25th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Bedford-street, Bury New-road, Manchester, Bro. Jos. Snape was installed W.M. of the Derby Lodge, No. 1055.

A full account of the remarkable career of Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore is given in the form of a supplement to the *Jewish Chronicle* of the 26th ult., issued in honour of the centenary of that distinguished brother's birth.

St. Matthew's Church, Brixton, was last Sunday lit by electricity. It is believed that this is the first English Established Church which has been lighted in this manner. The Fyfe-Main system is used.

On Tuesday the remains of the late Bro. Marquis of Donegal were removed from Belfast Castle and interred in the mausoleum which is in the castle grounds, a short distance from Belfast.

A presentation, the result of the subscriptions of about 5000 persons, is to be made to Bro. Alderman Hadley, in connection with the United Kingdom Railway Officers and Servants' Association. The presentation will be made on Tuesday, 20th of November, at a banquet at the Cannon-street Hotel, at which Lord Alfred Churchill will preside.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has undertaken to deliver his lecture, explanatory of the ritual and ceremonies of the First Degree, to the members of the Eccleston Lodge of Instruction, No. 1624, meeting at the King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, this evening at 6.45; in the Arboretum Lodge, No. 731, at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on the 8th inst.; and in the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, on the 20th inst.

No more striking example of the great change which has come over medical opinion in regard to the infectious nature of consumption can be adduced than the circular just issued by Surgeon-General Von Lauer, chief of the Medical Department of the Prussian Army. In this circular, says the *Sanitary Engineer*, New York, the attention of the medical officers is called to the prevalence of consumption in the Prussian army, and special stress is laid upon the desirability, in view of recent discoveries, of separating those affected with the disease from the healthy troops. In all suspicious cases careful enquiry is to be made into the soldier's family history; he is to be kept under medical observation and is to be examined at regular intervals. All convalescents from acute diseases of the respiratory organs are to be granted a long period of rest under observation and where they can be properly cared for at home, but in that case only a prolonged leave of absence is to be given. All soldiers affected with consumption are to be isolated, and, as possible sources of infection, are on no account to be allowed to associate with patients suffering with or convalescing from pneumonia or acute bronchitis, and special means are directed to be taken for the disinfection of the sputa in tuberculous cases.

The annual meeting of the Committee of the Fund of Benevolence connected with the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire was held on Friday afternoon, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. The proceedings were conducted in Craft lodge, which was opened by Bro. Dr. Bailey, P.G.S.D., acting as W.M.; Bro. W. J. Thomson, S.W.; and Bro. J. P. Bryan, J.W.; supported by the usual complement of subordinate officers. The attendance was large and influential, including Bros. H. S. Alpess, Past G. Std. Br. of England, P.G. Sec. West Lancashire; Henry A. Tobias, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D. of C.; W. J. Lunt, P.G. Treas.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; W. B. Ackerley, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Goodacre, P.P.G.J.W.; M. Hart, P.G.S.; T. Schofield, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Freeman, W.M. 1354; T. Tunstall, P.G. Sec.; T. Davies, P.M. 1182; J. W. Fowler, P.M. 86; T. Tunstall, J.W. 1035; A. G. Whyte, P.M. 1354; J. Foster, P.M. 1385; W. E. Coxon, W.M. 1675; E. C. Cooper, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. T. Smith, W.M. 786; J. M. Ashurst, W.M. 178; L. Peake, W.M. 1035; J. J. Smith, S.W. 1035; J. White, P.M. 1384; J. W. Murray, W.M. 1335; and J. Cain, W.M. 594. During the business portion of the proceedings it was recommended that the sum of £100 be voted for the relief of four widows and four distressed brethren in the province. The Craft lodge was then duly closed.

The cosmopolitanism of the English language, and even of our National Anthem, receives a striking illustration in a circumstance described by our Smyrna correspondent. . . . It is customary in Oriental schools, as well as in our own public educational establishments, to give dramatic performances on occasions of "speech days," and other red letter days in the scholastic calendar. An event of this character occurred last month at the Jewish school in Smyrna, when some of the pupils actually gave a capital performance—the only piece that was played—of an English comedietta. But as if this were not enough to show how our language and customs permeate even the most out-of-the-way places, the band of the school, comprising some twenty youthful musicians, further enlivened the proceedings by playing several *morceaux*, among which "God Save the Queen" was conspicuous. The credit of enabling Turkish lads to perform an English play in its original tongue belongs to the Anglo-Jewish Association, which annually supplements its generous subvention to the Smyrna Boys' and Girls' School by a special grant for promoting the knowledge of the English language. In the furtherance of this object, the Association voted this year, as it had previously done in the instance of the Bagdad School, an additional sum, which was expended in the purchase of English books of a useful and entertaining kind for the Smyrna School Library.—*Jewish Chronicle*.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.—Sores, wounds, ulcerations, and other diseases affecting the skin, are amenable by this cooling and healing unguent. It has called forth the loudest praise from persons who have suffered for years from bad legs, abscesses, and chronic ulcers, after every hope of cure has long passed away. None but those who have experienced the soothing effect of this Ointment can form an idea of the comfort it bestows by restraining inflammation and allaying pain. Whenever this Ointment has been once used it has established its own worth, and has again been eagerly sought for, as the easiest and safest remedy for all ulcerous complaints. In neuralgia, rheumatism, and gout the same application, properly used, gives wonderful relief.—[ADVT.]

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**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS,**  
For the Week ending Saturday, November 10, 1883.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3.**  
General Committee Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 142, St. Thomas, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 1559, New Cross, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

**LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.  
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.  
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, 7.  
Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Picnic, at 7.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5.**  
Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129, Leadenhall-st.  
" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 144, St. Lukes, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tav.  
" 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1853, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1924, Wickham, St. Peter's Ha., Wickham-pk., Brockly Chap. 1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
Mark 139, Panmure, 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

**LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.  
West Smithfield, Farringdon Hot., Farringdon-st., at 8.  
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.  
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.  
St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15 Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.  
Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.  
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.  
Hyde Park, Fountains Abbey Hot., 111, Praed-st., Paddington, at 8.  
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.  
Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6.**  
Colonial Board at 4.  
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 166, Union, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot.  
" 705, St. James's, Bridge Ho. Hot., London-bdg.  
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., E.  
" 1261, Golden Rule, S. Air-st., Regent-st., W.  
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Wellington-st.  
" 1381, Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington.  
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., High-st., Woolwich.  
" 1662, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.  
" 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.  
Mark 1, St. Mark's, 8a, Red Lion-sq., W.C.  
Rose Croix Chap. 72, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.

**LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.  
Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's-gate, at 8.  
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.  
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 Bdg., at 7.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.  
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head Tav., Essex-rd., N., at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.

Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.  
West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.  
Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.  
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.  
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.  
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.  
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.  
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.  
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.  
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.  
Duke of Albany, Park Tav., Battersca-park-rd., at 8.  
Metropolitan Chap, Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley  
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter of Improvement, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.**  
Grand Chapter, 5.30 for 6.  
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd., Holloway.  
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney.  
" 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn.  
" 1707, Eleanor, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.  
" 1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
Chap. 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.

**LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.  
Prince Leopold, Grand Avenue M.H., 88 Gracechurch-st., 8.  
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.  
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.

New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, S.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.  
La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.  
United Strength, Hope Tav., 179, Stanhope-st., Regent's Park, at 8.

Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.  
Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel Road, at 8.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.  
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.  
Merchant Navy, Silver T., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30 (alt.)  
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.  
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.  
Wanderers, Adam and Eve T., Palmer-st., Westminster, 7.30  
Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
Camden Chapter, Boston Hot., Holloway, at 8.30 p.m.  
Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8.**  
Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 206, Friendship, Ship & Turtle Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
" 238, Pilgrim, F.M.H. (Worked in German).  
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.  
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., W.  
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury, N.  
" 1523, St. Mary Magdalen, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Mason's-avenue, E.C.  
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Ha., Notting-hl.  
" 1708, Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley.  
" 1791, Creaton, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1804, Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow.  
" 1987, Strand, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden.  
Chap. 140, St. George's, Green Man, Blackheath.  
" 538, Vane, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Rose Croix Chap. 42, St. George, 33, Golden-sq.

**LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
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, Ponsobry-st., Millbank, at 8.  
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., 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., at 8.  
Great Northern, Berwick, Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.  
Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.  
Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-ct., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.  
City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.  
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.  
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.  
Covent Garden, The Cranbourne, 1, Upper St. Martin's-lane, W.C., 8.  
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.  
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.  
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.  
Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)  
St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.  
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.  
Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.  
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.  
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.  
North London Chap., Canonbury Tav., at 8.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9.**  
Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Mark 198, Croydon, 105, High-st., Croydon.  
Rose Croix Chap. 3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq.

**LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.  
Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.  
Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.) F.M.H., at 7.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.  
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, S.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.  
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.  
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's T., George-st., Baker-st., W.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.  
Ubique, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich  
Old Kent Mark, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.  
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10.**  
Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 17, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Bridge Ho. Hot., London Bdg.  
" 1584, Loyalty & Charity, Star & Garter, Kew Bridge.  
" 1607, Loyalty, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.  
" 1686, Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
" 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.  
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hot.  
Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
" 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.  
Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Royal Order of Scotland, Prov. G. Lodge of London, Festival, Café Royal, Regent-st., W.

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**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5.**  
Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.  
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.  
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.  
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.  
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Town Hall, Waterloo.  
Chap. 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Manchester.  
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6.**  
Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.  
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.**  
Lodge 287, Unanimity, Dog and Partridge, Stockport.  
" 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.  
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.  
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tuebrook, L'pool.  
Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.  
Mark Lodge 65, West Lancashire, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8.**  
Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 333, Royal Preston, Castle Hot., Preston.  
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.  
" 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale Hot., Liverpool.  
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
" 1576, Dec, Union Hot., Parkgate.  
Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.  
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Antient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9.**  
Lodge 1289, Rock, Ferry Hot., Rock Ferry.  
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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