

ROYAL BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE festival held in behalf of this most excellent Institution for Aged Masons and their Widows, on Wednesday last, was a practical proof if any were wanting, of how nobly the Brethren will at all times rally in the cause of charity, when properly appealed to ; and a direct confutation of the arguments of those who maintained that the Brethren would not support a festival at a less distance than once in three years. We were amongst those who laboured earnestly to obtain for this institution the same privileges as those of the other Masonic charities, amongst which we reckon as the most important, the power of holding an annual—instead of a triennial—festival, and we have ever believed the Most Worshipful Grand Master to have been in error when he refused his sanction to such a festival, although he at length gave permission for the holding of a biennial festival. We know that in the opposing the holding of an annual festival for this institution, the Grand Master and those friends who acted with him have been actuated only by the desire of most effectually supporting this and the other Masonic charities, so that the interests of the one should not be allowed to clash with that of the others, as it was feared that too frequent festivals might do. Again, we were told upon the last occasion of a festival for this institution to look upon the fact of the subscriptions having amounted to upwards of £1,500, as a proof of the advantages of a triennial over an annual festival, it being the largest amount ever collected at a festival for that institution ; and we were triumphantly asked “ Could you expect to receive so much each year if you had annual festivals ? ” Our reply to that inquiry was, “ No ; but three subscriptions of £,1000 each would be better than one of £2,000, and that at least would be the practical result of having annual festivals.” The first biennial festival has been held just eighteen months from the last triennial, and the subscription has amounted to

nearly fifty per cent. more than the largest of the triennial subscriptions—£2,100 against 1,550. And here let us add that, Hampshire, Somersetshire, and one or two other provinces, upon this occasion nobly bore their part in the good work, and sent up lists of subscriptions, which show that the provinces are not behindhand in their support of the charities when appealed to by such brethren as Bros. Gregory, Sherry, or Bridges, for their support. With Brethren such as these in each province—and we doubt not that they will be found if sought for—the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and their Widows, would soon become one of the most magnificent charities in the world, and we should no longer see forty or fifty candidates applying for relief, whilst the claims of only one fourth or one third of that number could be met.

In 1857 there had been no festival since 1854, and the funds were so low that in May of that year the annual election of pensioners could not take place. In June, 1857, a festival was held, and an impetus was given to the charity for want of which it was languishing; and in May, 1858, eighteen distressed brethren or their widows were admitted to the benefits of the institution. In January, 1859, we held another festival, and in May next we shall be again enabled to admit something like the same number. We do not assert this to be wholly owing to the festivals, for Grand Lodge has increased its subscriptions, but we assert it to be mainly so, as it is only by the means of festivals such as these that the claims of any charity can be kept constantly before the Craft or the public.

A few years since there was an outcry against public dinners, and the *Royal Society of St. Patrick*, the *Governesses' Institution*, and others, endeavoured by "special appeals" and other means to dispense with them. They did so; their subscriptions fell off, and they were obliged—to preserve the institutions from annihilation—once more to resort to the often abused but universally successful public dinners, and are now again running a prosperous career.

We cannot conclude this notice without giving our meed of praise to Bro. Wyndham Portal, Junior Grand Warden, for the manner in which he presided over the brethren—a duty he had already (during his year of office) performed for the Girls School—wishing with him that looking at the success which has attended this festival, we may in future be allowed to hold them annually, and thereby put the charity on the same footing as the Boys and Girls Schools.

Great credit is also due to the Stewards, not only for the successful issue to which they have brought the festival, but for their firmness in doing away with the singing in the glee room at a period of the evening when nobody cared to listen to it.

OUR ARCHITECTURAL CHAPTER.

As we are now in the beginning of the year we may as well bestow a little attention on a subject with regard to which we lately took some interest, the appointment of Provincial Grand Superintendents of Works.

The following is a list of the appointments made last year, so far as we have noted them.

England—S. W. Daukes, *F.R.S.B.A.*, Grand Superintendent of Works, England. First appointed 1856.

Scotland—David Bryce, Architect, Grand Architect of Scotland.

Knights Templar of England—Wm. Ranger, *C.E.*, Grand Superintendent of Works.

Mark Masons of England—Binford, of South Molton.

PROVINCIAL GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS :—

Cambridgeshire—L. J. Baines.

Cumberland—J. Dees.

Devonshire—Samuel Cave, No. 122.

Durham—G. A. Middlemist.

Hampshire—W. Challis, No. 995.

Hertfordshire—Finch.

Kent—Stock, P.M., No. 816, of Folkestone.

Lancashire—Sanderson.

Leicestershire—Millican, Architect, No. 766.

Norfolk—Cummings.

Northumberland—Henry Pattison.

Oxfordshire—Alfred Green Holmes.

Staffordshire—Joseph Knight.

Suffolk—T. Downes, No. 416.

Sussex—E. E. Scott, No. 337.

Isle of Wight—Webber, No. 809.

Wiltshire—C. F. Marshall.

Worcestershire—Morris, P.M., 313.

Canada—Wm. Shordiche, of Quebec.

The following is a list of the past functionaries :—

England—P. Hardwicke, R.A. Grand Superintendent of England till 1855.

PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS :—

Cheshire—Butler, 1855.

Cornwall—John Hodge, of St. Austell.

Cumberland—T. Robinson, of Longtown, 1854.

Derbyshire—W. Giles.

Devonshire—Damant.
 Dorsetshire—Evans, of Wimborne, 1855.
 Essex—Peter Bruff, *C.E.*, 1855.
 Hampshire—H. Abraham.
 Kent—J. G. Poussett, 1855.
 Lancashire—Rampling.
 Northumberland—John Green, 1855.
 „ C. J. Banister.
 North Wales and Shropshire—Patchett.
 Oxfordshire—Rev. J. H. Hes.
 „ Looker of Banbury, 1855.
 Staffordshire—W. Howells.
 „ Davenport, 1855.
 Worcestershire—Barber, 1855.
 West Yorkshire—W. Kilner, of Huddersfield.

Of these we know Philip Hardwick, one of the most distinguished architects of England, Past. Grand Superintendent of Works ; S. W. Dawkes, the architect of numerous public buildings . David Bryce, an Edinburgh architect of reputation ; Peter Bruff, late engineer of the Eastern Counties Railway, and author of a standard work on engineering ; Wm. Ranger, professor of engineering in the Royal Military College, and author of some valuable engineering works ; J. O. Gill, the active Superintendent of West Yorkshire ; and Bro. Millican, now engaged on the Masonic Hall at Leicester, for the which province he is Grand Superintendent. We dare say there are other worthy brothers in the list, and we hope this year the whole will be brought up to the same standard.

There is, it will be seen, plenty of room for supplying deficiencies in our list, and we shall be glad to have these supplied by our correspondents, and errors corrected.

We may observe, that there is engineering and architectural science enough in Grand Lodge, for Bro. C. H. Gregory and the engineers of the *Britannic Lodge*, can furnish a staff to undertake anything ; but the provinces are not so well supplied, and this is a state of affairs we should like to see altered.

We are glad to see that the *St. John's Lodge* of Leicester has joined in the praiseworthy work of the Masonic Hall at Leicester, which is to be carried out from the designs of Bro. Millican. A like resolution was carried by the Brethren of the *John of Gaunt Lodge*, to borrow a small sum of money to make up the deficiency required to provide for the Hall.

BUFFON'S SON.—What is your opinion of my son? said the naturalist to his friend Rivard. The reply was not very flattering to the youth. I think he is the poorest chapter in your "Natural History."

THE BROOK.

BY H. M. RATHBONE.

A little brook was singing
Through the flowery lea,
" On, onward must I hasten
The silver lake to see."

The little brook runs merrily,
For nothing will she stay ;
Through stones and pebbles winding,
She speeds her sparkling way.

The little brook impatiently
Creeps through the bushes green,
And through the tall reed forests
Where the sedge-bird's nest is seen.

The little brook runs merrily,
For nothing doth she stay,
Till she comes where the speckled fishes
Pursue their noiseless play.

" Stop, little brook," they call to her,
" Nor sweep us on with thee ;
Flow gently through our shady pool,
Beneath the willow tree."

And the little brook, all lovingly,
Flowed slowly through the pool,
Where her playful friends, the fishes,
Had their homes so deep and cool.

Then on again she hasten'd,
In cold, in rain, and heat ;
Onward and onward springing
With eager twinkling feet.

Hastening, ever hastening—
Untiring, bright and free ;
Now, little brook, be happy,
Thy silver lake, oh see !

Then the little brook leap'd wildly,
And down the glen she springs ;
O'er ferns and tangled branches
A cloud of spray she flings.

It ceased—the wild sweet music
Of the rippling waters pass'd
Away—as, on the lake's clear breast,
She found her home at last !

THE HUNTED PIG.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "TOM BROWN'S SCHOOL-DAYS."

Vathers, mothers, mothers' zons!
 You as loves yer little wuns!
 Happy pegs among the stubble,
 Listen to a tale of trouble;
 Listen, pegs in yeard and stye,
 How the Barkshire chaps zarv'd I.

I wur barn at Kingstone-Lisle,
 Wher I vrolicked var a while,
 As vine a peg as e'er wur zeen
 (One of a litter o' thirteen),
 'Till zome chaps wi' cussed spite
 Aimed ov I to make a zite,
 And to have a "bit o' vun,"
 Took I up to Uffington.

Up vorights the Castle mound
 They did zet I on the ground;
 Then a thousand chaps, or nigh,
 Runned and hollered arter I—
 Ther, then, I, till I wur blowed,
 Runned and hollered all I knowed,
 When, zo zurc as pegs is pegs,
 Eight chaps ketch'd I by the legs,
 Two to each—'tis truth I tell 'ee—
 Dree more clasped I round the belly!
 Under all they fellers lyin'—
 Pegs!—I thought as I wur dyin'.

But the Squire (I thinks I zee un),
 Varmer Whitfield ridin' wi' un,
 Fot I out o' all thuck caddle,
 Stretched athurt the varmer's zaddle—
 Bless 'em, pegs in yeard and stye,
 Them two vrends as stuck to I.

Barkshire men, vrom Hill and Vale,
 All as ever hears this tale,
 If to spwoort you be inclined,
 Plaze to bear this here in mind—
 Pegs beant made no race to win,
 Be zhart o' wind, and tight o' skin,
 Dwont 'ee hunt 'm, but instead
 At backswyrd break each other's yead—
 Cheezes down the manger rowl—
 Or try and clim the greasy powl.

Pegs! in stubble yeard and stye,
 May you be never zarv'd like I,
 Nor druv wi' greasy ears and tail,
 By men and bwoys drough White Horse Vale.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[THE EDITOR *does not hold himself responsible for any opinions entertained by Correspondents.*]

LECTURES AND LIBRARIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was much pleased with the suggestions offered in a letter signed "L.L.B.," in your number of October 20th, and hope that something may arise from it. Will you allow me a short space to enforce his recommendations? I regret that I am unable to see your Masonic periodical regularly, since to an individual of small income a subscription of twenty-six shillings per annum is a consideration, and happy should I be if I could be favoured with a perusal some other way. I have pointed out to several Masons in the province in which I now reside (but to which I do not belong) the duty on the part of the Lodges to put their members *au courant* as regards Masonic proceedings by taking in the *Magazine*, but hitherto, I regret to say, without effect. It is not creditable to the Order, that, as far as I can learn, not a single person in this district has an opportunity of reading your paper, as no Lodge takes it in, and I have reason to think that but few are aware of its existence. May I venture to suggest that it is in your power to remedy this by issuing at stated times, say once a year, a circular addressed to the W.M. of every Lodge in the country, laying before them your claims for support. As the officers change annually it would be strange if one or other did not take up the matter and urge a subscription from the general funds. Though such a course would entail some expense upon you, I believe that in the end it would answer. It would, of course, be unnecessary to send such notice to Lodges where your paper is recognized. Pray excuse this well meant interference in your affairs.

In reference to "L.L.B.'s" letter, I feel his recommendations are most valuable, for it is an undoubted fact that comparatively few of the brethren really trouble themselves to know more of the Order than is to be gained from the specific acquaintance with the rituals which they must obtain in order to qualify them to fill the respective chairs of office. I remember a case in which an original lecture was offered to a Lodge and declined, on the alleged supposition that one of the regular lectures on the tracing board was meant, of which, having heard them so often, they were tired. The fact I believe was the Brethren wanted their supper, though there was no other work to be done. This is just a sample of the feeling which tends to bring us into contempt with the external world. To give another example, I quote a few lines from a letter received from a friend (not a Mason) a few

days ago, which shows how important it is that we should act up to our principles :—"Most of my friends are prejudiced against the Order owing to its evil tendency in inducing men to go into company evening after evening; but time is the handmaid of truth, and the lectures you have forwarded me may tend to disabuse their minds of any such erroneous opinions." Efforts made by rightminded Masons to extend a knowledge of our history and principles are not appreciated or encouraged, nor can their exemplification of its precepts by their lives and conduct outweigh the injury done by the thoughtlessness of a few who are less tenacious as to the character and standing of the whole body.

However desirable, I doubt much whether the proposed system of itinerant lecturers could be carried out, as great expense must attend such an arrangement; but there are numerous published works on the subject, portions of which might as a standing rule be read by the W.M. at each meeting, especially when business does not press.

Some men, however, though otherwise well qualified to fill the chair, have not the rhetorical powers which are requisite to give force and value to such a plan, and therefore I consider the system adopted in France a good one: I refer to the appointment in each Lodge of an "Orator," whose duty it is on all occasions when time permits to be ready to address the Lodge on some subject connected with our Order, if called upon to do so. I have often heard the members on retiring from a Lodge speak of the intellectual treat they have thus received. It is true that in many places it would be difficult to find men capable of efficiently delivering such addresses without opportunity of previous study, willing to bind themselves to respond to such a call whenever it may be made, and possessing sufficient fluency as extempore speakers to make what they have to say attractive. This difficulty might be readily obviated by reading selections from some of the numerous works to be found in the list issued by Bro. Spencer, of Great Queen Street, London, especially those of the Rev. Bro. Oliver, which ought to form the nucleus of a library at every Lodge. To these may be added many other works which may readily be obtained, among them, "Mysteries of Freemasonry," by John Fellows, A.M. This is a learned and interesting book, showing the connexion of our system with the secret institutions of ancient times, especially among the Egyptians, thus pointing out how departure from the true doctrine led to different systems of heathenism. As a shorter manual may be mentioned, "Three Lectures on Freemasonry," recently delivered by Bro. Hopkins, and published by Bro. Spencer. The author's object seems to be briefly to point out the origin and high objects of the institution, the principles which it inculcates, and the grounds on which it lays claim to the respect of the external world. The price being low, this pamphlet may be recommended to the attention of every one, whether he be a Mason or not. I might specify a large number of other interesting publications. If I remember rightly, there was a few years ago an old Mason in Dublin who had a large Masonic library, containing about eight hundred volumes. I mention this to show that it is possible to obtain extensive information on this subject.

The last hint of your correspondent in reference to the foundation of scholarships is a valuable one: it would give a *status* to our Boys Schools, and would cause the institution and the good which our fraternity is capable of accomplishing, to be fully recognized. I trust that some influential member of Grand Lodge will take an early opportunity of proposing its adoption by that body, and that some of our more wealthy members may be induced to act upon so good a hint.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
A.M.

THE GRAND LODGE PROPERTY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In all that is published relating to the Grand Lodge property, the refreshment rooms appear to be among the chief things required, nothing being said about dormitories.

I wish to be informed whether sleeping accommodation is included under the term refreshment rooms; perhaps one of your numerous readers will have the kindness to afford information on this point. If dormitories are to be provided, myself and many provincial Brethren will be much gratified; when we attend Grand Lodge, the question that arises with us, is—"Where shall we sleep?" not "Where shall we feed?" for there are scores of places in London where we can procure, at reasonable rates, the best of provision, in any quantity, on demand; but a comfortable bed is not easily obtained except at a high charge, and with the disadvantage of having to go to it perhaps some distance, after Grand Lodge is closed, at eleven or twelve at night.

I hope that the originators and promoters of the scheme will have some consideration for the comfort of the provincial Brethren beyond mere eating and drinking.

Yours fraternally,
P. M.

FREEMASONS' HALLS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your Architectural Chapter, giving a list of buildings devoted to Craft purposes, you state your belief that "Freemasons' Hall, Southampton, is part of an hotel in High-street."

I consider it due to the Craft in Southampton that you should have correct information on this point, as the proprietors of the hall, who are members of the fraternity, have submitted to considerable pecuniary sacrifice, in order that the building might be kept exclusively for the accommodation of the Lodges.

As long as I can trace back, the Southampton Brethren have always held their Lodges in private rooms, aloof from taverns.

The Lodge of Concord, No. 174, dating from 1771, met in the Town Hall; when it became the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 212, it had a Lodge room of its own, in East-street, whence it removed to the present capacious hall, in Bridge-street, and is now No. 152. No. 555 also meets in the same building, as well as the Chapters connected with the Lodges.

The Brethren of Portsmouth, No. 319, and No. 717, and of Portsea, No. 428, also hold their Lodges in their own halls, apart from taverns.

Yours fraternally,
THE SECRETARY and P.M. of No. 152.

MASONIC IMPOSTORS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You will be doing a service to the Craft by making public an impostor, who describes himself as M. L.—, † K, of

139, Rue Grenelle St. Honoré, Paris, and member of Lodges St. Jean de Jerusalem, St. Vincent de Paul, and Ecosie de Jerusalem.

He visited Brighton on the 4th of January, and obtained, just prior to the closing of the York Lodge, No. 394, admission. He is well up; and the P.M. stated (as well as another brother) that the difference was but slight. He has (rather a *ruse* I believe) scarcely any knowledge of the English language. A Master Mason's apron was lent him, and, in the confusion before proceeding to banquet, he quietly took himself and the apron off. Next morning a brother introduced him to the mayor, who is a Brother, who obtained him a passport. He obtained relief from others to pay his passage, as he said, to Paris, and announced his intention to return to Brighton about the 25th January, having hope of an engagement as tutor in a school here, but I have heard no more of him.

From enquiries through a brother resident in Paris I learn that "Monsieur L—— is a counterfeit. The highest number in the Rue Grenelle St. Honoré, is 53; the Lodge St. Jean de Jerusalem has ceased to exist for six years; the Lodge St. Vincent de Paul I visited on Saturday, and the Master and the Secretary assured me that there was no record on the books of any person of the name of L—— ever having been a member. The Lodge Ecosie de Jerusalem never has existed."

This M. L—— is short in stature. While on the subject of imposition, I may perhaps be of further service by giving another extract from my friend's letter. "I am informed that there is a man in England, an Italian, who has levied contributions to a very great extent on the Craft. His name is Georges de Bertola, and he sometimes calls himself the Comte de Bertola: he is a lame man, and it appears he exists by begging from Masons, and is one of the greatest impostors.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

Brighton, Jan. 26th, 1859.

W. C.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On Saturday, the 15th of January, a Bro. H—— T——, of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 387, Farcham, Hants, called on me as W.M. of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 307, and solicited my assistance, telling me a tale of his having suffered shipwreck, and thereby lost all he possessed; he also said he was on his way to London, where he would be able to obtain employment. Believing that he was a worthy Brother, and one that I ought to assist, I gave him five shillings, the largest amount that I am empowered to give without a special vote of the Lodge.

He then showed me a paper which had several signatures of Brethren and amounts on it, and asked me to put down my name and amount; this I declined doing. I have since heard from a Brother (a member of our Lodge) who resides in Gloucester, that the following week Bro. H—— T—— applied to him for relief, showing him this paper, to which he had added my name and an amount of half a crown; also the name of the Royal Union Lodge for a like amount, both of which signatures must have been forged, as I neither gave any Brother authority to sign the paper, neither did I sign it.

My object in writing this is to put the Brethren on their guard against

Bro. H——— T———, as from the fact of his having forged my name I cannot think he is a worthy object for the assistance of the Craft.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

ALEX. SHIRER, Jun.,

Cheltenham, 29th Jan., 1859.

W.M., Royal Union Lodge, No. 307.

VISITING LODGES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Having some occasion to be in London lately, I thought I would visit one of the London Lodges; and I shall feel obliged if you will inform me whether you consider the treatment I received was what I ought to have expected from a Lodge of Freemasons.

On arriving in the anteroom I was accosted by the Tyler, who asked me if I was a member of that Lodge, and on my telling him I was a stranger from the country he told me I should have to be examined. That was of course, so far, perfectly correct: to my surprise, however, he only asked me to prove myself a Master Mason, and then, after I had clothed, vouched for me at the door of the Lodge. On my gaining admission and saluting the W.M., I of course took my seat; and I need scarcely tell you I felt very awkward when I heard a discussion about the manner I was admitted, and remarks made that the Tyler had no right to admit any one without proper vouchers; that however passed over, and as nothing was said to me, I made no remarks. I sat and heard an initiation and raising, which by the way were very lamely done, and throughout the whole evening no one Brother had the courtesy to speak to me, or even to ask me to take a ticket for the banquet which followed; although the Brethren could have seen by my clothing that I was a P.M., as also a Provincial Grand Officer.

As Masonry in the provinces is carried out on a very different principle, I think that it is only right that I should give publicity to such very un-Masonic and, I may add, ungentlemanly treatment; as, whenever strangers come amongst us, we at any rate do not treat them with contempt.

I enclose my card as a voucher for the truth of the above statements, and trusting you will inform me if such is generally the conduct of London Masons to their provincial Brethren.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

January 27th, 1859.

P.M.

[Our correspondent has not given us the name of the Lodge which he visited, but we can assure him that the treatment of which he complains is not usual in London Lodges, though we believe some few Lodges are rather exclusive with regard to whom they admit to the banquet, as they have a right to be if they see fit.—ED.]

MASONIC CLOTHING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A question has arisen which, though perhaps in itself not of any very great importance, may, nevertheless,

become so, inasmuch as it involves the claims of individual Masons in reference to clothing, which may lead to personal dispute and recrimination, such as we ought all most carefully to avoid. It will be esteemed a favour if you or any one of your correspondents whose opinion has weight can give a satisfactory and authoritative reply to my query; at the same time I am anxious that due thought and consideration may be bestowed on the question before expressing it; for unless the matter can be made perfectly clear, it may be necessary to appeal to Grand Lodge on the subject. The case is this:—

A Past Master of a foreign Lodge goes to settle in England, and as a preliminary step to connexion with a Lodge there, visits one under an English warrant, of course on such occasions merely as a visitor, wearing his foreign Past Master's badge. After a time he becomes a subscribing member of this Lodge. He is then informed that, in compliance with an order which issued from the Grand Lodge of England about the period when the Mark degree was under the consideration of that body, he must give up the use of his foreign badge, and wear an English one. He conforms to this arrangement, and obtains an apron bearing the emblems of a Past Master, when he is again told that this is not permissible, and that he can only be allowed to wear a simple Master Mason's apron, not having filled the chair of a Lodge working under an English warrant. Query:—Is he right in displaying his foreign honours as a Past Master on his apron, having been compelled to give up the use of his original badge for an English one; or are those who thus interfered with him right? Awaiting the favour of a carefully studied reply,

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

H. I. I.,

January 22nd, 1859.

P.M., and Past Prov. G.S.W.

[We feel there need be no doubt on the subject—and that very little consideration is required to answer the question. If a Brother *has been regularly installed and filled the Master's chair in a foreign Lodge*, he will have a right to wear the insignia of a Past Master should he join an English Lodge; but he will not become a member of Grand Lodge until he has been elected a Warden under the English jurisdiction. At the same time, a Brother who has *merely obtained the brevet rank of a "Past Master,"* by taking what is call the "Past Master's degree," as a preliminary to the Mark and the Arch, as practised in Scotland, Ireland, and other places, is *entitled to no rank in an English Lodge beyond that of a Master Mason.* This regulation was in existence long before the revival of the Mark degree, a few years ago; and were it repealed we should have our Lodges inundated with Scotch and Irish Past Masters—and the ambitious initiate, if he chanced to hear how easily the degrees are conferred in the sister countries, would often make a journey with no other view than that of obtaining them. An instance in point occurred a short time since, when a Fellow Craft Mason, who had only taken his second degree the evening previous to leaving London, had to visit Scotland on business—and in less than a week came back a full blown Master Mason, Past Master, Royal Arch, and we know not what besides—only to learn that, under the circumstances, his easily acquired dignities could not be acknowledged in England, where a man has at least to pass through a considerable probation, even if he does

not always work to obtain his honours. A treaty ought to be entered into between the Grand Lodges of the three kingdoms, forbidding Lodges under their jurisdiction from initiating any person who could not prove he had been a resident in the country for a given period—say at least six months. As Lord Panmure is both an English and a Scotch Mason, having influence with the Grand Lodge of each country, we should be glad if his lordship would direct his attention to this subject.—[Ed.]

THE BEAUTIES OF MASONRY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The *Freemasons' Magazine and Mirror* is at the present moment performing its mission. Some Brethren object to the details, which appear in the Magazine, but I respectfully beg leave to differ from them. The *Freemasons' Magazine* is a record of the Craft, and a mirror which shows us its condition—that condition being attended with certain imperfections, which it is desirable we should correct. You tell us the facts, and it is for us to judge from them, and to act accordingly.

Thus in your last number one of your contributors has furnished you with an account of the Prince Edwin's Lodge of Bury, No. 150, truly described as a flourishing Lodge, and in which there is reason to believe a good spirit prevails. The meeting in question would, but for an accident, have been marked by the delivery of a Masonic lecture, a practice much to be esteemed and too little attended to. I refer to this as a proof of the zeal of the members, and to show I am not influenced by any ill feeling in making the comments I do, nor by any desire to represent the Lodge of Bury as worse than others, for I have very good reason to believe it is much better. The principal business of the meeting we are told consisted in proposing a medical gentleman much respected in the town; we may be glad to hear this, but this fact is not of much importance for Masonry. Your correspondent has, however, pursued one commendable course, he does not mention the name of the candidate, whereas most of the notices of Lodge doings tell us how A. B. and C. D. were initiated, passed and raised. This is a plan often injurious to the individuals, and too often to the Craft. It exposes the individuals to the prejudices and persecution of some of the fanatics in their neighbourhood, and if in trade may deprive them of customers; while the publication of the names of members of the Craft not unfrequently sets forth facts of a very unpleasant nature, and is therefore most undesirable; if you suppressed them it would be an advantage.

There are special occasions, when the son of an eminent dignitary is initiated with particular compliments—or special institutions, as the Lodges at the universities—where the mention of the names of persons of character, education, and position, is not open to such objections; but in the greater number of Lodges the publication is attended with the evils I have pointed out.

Among the toasts at Bury was “the visiting Brethren,” coupled with the name of Bro. S. M. Tweddell, who tells us that he is thankful for the enthusiastic manner with which the musical Masonic honours had been given in respect to so humble an individual as himself, although but one short twelvemonth had elapsed since his initiation in the tyled recesses of a

Lodge. Bro. Tweddell has, perhaps, founded a new Lodge—greatly contributed to the charities—introduced a benevolent fund in his Lodge—carried out a Masonic benefit, or assisted in the formation of a Masonic hall; but nothing appears of his services to the Craft, or of the grounds on which such a compliment was paid. This might as well have been stated, for fear it may be considered such compliments are paid indiscriminately. In Bury Bro. Tweddell must however be an authority, for he was kind enough to give us his opinion of Freemasonry. His sentiments were good, but surely they cannot have formed the staple of a meeting like that at Bury.

Several excellent Masonic songs were then sung by Brothers A, B, C, D, E, F, and G, a fact worthy of being recorded in your pages, so that they may be selected therefrom by the annalist of the Craft. Doubtless the songs were good, and the singing good, but the publication of the fact does no good, nor the publication of the names of the singers. The singing of Masonic songs is better than the disreputable practice of singing unmasonic songs, which is too prevalent in some large Lodges.

“On the worthy host informing his brethren that in the morning he intended to enter the holy bonds of wedlock,” the Brethren did what men are used to do under any circumstances, they gave “the health of the host and intended hostess,” and every brother present expressed his warm wishes for their future happiness. This any Englishman would have joined in—but it does not constitute a fact of interest to Masons, or edifying to such members of the outer world as may read the *Freemasons' Magazine*.

It is good to see ourselves sometimes as others see us; and then we may prove what Bro. Tweddell well said, though it was not well to report it, “that it is the boundless duty of every Mason to prove by his well regulated conduct in life, that Freemasonry is something more than a mere convivial club.”

Yours fraternally,
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[Our correspondent is somewhat hypercritical. Bro. Tweddell may not as yet have done much for Masonry, but he is a man who, from his literary attainments, would do honour to any Lodge. “Shakspeare, his Times and Contemporaries,” by Bro. Tweddell, has been highly commended by Payne Collier, and other well known authorities on the subject.—ED.]

A HINT TO TEACHERS.—“The notion of ‘teaching’ religion, in the way of drill exercise, is a very strange notion, though a common one, and not peculiar to Nolenius and Friedrich Wilhelm. Piety to God, the nobleness that inspires a human soul to struggle heavenward, cannot be ‘taught’ by the most exquisite catechisms, or the most industrious preachings and drillings. No: alas, no. Only by far other methods,—chiefly by silent continual example, silently waiting for the favourable mood and moment, and aided by a kind of miracle, well enough named ‘the grace of God,’—can that sacred contagion pass from soul into soul. How much beyond whole libraries of orthodox theology is, sometimes, the mute action, the unconscious look of a father, of a mother, who *had* in them ‘devoutness, pious nobleness!’ In whom the young soul, not unobservant, though not consciously observing, came at length to recognize it; to read it, in this irrefragable manner: a seed planted thenceforth in the centre of his holiest affections for evermore!”—*Carlyle's Frederick the Great.*

THE MASONIC MIRROR.

MASONIC MEMS.

THE R.W.D. Prov. G.M. for Suffolk has convened a special Prov. Grand Lodge to be held at Ipswich on the 16th instant. The circular says:—

“At the last Provincial Grand Lodge for Suffolk, held at Ipswich, on Friday, September 24th, 1858, some observations were made upon the unwarrantable, scurrilous, and abusive attack to which the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Earl of Zetland, had been subjected in the *Masonic Observer*, imputing to him unworthy and improper motives in the appointment of his Masonic Officers. Now, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master having always been held in high estimation by the Brethren of this province, the remarks which were offered on the subject of that attack met with a hearty and ready approval from the Brethren present. This has been characterized by certain Brethren, as ‘sickly sycophancy,’ and other attacks upon the Suffolk Brethren, still more offensive, have been made:

“The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, therefore, deems it his duty to call the Brethren together to repudiate this vile aspersion on their Masonic character, and to consider the propriety of adopting any or all of the following resolutions:—

“1. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk, having a high consideration of the candour and integrity of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, desires to express its great regret that any man, or body of men, should impute false, dishonourable, or disgraceful motives to him, such as those suggested in the *Masonic Observer*.

“2. The members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk beg to offer to the Most Worshipful Grand Master their regret and unqualified sympathy upon the occasion, and to express to him their continued and unabated confidence in his honour and strict impartiality in the discharge of his Masonic duties.

“3. The Provincial Grand Lodge also most indignantly repels the offensive term which has been applied to them, of ‘sickly sycophants,’ and would merely refer any brother, or the editor of any Masonic publication, using such terms, to that portion of the obligation of a Master Mason, which has more particular reference to ‘slander.’”

THE Prov. Grand Master of Hertfordshire has announced his intention of holding the Prov. Grand Lodge in future in the Masonic Hall, Watford, as being the most convenient to the Brethren in the province generally.

THE Mount Zion Chapter (No. 169) will in future meet on the second Monday, instead of the fourth as heretofore. The next meeting will take place on the 14th instant.

THE ROYAL BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE festival on behalf of this institution, was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, January 26th, when there was an unusually good attendance of the Brethren, as might have been expected from the following magnificent list of Stewards:—

The R.W. Bros. Alexander Dobie, Prov. G.M. for Surrey; B. Bond Cabbell, Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk; William F. Beadon, Prov. J.G.W.; George Harcourt, *M.D.*, D. Prov. G.M. for Surrey, P.M. No. 486, Treas.; Hyde Pullen, D. Prov. G.M. for Isle of Wight, and Bros. George Barrett, P.M. No. 188; Samuel Aldrich, P.M. No. 196; Henry R. Wotton, W.M. No. 3; Aeneas J. McIntyre, No. 4; John Stone, No. 5; Matthew Pratt, P.M. No. 7; Joseph Stohwasser, P.M. Nos. 289 and 8; James Burton, Prov. G.S.B. Herts.; John R. D. Tyssen, No. 10; Samuel Glover, P.M. No. 14; Geo. Burt, S.W. No. 18; Thos. Taylor, P.M. No. 21; Thomas A. Adams, P.M. No. 23; William R. Wood, Grand Steward, P.M. No. 27; Benj. P. Todd, P.M. and Treas. No. 29; Edwy S. Phillips, J.W. No. 30; Samuel E. Nutt, W.M. No. 32; Henry A. Lucas, W.M. No. 57; Alfred Day, W.M. No. 78; Walter E. Jackson, P.M. No. 87; C. Sherry, P. Prov. D.C. Hants; W. Wentworth Davis, P.M. No. 112; Charles Simon; Raynham W. Stewart, P.M. No. 125; Frederick Perkins, W.M. No. 152; Walter R. Luce, J.W. No. 166; Wm. F. Birch, S.W. No. 168; Henry G. Warren, W.M. No. 169; Henry Cornick, W.M. No. 196; John W. Barrett, S.W. and Treasurer No. 198; George M. Gurton, P.M. No. 201; John Webber, P.M. No. 202; Thomas W. Thompson, J.W. No. 203; Dunthorn J. Wake, No. 206; Thomas Tyrrell, Pr. Soj. Chapter No. 206; John Gurton, P.M. No. 211; James Robinson; James Stanborough; Charles Hutton Gregory, P.M. No. 233; George Lambert, P.M. No. 234; Charles Greenwood, Prov. G. Sec.; Surrey; Edmund V. Ind; Algernon Warner, P.M. No. 286; Benjamin Babbington, W.M. No. 317; Augustus R. Gifford, S.D. No. 318; James Merryweather, J.W. No. 324; Ciro Pensuti, No. 329; William Haselwood, Past Prov. G.W. Herts; Robert Whitton, P.M. No. 372; W. Moates, P. Prov. G.D. Surrey; Thos. Coombs, P. Prov. G.D., Dorset; John M. Baab, P.M. No. 7; R. M. Motion, W.M. No. 663; John Thomas, P.M. No. 745; Thomas E. Davis, P.M. No. 745; John Scott, P.M. No. 902; David R. Farmer, P.M. No. 745; Henry M. Arliss, P.M. No. 237.

The chair was taken by Bro. Wyndham Portal, J.G.W., who was supported by Bros. Samuel Tomkins, G. Treas.; Gray Clarke, G. Sec.; John Hervey, P.G.D.; Evans, P.G.S.B.; Le J. Veuu, P.G.S.B.; Purton Cooper, Prov. G.M., Kent; Hyde Pullen, D. Prov. G.M., Isle of Wight; Sherry, P. Prov. G.D.C., Hants.; Bridges, P. Prov. G.D., Surrey; Hutton Gregory, P. G. Steward; Nutt, Grand Steward; Taylor, Grand Steward; George Barrett; Dr. Harcourt, D. Prov. G.M., Surrey; Rev. — Pettit, P. Prov. G. Chaplain; Webber, P. Prov. G.W., Herts.; Burton, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers., Herts.; Farnfield, Secretary; and about two hundred other Brethren.

Grace having been said—

The chairman rose to propose the first toast of the evening, and in doing so said—Brethren, in commencing the pleasant task which your kindness has imposed on me, I ask you to charge your glasses, while I put before you a toast, and that one, perhaps, the most important of the evening. Brethren, I need not say that Queen Victoria reigns in the hearts of all Englishmen, but I will say that she reigns in the hearts of all Masons in particular. I give you the health of "Her Majesty the Queen."

The toast having been most enthusiastically received, the national anthem was sung by the vocalists, the Brethren joining in the chorus.

The chairman then said—Brethren, the next toast which I have the honour to propose to you is one which you all naturally anticipate. It is the health of "His Royal Highness the Prince Consort, Albert Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." It is, I confess, a matter of some little regret that we have not at present among the immediate members of the royal family any one who is a Mason; if, however, those rumours are true which reach me in ordinary Masonic gossip, such

will not have to be said by the Brother who has the honour of succeeding me in this chair. However that may be, I am convinced that the loyalty of the Masonic body does not depend on the number of royal brethren whom we may have among us. We love the whole of the royal family well, but those who may be Masons better; and I now call on you to drink with all the honours the toast which I have proposed to you.

The toast was also most enthusiastically honoured.

The chairman then said—The next toast which I have the honour to propose to you is one which gives me great satisfaction, although not unmixed with regret that the object of it is not present here this evening. The toast which I ask you to drink, and that most cordially, is the health of “our M.W.G.M. the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, president of this institution.” In giving you this toast, which I assure you I will with all brevity, I merely have to say, that I wish you to drink the health of the Earl of Zetland in a twofold capacity. The first is, that you should honour him as the M.W.G.M. of the Craft. Those of you who have had the honour of attending the meetings of Grand Lodge under the presidency of that most excellent nobleman will, I am sure, testify to his unvarying courtesy of demeanour and his most wonderful command of temper, under what I may call great difficulties and provocation. Moving, as we all do more or less, in public life, it is difficult for any one of us to mention the name of a person who to a greater degree commands the love and respect of those placed under him than the Earl of Zetland. I am bound to say that he rules over us most graciously; I would rather say that he rules with us; for you will all bear me out in saying that there never was any one in authority who ruled in a manner so unlike a despot as our M.W.G.M. The stewards have allowed me so short a time for each toast that I am compelled to proceed from this subject to another, and point out to you his lordship’s claims upon your gratitude as president of this institution. It will be in the recollection of the great majority of you that this society, established in the year 1842, under His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, was greatly increased in prosperity by the sanction given to it by his royal highness’s successor, our present noble president. I have now before me a letter from his lordship, giving me his most cordial good wishes for the result of the present festival, and he not only does that, but as his motto continues to be *facta non verba*—deeds not words—he asks me to communicate to you that it is his wish to do now as he has done before, and he accordingly encloses me a cheque for twenty guineas. In conclusion, I must be allowed to say of his lordship what has been said of Sir John Herschell—“His head, although a good one, is not by any means the best part of him; his heart is better than his head.”

Loud applause followed the proposal of this toast, which was succeeded by a song by Miss Poole, in which that lady was most deservedly encored.

The chairman, after this double enthusiasm, rose and said—Brethren, the next toast I have to bring to your notice is the health of the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Panmure, and that of the other Grand Officers, past and present. Allow me, before I call your attention to the merits of this toast, to make one observation, which is, that I think it will greatly conduce to the convenience of those who are, as I may say, overwhelmed with business, if you will manage to practise some little self-denial, and refrain from asking for any more encores of the sweet strains which proceed from the other end of the room. You may not like to do this, but I know you will all, before the evening is over, thank me for asking you to do me this favour. Having said thus much, I now again call upon you to fill your several glasses. You who have more or less taken part in the proceedings of Grand Lodge, know how Lord Panmure’s coming amongst us filled us with great joy and satisfaction, for you are well aware what substantial business habits and diplomatic tact he has brought with him into the office which he now occupies, and how much he has benefited the Craft. There is, I feel assured, no Brother among you who will not toast the name of Lord Panmure, as that of one who has done good service to Masonry, and who will not wish, that under divine providence, he may long continue our Deputy Grand Master. If you had with me taken part in the magnificent Masonic demonstration at Edinburgh, when I accompanied him as one of your deputation, you would have had

cause to rejoice in your D.G.M. The allurements, I assure you, were many, and the decoys were great, to induce him to forsake us, and become the D.G.M. of Masons in his own country, and I believe he felt like Macheath in the song, "How happy could I be with either;" but tempt him as they would, offer him what they might, he was determined to abide with us. You have therefore great reason to be proud of his lordship as your D.G.M. I have here a letter from him, in which he says that were it not that he had to attend at a festival gathering in honour of the centenary anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, he would have had great pleasure in coming here to-night to sit at my right hand; and without further observation, I beg leave to propose to you "The health of the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Lord Panmure, and the rest of the Grand Officers, past and present." (Loud applause.)

The chairman then rose, and said,—Brethren, I hope you will bear with me for a few minutes, and so help me by your silence to rivet your attention. The toast which I have now to propose I ask you to join with me in drinking "Success to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows." Brethren, I trust that while I endeavour to lay before you the claims which this institution has upon the Craft, the good cause may not suffer from the weakness of the advocate. The position of a chairman at this festival is not altogether similar to that occupied by the Brother who may preside over the festival of either of the other two Masonic charities. In the case of either the Boys or Girls School festival, the chairman has the advantage of addressing an audience whose hearts are moved by the interesting spectacle which the girls and the boys present in passing through the room—a sight denied us on the present occasion; and I have no such aid to produce a subscription such as I hope it may be—such as has never before been produced, in support of this charity. I believe, from my heart, we shall this evening obtain a list of subscriptions and donations, not only second to none, but superior to any which has been hitherto obtained in support of this charity, and I take this early opportunity to congratulate those who were instrumental in obtaining for us the privilege of this biennial festival. Only look round upon this room at this moment, and then let any one be bold enough to say, that the biennial festival is not a complete success. I think that the sight before us proves that it is a great deal more. To my mind it is most convincing evidence, that the time is not far distant, when there will be such pressure in the shape of hosts of subscriptions coming in, that we may obtain for an annual festival the same sanction we have obtained for a biennial one. But what is it to which I am asking the Brethren to contribute? I am sure there is no necessity for that question, as our feelings are the same, and I take it, there is scarcely one among us who has been induced to come here for the mere pleasure of the festive scene, but from motives far higher, and far more noble—to give our aid in subscriptions and donations for the alleviation of the distress of those, many of whom have spent the days of their early life in as much happiness as any of us here, but who are now anxious to participate in your fraternal assistance. I would that I had eloquence enough to induce you to raise funds sufficient to supply the wants of this institution, and not only that, but also to increase its funds beyond its wants; but if I have not that eloquence, I have, as I hope you believe, the cause sincerely at heart. There is no occasion on which I am asked to take the chair at a public festival, more gratifying to me than when I have to speak on behalf of our distressed brethren. I fear, however, it would delay and tire you were I to attempt to go into details with respect to the claims of the institution the interests of which I am advocating. I must, therefore, leave those details untouched; although I am told by the stewards, that notwithstanding the circular which they have sent out, the objects of the charity are too little known among the London Brethren generally, and that in the country they are scarcely known at all. I hope the result of this evening's proceedings spread abroad, as they will be, on the wings of the Masonic press, will be to remove that ignorance. Without looking at the report which has been placed in my hands I think I need not fatigue you with more than a brief statement of what I saw the other day, when I made it my duty to visit the institution. I went here alone, and sorry I was to do so—I wish you all could have gone with me,

transported by the same train to Croydon—and yet, numerous as you are, you are not so many as I saw arrive by one train to witness the late Masonic spectacle at Edinburgh, when a thousand Masons from Glasgow alighted at the station. Could I have induced you to go with me and see all that I saw, your hearts would be melted at the sight of the old men and old women thanking me—and through me you—for your kindness to them, and expressing their trust that your favours would be continued to them for the time to come. One old lady wished above all things to see the M.W. Grand Master, as she thought the sight of him would do her good, and render her happy. Indeed, I saw that the inmates both male and female are deeply grateful for all that has been done for them, but I should not be doing my duty as a Mason if I did not tell you that I also saw a great deal which pained me, I saw many houses vacant for want of funds to maintain occupants in them, gravel walks without any gravel to cover them, and a library without any books. This ought not to be. I trust that such is your feeling, and that such may be the result of your contributions, that henceforward things will be found to have greatly mended. The claims of the schools, both for the boys and that for the girls, have been advocated in this room. Those institutions are both noble in themselves and nobly conducted, but we must not, while we take so much care of the young, forget the claims of the parent stock. The subscriptions at the last festival on behalf of this charity, which was held in 1857, amounted to £1,500, but I trust the result of this evening's subscriptions will be to exceed that sum by far; and here it should not be forgotten that there are at present seeking admission to the institution, as many as thirty-five male and eighteen female candidates. Their cases are most sad. Some of them are brethren, or the widows of brethren, whom many of you have known in the days of their prosperity; and as they then subscribed with willing hearts to the institution, they come now to ask you—not for charity, but for a right. I hope I have now said enough. I hope too, you will pardon me asking you to believe that of which I myself have no doubt; that what I have said is only the mere truth. I have not flattered those who are able to give, nor have I dealt unkindly with those who may refuse, for I know that in cases of real distress relief is never in vain asked from Masons, whose hands are always swift to aid, and ever ready to promote the cause of their poor and distressed Brethren. Now fill a bumper, and drink “Success to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows.”

When this toast had been duly honoured, Bro. Farnfield read the first list of subscriptions, amounting to £1,875. The chairman then remarked that the amount collected at the last festival had been only £1,538, so that they were already in advance of that, and there were eight subscription lists yet to come in.

Bro. Purton Cooper, Prov. Grand Master for Kent, said, it fell to his lot to propose the next toast, but before doing so he would, as senior Grand Officer present, return thanks for the toast “Lord Pamure and the Grand Officers past and present,” a toast which had not been as yet responded to. Having by way of parenthesis disposed of that matter, he would now proceed to a most pleasing task. He had to propose to them the health of their most excellent chairman. He would not tell them that he was old enough to be the chairman's father—he might indeed say his grandfather—but he felt a pride in seeing so juvenile a brother so ably acquit himself. He had lately been often told that he was too old to take office, and that he should give way to younger men; but he had never until that evening been convinced that there were duties which were best performed by young men. If he were a lady sitting among those in the gallery, and sufficiently old, he should wish to have such a son as his friend; if about his own age, he would be proud to be his sister; but if about ten years younger, he would be delighted to be his wife (laughter); but he was sorry to inform the young ladies especially, that as it was a principle of Masons to marry early in life, the chairman was already provided with a wife. In conclusion he would call on the Brethren to drink Bro. Portal's good health.

The chairman briefly returned thanks, and hoped he might live long enough to enjoy the three great pleasures of old age—old books, old wine, and old friends.

Bro. Dr. Rowe then in very complimentary terms proposed the health of “Bro. Tomkins, the Treasurer of the Institution.”

Bro. S. Tomkins returned thanks, and hoped that no effort would be wanting to place the institution upon a proper and efficient footing.

The chairman then said, that before he proceeded with the next toast he wished to announce that the subscriptions had now reached £1,951—he might say that there were £2,000—£2,000, as the auctioneers say—in two places; for while Bro. Barrett was whispering in one ear that he and nine others would put down their names for £5 more each, another brother at the other ear (Bro. Kellock, we believe, of St. John's Lodge, No. 196) was whispering that his Lodge would make up the sum by which the subscriptions might fall short of £2,000. He would now ask them to drink "Success to the other Masonic charities," coupling with them the name of Bro. Crew.

Bro. Crew, in feeling terms, returned thanks for the compliment. Charity was the essence of Masonry. Deprive Masonry of that virtue, and it lost all its beauty. Feeling the truth of this, he was delighted to see their bounty flowing for the relief of the distressed, whether the current was in the direction of either of the schools, or of the present institution. Of course, connected as he was with the Girls School, his first wishes were devoted to its interests, but he hoped the time would soon come when all their institutions would be equally well supported.

The chairman next proposed the health of the stewards of the evening.

Bro. Barrett, in replying to the compliment, said, that as magnificent as was the subscription, £2000 was not by any means sufficient for the wants of the institution. They ought to have an annual festival, as that would keep the officers of the charity in good working order, whereas they had now to undergo double the amount of labour in getting up festivals with an interval of two years between them.

Bro. Hyde Pullen hoped the provinces would be reminded of the claims which this charity had upon their sympathy and support.

The company having, with the gallantry peculiar to the Craft, toasted the ladies, the proceedings of the evening terminated, much to the satisfaction of all who had any part in their management. It is but justice to Bro. Thomas Spencer to say, that he made a most efficient toastmaster.

The musical arrangements, under the conduct of Bro. Donald King, P.M., were most complete. He was assisted by Bro. Genge, Bro. Francis, Bro. Lorenzo (who kindly gave his services), Miss Poole, and Miss Stabbach.

The total amount of subscriptions on the lists delivered by the stewards, was £2,053 3s.; besides which there are yet five lists to be received.

METROPOLITAN.

APPOINTMENTS.

Wednesday, February 2nd.—GRAND CHAPTER, at 8.—Lodges, Westminster and Keystone (10), Freemasons' Tavern; Florence Nightingale (1003), Freemasons' Tavern, Woolwich.

Thursday, 3rd.—Lodges, Strong Man (53), Falcon Tavern, Fetter Lane; Good Report (158); Radley's Hotel; Lion and Lamb (227), Bridge House Hotel; Ionic (275), Ship and Turtle; St. Andrew's (251), Freemasons' Tavern; Yarborough (512), George Tavern, Commercial Road East, Crystal Palace (1044), Crystal Palace, Sydenham. *Chapters.*—St. James (2), Freemasons' Tavern; Moriah (9), Thatched House. *Encampment.*—Mount Carmel, London Tavern.

Friday, 4th.—*Chapters,* British (8), Freemasons' Tavern; Prince of Wales (324), Thatched House.

Saturday, 5th.—Lodges, London (125), Freemasons' Tavern; St. Thomas's (166), ditto. Committee Boys School, at 4.

Monday, 7th.—Lodges, Robert Burns (25), Freemasons' Tavern; Unity (82), London Tavern; Royal Jubilee (85), Anderson's Hotel; St. John's (107), Radley's Hotel; St. Luke's (168), Commercial Hall, Chelsea; Joppa (223), Albion Tavern; Unions (318), Freemasons' Tavern. •

Tuesday, 8th.—Lodges, Burlington (113), Albion Tavern; St. James's Union (211), Freemasons' Tavern; Percy (234), Ship and Turtle; Israel (247), Bridge House Hotel; St. Michael's (253), George and Blue Boar; United Strength (276), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate Nine Muses (286), Freemasons' Tavern; Wellington (805), Lord Duncan, Broadway, Deptford-*Chapter.*—Jerusalem (218), Dick's Coffee House.

Wednesday, 9th.—Lodges, Fidelity (3), Freemasons' Tavern; Enoch (11), Gitto; Union o. Waterloo (13), Freemasons' Tavern, Woolwich; Kent (15), Three Tuns, Southwark; Royal Athelstan (19), George and Blue Boar; Royal Naval (70), Freemasons' Tavern; Vitruvian (103), White Hart, Lambeth; Eastern Star (112), ; Justice (172), Royal Albert, New Cross; Pilgrim (289), Snip and Turtle; Belgrave (1051), Gun Tavern, Pimlico. Committee Royal Benevolent Institution, at 3.

Thursday, 10th.—Lodges, Friendship (6), Thatched House Tavern; Regularity (103), Freemasons' Tavern; Friendship (248), Ship and Turtle; Bank of England (329), Radley's Hotel; Polish (778), Freemasons' Tavern; Canonbury (955), Canonbury Tavern, Islington.

Friday, 11th.—Lodges, Britannia (38), Thatched House; Caledonian (156), Ship and Turtle, Freemasons' Tavern; Bedford (183), Freemasons' Tavern; Union (135), London Tavern; High Cross (1050), Railway Tavern, Northumberland Park, Tottenham.

Saturday, 12th.—Lodge, Phoenix (202), Freemasons' Tavern.

[The appointments of Lodges of Instruction will appear in the last number of each month.]

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—The annual installation festival of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th of January ultimo, at Radley's Hotel, New Bridge-street, Blackfriars. The Lodge was opened at four o'clock, by the W.M. Bro. Batty, who gracefully closed his year of office by initiating, with much earnestness of manner, Mr. Richard Child. The W.M. then resigned the chair to Bro. James Ashwell, P.M., and the W.M. elect, Bro. Robert Farren, was introduced by Bro. Townend, P.M., and duly installed, saluted, and proclaimed, in the presence of sixteen Past Masters. The W.M. then appointed as his officers for the year ensuing: Bro. John Boughey, S.W.; Bro. R. Pratt, J.W.; Bro. C. J. Osborne, Sec.; Bro. T. J. Lemare, S.D.; Bro. Clarence Harcourt, J.D.; Bro. Edward Diggins, I.G.; Bro. I. Wilcox, who had been re-elected Treas. was, as also Bro. Holt, the Tyler, invested. The Brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet at six o'clock, to which about forty Brethren sat down and spent an evening of much enjoyment. There were several visitors, among whom were Bros. T. E. Davis, P.M., No. 812; W. W. Davis, P.M., No. 112; Jackson, W.M., No. 22; Mobbs, E. Davis, &c. &c.

CASTLE LODGE OF HARMONY (No. 27).—A meeting of this old red apron Lodge was held at the Thatched House Tavern, St. James's-street, on Monday, Jan. 24th. Bro. Dr. Hinxman, W.M. in the chair, supported by the following Past Masters, Bros. John Nelson, P.S.G.D.; J. H. Law; Dr. Craft; R. Warner Wheeler, &c.; and the officers of the Lodge. Bro. McDonald having been balloted for, and elected, was most impressively initiated into the Order. The Lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, and the S.W., Bro. William Robert Wood, G. Steward, who had been unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing year, at the previous meeting of the Lodge, was most ably installed by Bro. Dr. Hinxman. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers: Bro. Luff, S.W.; Bro. Rev. J. Western, J.W.; Bro. Nelson, Treas.; Bro. Dr. Hinxman, Sec.; Bro. Crispin, S.D., &c. &c. All business being concluded, and the Lodge closed, the Brethren adjourned to the banquet, and passed the evening with that social harmony for which this Lodge has long been distinguished. There were many visitors present, from St. Mary's, No. 76, London; and the Royal York, No. 304, Brighton (of both of which Lodges, Bro. Wood is a Past Master); and also from other Lodges. It will no doubt be remembered, that it was chiefly to the exertions and liberality of Bro. Wood, that the children of the Freemasons' Girls School owed their pleasure trip to Brighton last summer; and this is only one of the many instances which has evidenced his beneficent spirit and practical energy in the interests and principles of our Order.

OLD KING'S ARMS LODGE (No. 30).—Delightful and agreeable as are the meetings generally of this favourite Lodge, we question if any former reunion of its members surpassed that of Monday, 24th ultimo, when Bro. F. Playford was

installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, by Bro. John Barnes, P.M., in the presence of a full gathering of W.Ms. and P.Ms. Previous to this ceremony two gentlemen were initiated by the outgoing Master, whose sun may be said to have set in glory. The officers are now: Bros. E. S. Phillips, S.W.; Marretti, J.W.; J. Barnes, P.M., Treas.; Jaques, P.M.; Sec.; Dr. Rea, S.D.; Scott, J.D.; W. Paas, P.M., Dir. of Cers; the I.G., absent from indisposition, was not invested. At the conclusion of business, thirty-four Brethren sat down to an excellent banquet furnished with taste and liberality. The postprandial proceedings were enlivened by some most exquisite songs and duets contributed by Bros. Crew, Watson, Genge, and Donald King. The visitors were Bros. F. Crew, P.M., No. 1; Blake, W.M., No. 21; Elmslie, W.M., No. 38; F. Binckes, P.M., No. 11; C. Watson, J.D., No. 11; Manley, and C. Mauley, No. 11; and many others whose names we were unable to ascertain. Bro. Elmslie replied to the toast of "The Visitors;" and Bro. Crew as usual eloquently responded to that of "The Charities," while all united in a cordial appreciation of the efficient services of the Dir. of Cers., Bro. W. Paas, P.M., who was indefatigable in his efforts (which were in every respect successful) to maintain order, and to promote the comfort and enjoyment of the assembled Brethren.

UNITED MARINERS' LODGE (No. 33).—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, January 19th, at Bro. Harris's, the Three Tuns Tavern, Borough. Bro. T. B. Diplock, W.M., having opened the Lodge in due form, proceeded to the business of the evening, which consisted of a raising and an initiation. The ceremonies being concluded, the chair was taken by Bro. C. C. Gibbs, and Bro. Diplock introduced the W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Cogden, for installation, the ceremony being well performed. The following Brethren were appointed to office, Bro. Philip Jagels, S.W.; Bro. Thomas Johns, J.W.; Bro. J. W. Dyer, S.D.; Bro. William John Harris, J.D.; Bro. George Dyer, I.G.; Bro. Thomas Pickering; Bro. R. Barnes, Treasurers; and Bro. R. E. Barnes, Hon. Sec. All business being concluded, and the Lodge closed, the Brethren adjourned to the social board, where, after duly honouring the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Diplock, P.M. proposed "The health of the W.M.," in which he alluded to the praise due to Bro. Cogden, on account of his judicious selection of officers, also the unanimity and brotherly feeling which prevails among the Brethren in their several appointments. The W.M., in reply, assured the Brethren from the high position he now occupied as Master of the Lodge, his utmost endeavours would be exercised to prove his efficiency in the discharge of the duties devolved on him, and urgently pressed on his officers to co-operate with him in the working of the Lodge, that it might not only redound credit to them individually, but to the honour of the Lodge, so that No. 33 might indeed be second to none in the Craft. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Visitors, Bro. Haywith, of No. 15; Bro. Trebeck, P.M., No. 15; Bro. Thomas Scotcher, P.M., No. 63; Bro. William Connell, No. 3. Bro. Connell, in thanking the members of the Lodge for the reception the visitors had met with, assured them the true characteristics of Freemasonry were fully evinced by their hospitality to strangers. Bro. Trebeck alluded to the alliance which had for so many years existed between the two Lodges; their co-operation in aid of the Masonic charities and the mutual reciprocations of feelings entertained by the several members of the Lodges towards each other. Bro. Scotcher, Hon. Sec. of the Lodge of Instruction held under the sanction of this Lodge, returned thanks for the pleasure he had received in visiting the Lodge; and alluded especially to the admirable manner in which the ceremony of installation had been performed, also the excellent working of the officers generally. The W.M. then proposed "The health of the Past Masters, viz., Bros. Diplock, Barnes, Turner, and Harris." The W.M., after referring to them as the pillars of the Lodge, drew the attention of the officers to the willingness of Bro. Barnes, Sec., to afford them all requisite Masonic information, and fit them for the faithful discharge of the various duties they might be called upon to fulfil. Bro. Diplock return thanks on behalf of the P.Ms., and expressed his grateful feelings for the manner in which he had been supported by his officers during his Mastership. The "health of Bro. Barnes, Treas. and Bro. R. E. Barnes, Hon.

Sec.," were most cordially received and gratefully acknowledged. The harmony of the evening was enhanced by the vocal powers of Bros. Gibbs, Cogden, and J. W. Dyer.

LODGE OF PEACE AND HARMONY (No. 72).—At the regular meeting, held on Thursday, Jan. 27th, at the London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street, Bro. Wm. Young, P.G. Steward, and W.M., in the chair, the W.M. raised to the third degree Bros. Acocks and Palmer, and afterwards installed into the chair the W.M. elect, Bro. Samuel Thomas, going through the impressive ceremony in his accustomed masterly manner. The new W.M. appointed and invested as his officers, Bro. E. J. Kennedy, S.W.; Bro. Isidore Levison, J.W.; Bro. Kennedy, Sec.; Bro. Thomas Parker, S.D.; Bro. John Tucker, J.D.; Bro. J. N. Garrod, I.G.; Bro. T. K. Kent, Steward, Bro. J. N. Tomkins, P.G.D., was re-elected Treas., and Bro. Rice, Tyler. Bro. Tomkins proposed that a jewel be presented to Bro. Young, the immediate P.M., in acknowledgment of the highly satisfactory manner in which that worthy Brother had discharged the duties of W.M. during the past year; which being seconded by Bro. Levison, was put and carried by acclamation. The report of the auditors announced a prosperous state of the Lodge funds. All business ended, the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the banquet. There were several visitors, among them being Bros. Crew, P.M., No. 1; Braithwaite, P.M., No. 4, and Prov. G.S.W., Essex; Jenkins, W.M., No. 7; Grosjean-P.M., No. 108; Sewell, No. 11; Sheppard, No. 109; Daw, Smith, &c. The W.M., in proposing "The Grand Master," eulogized the urbanity of manner and kindness of feeling which distinguished the Earl of Zetland. The health of the W.M. was given by Bro. Young, and in responding, Bro. Thomas said, although he could not expect to attain the excellence of his predecessor, he would, at any rate, endeavour so to fill the proud position into which he had been placed, that when he left the chair, he should hope to be greeted with the same kind feelings that he met with on that day. The healths of the visitors, there being many, were given in three different toasts, and to Bro. Crew was added, "and the Charities." The worthy secretary of the Girls School said he was at all times proud to have his name associated with the charities; and with reference to the Masonic institutions, he knew not any society of men who do so much good as Masons. He calculated there were not more than 30,000 subscribing members, yet they supported some of the noblest institutions. It was deserving of remark, that the great mass of Masons were men in the middle walks of life; yet see what they did. On the previous evening £2,100 was subscribed to the Benevolent Institution. Look at the large amount annually collected from the benevolent, and dispensed without regard to clime, colour, or creed. There was the Boys School, the festival for which would be held in March, where youths were receiving an education which might enable them—should they require it—to sustain their aged parents. The Girls School, with which he was especially connected, gave the highest amount of satisfaction to matron and mistress in the conduct and progress of the children. He was permitted to mention, that one child who had been admitted into the school, and connected with a brother now at their board, went out to Russia; the education and teaching she had received at the hands of the fraternity, enabled her to attain position in society, and she had recently married a gentleman of rank. He was sure such results would confer a blessing on us, and on our institution. So well had the school always been managed, that not one girl had ever cast a blot on the place of her education. He thought this could not be said of any similar institution. He hoped all who listened to him would endeavour to be present at the ensuing festival, and there see seventy children to be proud of—there hear their voices united in imploring blessings which he was sure would ascend to the throne of grace, and would descend like dew on the heads of their benefactors. Bro. Crew especially referred to Bro. Young, one of the most energetic supporters of the charities, and in reply to his application for a representative of No. 72, Bro. Jones, P.M., tendered himself as a steward.

LODGE OF PRUDENT BROTHERS (No. 169).—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, the 25th of January, when in

consequence of the temporary absence of Bro. Warren, Bro. W. Blackburn, P.M. passed Bro. Henry Davis to the third degree, and afterwards installed Bro. Charles Hart as W.M. The new Master appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Boyd, S.W.; Hooper, J.W.; Blackburn, Sec.; Denkin, S.D.; Graygoose, J.D.; Purkiss, I.G.; Watson and E. Loewenstark, D.Cs.; E. Hart, Orgt. Bro. Warren was invested as Treas., and Bro. Rice re-elected Tyler. After the dispatch of some routine business the Brethren adjourned to the banquet, and passed an exceedingly pleasant evening. Bro. Hewlett, W.M. elect of the Grand Stewards Lodge returned thanks for the visitors, and the Bros. Hart, Denkin, C. Sloman, M. Davis and others added much to the enjoyment by their excellent singing. Bro. E. Hart presiding at the pianoforte.

MANCHESTER LODGE (No. 209).—The members of this Lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, on Thursday, January 20th, when Bro. Hunt was installed as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Norman, the retiring Master, was greatly complimented for the manner in which he had gone through his year of office; as also for a present to the Lodge of some new furniture, which was much admired. The newly installed Master appointed as officers Bros. Berry, S.W.; Hopekirk, J.W.; Izod, Sec.; Busher, S.D.; and Maddon, I.G. Bro. Collard, P.M., was invested as Treas. The other business consisted of three initiations, one passing, and one raising. The Brethren retired to an admirable banquet, and a delightful evening resulted. Among the visitors we observed Bro. Stacey, W.M., No. 211; and Bro. Harrison, P.M., No. 202.

LODGE OF INDUSTRY (No. 219).—The annual meeting for installation of Master, and appointment of Officers of this Lodge, was held at Dick's Coffee-house, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, January 25th. The W.M. was unavoidably absent from family affliction, his place was therefore supplied by Bro. Suter, P.M., who proceeded to raise Bro. Hind to the degree of M.M. This completed, the Worshipful Brother relinquished the chair to Bro. Sheen, P.M., No. 237, who in the most impressive manner installed Bro. Cotterell, J.W., as W.M., amid the congratulations of a numerous body of installed Masters. The W.M. proceeded to the appointment and investiture of his officers as follows:—Bros. Dr. Nolan, S.W.; Platt, J.W.; Lescombe, P.M., Treas.; Carpenter, P.M., Sec.; Sheen, P.M., Dir. of Cers.; Woodstock, S.D.; Lake, J.D.; Thoms, I.G.; Goddard, P.M., Steward; Young, Tyler. The remaining business consisted of the initiation into the Order of Messrs. Buswell, Chappell, Connor, and Mather, which was admirably performed by the W.M., affording abundant proof of the manner the working will be carried out under his rule. The Lodge being closed, the Brethren retired to an excellent banquet, over which the W.M. presided with much ability, supported by a goodly number of visitors and Past Masters. The usual Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to, that of the W.M. being proposed by Bro. Orelli, P.M., who in doing so, took occasion to congratulate the Lodge in having selected as its W.M. a Brother so thoroughly acquainted with the various ceremonies. The W.M. returned thanks, and expressed his anxious desire to do his duty to the Lodge and to the Craft in general. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Visitors, coupling with the same the name of Bro. Stacey, W.M., No. 211, who in replying to the toast, expressed himself highly gratified by the excellent working he had witnessed, as well as by the pleasure he felt in the cordial and fraternal welcome the visiting Brethren had met with. The toast of the officers of the Lodge was replied to by Bro. Dr. Nolan, S.W., in a lengthened speech, replete with eloquence and good taste. A variety of other toasts followed, and the Brethren separated, well pleased with the proceedings of the evening. The visitors consisted of Bros. Lee, P.M., No. 9; Stacey, W.M., No. 211; Watts, P.M., No. 237; Cooper, P.M., No. 276; Andrew, P.M., No. 752; Buck, P.M., No. 828; Dougal, No. 25; Harrison, No. 53; Hayday, No. 133; Hamilton, No. 205; Ramage, No. 419; Tull, No. 597; P. Prov. G. Org., Berks; Scott, No. 752; Taylor, No. 752; Yorston, No. 886; Leonard, No. 935.

OAK LODGE (No. 225).—This excellent Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 19th, at Radley's Hotel, New Bridge-street. The inauguration of

Bro. Edward Robert Rigby into the office of W.M. of this Lodge, was most ably performed by Bro. C. W. Latham, the immediate P.M., assisted by numerous P.Ms. and Brethren. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bro. J. Van der Heyde, S.W.; Bro. W. T. Harris, J.W.; Bro. J. Sanders, S.D.; and Bro. George Brady, J.D. A vote of thanks was unanimously voted to Bro. Latham, for the able man-man in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. during the past year. A circular was read by Bro. Shuttleworth, P.M. and Sec., from the Board of General Purposes, relative to the proposed alteration of the Freemasons' Hall, and a committee, consisting of the W.M., the immediate P.M., the Wardens, Treas. and Sec., was appointed to take the subject into consideration and report thereon at the next meeting of the Lodge. The Brethren and visitors then adjourned to the banquet, which was ably presided over by the W.M.

PRINCE OF WALES'S LODGE (No. 324).—This Lodge held its usual meeting at the Thatched House Tavern, St. James's-street, on Tuesday, January 25th, Bro. Wheeler, W.M., in the chair, when Bro. Robinson was raised to the degree of M.M. by the W.M., in a very able and effective manner. A letter was read from Bro. Rigby, S.W., requesting that he might be allowed to retain the office of Warden another year, his health not permitting him at present to undertake the duties of Worshipful Master; Bro. Merryweather, Junior Warden, was therefore unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The Lodge being duly closed, the Brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet, at which they had the honour to entertain the following visitors to the Lodge:—Bros. Col. Western, W.M. of the Lodge of Antiquity; Roberts, P.M.; Gumm, P.M.; Hall, P.M.; and Wood, P.M. and Grand Steward. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Atty, P.M., proposed the health of the W.M. in an eloquent and feeling address. He said that Bro. Wheeler had discharged the duties of the chair in this Lodge for two years most zealously and effectively. Of his working it was unnecessary to speak; visitors would form their own opinion of his abilities in that respect from the very able performance they had witnessed that day in the Lodge. In the Craft in general he had earned for himself a high reputation for usefulness; he was a vice president to each of their three noble charities, in addition to which he was an active member of the Board of General Purposes. As the representative of this Lodge in particular, he had served several stewardships, including the office of Grand Steward; and although during his two years of office he had resided a distance from London, and had therefore travelled many hundreds of miles to discharge his duties, he had invariably been punctual at every meeting of the Lodge. The toast was most enthusiastically received. The W.M. then proposed the health of the visitors in an appropriate speech, which was responded to by Bro. Col. Western, W.M. of the Lodge of Antiquity, who said, that the Brethren over whom he presided felt gratified at the truly Masonic feeling which had always existed between the Lodge of Antiquity and the Prince of Wales's Lodge. He assured the W.M. and the Brethren that the Antiquity would always be anxious to reciprocate the elegant hospitality and fraternal feeling which had been so warmly manifested on that occasion. After a very pleasant evening, the Brethren separated about ten o'clock.

ARTILLERY LODGE, (No. 830).—The annual installation festival of this military Lodge was held on Friday, Jan. 28th, at the headquarters of the Hon. Artillery Company, Finsbury. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. F. Newton, who after the confirmation of the minutes relinquished the chair to Bro. P. Matthews, P.M., who raised Bro. Adlard, jun. to the degree of M.M. The Lodge being resumed in the second degree, Bro. W. H. Rough, Captain in Hon. Artillery Company, was presented for installation as W.M., and was duly installed and proclaimed, Bro. Eglise, P.M. delivering the several addresses. The W.M. appointed as his officers Bro. J. W. Long, S.W. and Sec.; Bro. Figg, J.W.; Bro. Chaplin, S.D.; Bro. Watkins, D.C.; Bro. Winder, I.G. The Brethren present on the Lodge being closed adjourned to banquet. Bro. Newton in proposing the health of the W.M., said that looking to the prosperity of the Lodge, on quitting the chair it was most satisfactory to find the choice of the members had fallen on

Bro. Rough, who was in every way calculated to advance the interests of the Lodge and promote the happiness and comfort of its members. The W.M. in reply, said he would do his utmost to give satisfaction to the Brethren, and he trusted his efforts to discharge the duties of his office with integrity would be successful. He announced his intention to act as Steward at the Girls' School festival, and solicited the support of the Brethren. "The visitors" was responded to by Bro. Adlard, P. Prov. D. C. Essex. In proposing the health of "The Treasurer," Bro. Newton eulogised the active services of Bro. P. Matthews, who, at a later period of the evening, said that although there were many matters which came before the Craft which they were bound to keep to themselves, still promulgating the great principles of Masoury was a duty; and when the press took such matters in hand, so much confidence had he in that great organ of public opinion that he was prepared to go forward with it, without reference to any difference of opinion upon trifling matters; it was most satisfactory to find that the *Freemasons' Magazine* was disposed to preserve the straight path. He was sure the press had done great good to the charities, it had been the means of largely increasing the subscriptions, by stimulating the provinces to action. Entertaining these views, he felt it was the duty of the Craft to sustain the publication; and as they had the pleasure of entertaining at their board a brother connected with the magazine, he trusted that any who were not already subscribers would hand in their names to Bro. How, whose health he coupled with "Success to the *Freemasons' Magazine*." Among the visitors present were Bros. W. W. Davis, P.M., No. 112; Parker, No. 38; E. W. Davis, No. 201; and Bro. Tedder, whose vocal powers added much to a most pleasant evening.

HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 1,056).—This Lodge held a meeting at the Railway Hotel, Tottenham, on Friday the 25th ultimo, the assemblage being somewhat numerous for this season of the year. Bro. Potts, W.M., proceeded to the opening of the Lodge precisely at four o'clock. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Gurjesum, a Swedish captain in the merchant service, was passed to the second degree, having received his initiation at St. Andrew's Lodge, Scotland, and being introduced to this Lodge by Bro. Lange, of No. 223, for the purpose of joining. Some discussion upon the by-laws succeeded this ceremony, after which Lodge was closed and the Brethren adjourned to a very good banquet, followed by the toast of "The Queen and Craft," eloquently introduced by the W.M., who then gave "The M.W.G.M. the Earl of Zetland," offering some complimentary and well timed allusions to the efficiency of that excellent nobleman, whose kindness of heart, urbanity, and consideration for the prosperity of the Order, entitled him to the admiration of the members of the Craft. The toast being received with full honours, that of the D.G.M. followed. Bro. Potts dilated at some length upon the merits of that noble brother, and drew the attention of brethren to the fact that Lord Panmure was seldom absent from Grand Lodge, although his political duties became onerous soon after his lordship's appointment to the office of D.G.M. He presided at the festival of the Girls School, and the largest sum ever subscribed for that charity was, he believed, obtained upon that occasion. The W.M. then proposed the health of their Bro. Capt. Gurjesum, who had done them the honour to select this Lodge for his advancement in the Order. The Brother alluded to would probably have but few opportunities of associating with them, his maritime duties calling him in various directions, but from what he (the W.M.) had seen of Bro. Gurjesum, he was satisfied that while on the broad bosom of the ocean, his thoughts would revert to his Brethren of the mystic tie. He hoped the Great Architect would spare him to return to this land, and the High Cross have the high pleasure of conferring on him the other degree. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," Bros. T. P. Moller, No. 203; Ekstrom, No. 774; D. Lange, No. 203; Stephen, No. 237, and G. Taylor. The Master then proposed the health of the officers, sincerely thanking them for their attention and proficiency in their duties. To Bro. Arliss he was particularly indebted—he being a P.M. of some standing—for taking the office of Deacon; also for his kindly representing the High Cross Lodge at the recent festival. It was a source of regret that the High Cross was not in a position in this early stage, to have afforded that support

the interesting occasion deserved; but still they did their best, and he was sure that Bro. Arliss felt they had done so. Several other toasts followed, duly responded to, and the Brethren returned to town soon after ten o'clock.

PROVINCIAL.

BRISTOL.

APPOINTMENTS.—*Lodges.*—Tuesday, February 8th, Jerusalem (986), Freemasons' Hall, Bristol, at 7; Wednesday, 9th, Royal Sussex (221), ditto, at 7; Friday, 11th. *Instructions.*—Ditto, at 7½. *Chapter.*—Thursday, 10th, Clarence (81), ditto, at 7.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Bristol, on Friday, 28th January, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. W. Powell, D. Prov. G.M.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form at eight o'clock, when the following Brethren were present in their respective places:—Bro. George Chick, Prov. G.S.W.; Bro. H. Fergus, Prov. J.G.W.; Bro. S. E. Taylor, Prov. G. Treas.; Bro. A. Dimoline, Prov. G. Sec. *pro tem*; Bro. R. J. Weaver, Prov. G.S.D.; Bro. H. Merrick, Prov. G.J.D.; Bro. G. S. Harris, Prov. G. Dir. Cers.; Bro. Thomas Bell, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; Bro. C. Powell, Prov. G. Org.; and Bro. W. H. Bowden, Prov. G. Purs.; Bro. T. Sainsbury, W.M., No. 81; Bro. James Willway, P.M., No. 81, P. Brov. G.S.W.; Bro. W. H. Nicholls, S.W., No. 81; Bro. J. C. Mitchell, J.W., No. 81; Bro. J. Barnes, W.M., No. 120; Bro. W. H. Low, W.M., No. 221; W. H. McKreth, P.M., No. 221; Bro. J. J. Peters, S.W., No. 221; Bro. W. H. Scott, J.W., No. 886; Bro. Dr. Herepath, W.M., elect, No. 986, &c. &c.

The minutes of the preceding Grand Lodge having been read and confirmed, the R.W.D. Prov. G.M. expressed his great regret at the absence of the respected Prov. G.M. Bro. H. Shute; more especially as that absence was caused by severe indisposition.

The Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts for the past year were then read and confirmed, and Bro. S. E. Taylor having been unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer for the ensuing year, suitably returned thanks for the renewed mark of confidence.

The R.W.D. Prov. G.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his Prov. Grand Officers, as follows:—

Bros. W. Harris P.M., No. 408, Prov. G.S.W.; J. A. Page, P.M., No. 986, Prov. J.G.W.; S. E. Taylor, P.M., No. 120 and 986, Prov. G. Treas.; J. Linter, P.M., No. 408, Prov. G. Sec.; H. J. V. De Candole, P.M., No. 221, Prov. G. Reg.; A. Dimoline, P.M., No. 81, Prov. G.S.D.; R. Fendick, P.M., No. 120, Prov. G.J.D.; J. H. Prichard, P.M., No. 221, Prov. Dir. Cers.; Thomas Bell, *C.E.*, P.M., No. 886, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; W. Heal, P.M., No. 886, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; C. R. M. Powell, No. 120, Prov. G. Org.; W. H. Bowden, P.M., No. 120, Prov. G. Purs.; F. A. Ware, Sec., No. 81; F. Lucas, No. 120; T. Hassell, No. 221; N. B. Sherrard, No. 408; H. Lane, No. 886; and T. G. Lamotte, No. 986, Prov. G. Stewards.

In making these appointments, the R. W. D. Prov. G.M. said, that he had experienced much inconvenience from the circumstance of some of the Lodges having adopted a course of proceeding which he had before taken an opportunity of deprecating in all cases when it could be possibly avoided; viz. that of re-electing their W.M. It being an old established custom in this province that none but Past Masters should be appointed to Prov. Grand Offices, the course alluded to was the means of preventing many deserving Brethren from arriving at that distinction as early as they should; and in more than one of the Lodges there were no Past Masters who had not already attained the purple.

It was announced that the committee appointed at the last Prov. Grand Lodge, to take the requisite steps preliminary to the establishment of a local benevolent fund had not yet sufficiently matured their plans to lay them before the province, but hoped to do so prior to the next meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge.

The R.W.D. Prov. G.M. next drew the serious attention of the Brethren to the late anonymous and slanderous attacks which have been made upon the M.W. Grand Master the Earl of Zetland, in a publication named the *Masonic Observer*, which attack the Grand Master had viewed in so serious an aspect as to deem it necessary himself to bring the subject before Grand Lodge at their last quarterly communication, and to appeal to the sympathy and support of his Brethren. He warmly repudiated the charges made, as utterly false, unfounded, and scurrilous, and eloquently expressed his full conviction that our Grand Master—than whom a more honourable and high-minded nobleman did not exist—was altogether incapable of the slightest approach to the unworthy conduct attributed to him. Shortly after the appeal of the M.W. Grand Master to Grand Lodge, in September last, a deputation had waited upon him (the D. Prov. G.M.) from the Royal Clarence Lodge, the oldest and largest in the province, who suggested, in accordance with a resolution passed in their Lodge, the propriety of the adoption of some such step by this Prov. Grand Lodge, as that taken by the Prov. Grand Lodge of Oxford, and subsequently by many others; and the suggestion perfectly coinciding with his own views and feelings, he had promised to bring the subject before Prov. Grand Lodge at this meeting. Since that time he had also been in communication with the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. H. Shute, who had expressed a very strong opinion as to the necessity of maintaining intact and unimpaired the dignity of our Grand Master, and a full determination strenuously to support his Prov. Grand Lodge in any steps which might be taken in so important a matter, and personally to attend the next quarterly communication of Grand Lodge, to present any address, or give effect to any resolution which the province might adopt. The D. Prov. G. M. also expressed his intention to be present upon that occasion, and he had been assured of the support and attendance of many Brethren in this province.

In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Dr. Bryant, P.M. No. 81 (Prov. Grand Com., K. T.), &c., who had taken the initiative in this matter, the R.W.D. Prov. G.M. expressed his willingness to convene an especial Prov. Grand Lodge to take the subject into consideration, should the Brethren think such step desirable; but there appearing to be the most perfect unanimity of feeling as to the course to be adopted, it was proposed by Bro. S. E. Taylor, Prov. G. Treas., seconded by Bro. Geo. Chick, P. Prov. G.S.W., and carried, amidst the hearty acclamations of the Brethren, "That this Provincial Grand Lodge has heard with the deepest regret, the slanderous attacks and unfounded personal charges which have been brought against the M.W. Grand Master the Earl of Zetland, in the pages of a publication called the *Masonic Observer*, and desires to express its firm and unabated confidence in the strict impartiality and integrity of the Grand Master."

It was further proposed by Bro. Samuel Taylor, seconded by Bro. Wm. Harris, Prov. S.G.W., and carried unanimously, "That a committee, consisting of the R.W. Prov. G.M., the R.W.D. Prov. G.M., the Prov. G. Wardens and P. Prov. G. Wardens, Prov. G. Treas., and Prov. G. Sec., together with the Worshipful Masters of the various Lodges in the province, be appointed to prepare a suitable address in accordance with the foregoing resolution, to be properly engrossed upon vellum, and presented by the R.W. Prov. G.M. Bro. Henry Shute, at the next quarterly communication of Grand Lodge, or in such manner as shall be determined upon by the said committee."

The R.W.D. Prov. G.M. then alluded to a proposition which had been laid before him, for the purpose of carrying into effect a Masonic Ball, which it was in contemplation to give at the Victoria Rooms, Clifton; the proceeds to be devoted to the fund for the restoration of St. Mary Redcliffe Church; and stated that, if a majority of the Brethren in the province should determine that such proceeding would be desirable, it should receive his hearty support and co-operation. Upon the proposition of Bro. J. Bell, Prov. G. Supt. of Works, seconded by Bro. S. C. Mitchell, S.W. No. 81, a committee was appointed to consider the propriety of adopting the course suggested, or otherwise, and report thereon.

In reply to a question by Bro. Thos. Sainsbury, W.M. No. 81, the R.W.D. Prov. G.M. stated that he had received a circular from the Board of General Purposes, relative to the Grand Lodge property, but owing to a pressure of Masonic and other business, he had been unable to give it that consideration which would enable him to afford an opinion for the guidance of the various Lodges in the province, in their determination thereon, but promised to take an early opportunity of so doing.

Bro. G. Chick, P. Prov. G.S.W., proposed, and Bro. Wm. Harris, Prov. S.G.W., seconded a cordial vote of condolence and sympathy with the much esteemed Prov. G.M. under his present severe indisposition. After which the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form at ten o'clock, P.M.

BRISTOL.—*Royal Sussex Lodge of Hospitality.*—The anniversary of this Lodge was celebrated on Thursday last, by an elegant banquet at the White Lion Hotel, presided over by the W.M., Bro. W. H. Low. The banners of the Sussex, Clarence, Beaufort, Colston, Moira, and Jerusalem Lodges, were suspended around the room, at the end of which was a beautiful illumination illustrative of Masonry. The musical and decorative arrangements were admirable, and gave great satisfaction. Eighty Brethren sat down to dinner, and the Master of the Lodge was supported by Bros. Poole (mayor of Bristol); Dr. Falconer (mayor of Bath), D. Prov. G.M.; W. Powell; Melsom, W.M., No. 61; and the following Past Masters—Bros. John George Shaw, T. T. Taylor, Capt. Castle, F. T. Barnard, H. R. Fargus, S. Bryant, W. M. Macreth, H. V. de Candole, G. C. Glasson; and the Worshipful Masters of Lodges Nos. 81, 120, 408, and 886. "The health of the Queen," was followed by "The Prince Consort, the Princess of Prussia, and the rest of the royal family." In proposing this, Bro. Low announced, amidst enthusiastic plaudits, that the mayor had received a telegram that evening stating that the Princess of Prussia had been safely delivered of a prince. The chairman then gave the healths of the Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M.; Lord Panmure, R.W.D.G.M.; and Bro. Henry Shute, R.W. Prov. G.M., all of which were drunk with great enthusiasm. Bro. Powell, D. Prov. G.M., returned thanks on behalf of the Prov. Grand Master, who was absent on account of ill health. The W.M. then gave "The D. Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Lodge." Bro. Powell responded in appropriate terms, and proposed the health of the W.M. He said the best proof of the estimation in which his worthy Brother was held was the assemblage around him this night. The W.M. expressed the gratification it gave him to see such a gathering as this before him, and, whilst he thanked them for their support, he hoped that, whatever office he held in the Craft, he should ever deserve the kindness which he had received on all occasions from his brother Masons. He begged to give them the health of Bro. Poole, P.M., mayor of Bristol. Bro. Poole said he was grateful to his brethren that, although he had been sometime absent from their Lodge, they had not forgotten him in his absence. Notwithstanding it was some time since he took any practical part in the management of their Lodge, when he saw them around him to-night in their Masonic attire, he felt that Masonry was as dear to his heart at that moment as ever it was, and that he was as sincere and enthusiastic a Mason now as he was when he presided over this Lodge. He then asked the Brethren to drink the health of their worthy Past Master, the mayor of Bath. Bro. Dr. Falconer (mayor of Bath) said he must be cold indeed did he not deeply feel the kind manner in which his health had been drunk. He fully appreciated their kindness, and he should be glad on some other occasion to reciprocate the kind hospitality of their worthy Past Master, the mayor of Bristol. He had met the brethren of the Bristol Lodges before, and he had once witnessed a ceremony in one of their Lodges so beautifully performed that the remembrance would ever remain implanted on his memory. He was indebted to them for selecting this occasion for his first introduction to his brother the mayor of Bristol. It was satisfactory to them to know that the civic chairs of Bristol and Bath were occupied by brother Masons. It was a proud thing for them that they could look back to the history of the civic chair of Bristol and find that it had been so often occupied by Masons. It was the same in Bath, where the chair had been often occupied by distinguished Masons; and, speaking of

himself, it must be some source of gratification to his Brethren and pupils in the same school of Masonry as himself, that he had been twice elected mayor of Bath. The W.M. next gave "The Bristol Lodges, and the Worshipful Master of each Lodge." The Worshipful Masters having severally responded, Bro. Poole, in complimentary terms, gave "The Past Masters." Bro. J. G. Shaw, P.M., in returning thanks, said it was comparatively easy to address one's fellow-citizens on a matter of business, in which the heart was little interested, but he left it to his Brethren around him whether or not the feelings which must be excited by the enthusiastic manner in which he had been received might not well incapacitate a man from giving full expression to his thoughts and sentiments. Though he had been taken away from fulfilling the practical duties of his Lodge for so long a time, and perhaps could not now have initiated his eldest son, as he did some years ago, into the solemn mysteries of Masonry, he ever remembered the great principles which had been inculcated into his mind. He was taught, under the auspices of his brethren, those great principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth which formed the basis of their Order. He was there taught, not the mere pleasure of relieving a fellow-creature in distress, but the gratifying duty of exercising that brotherly love which hides a brother's faults, and serves to cover a multitude of sins. Was he not also taught those principles of benevolence which he had endeavoured to carry out far beyond the precincts of his Lodge? Was he not there taught that principle so highly prized amongst them—the stern principle of justice? He hoped that he had, in his public life, ever carried this out. He was proud in having been more than once elected to the high position of chief magistrate of this city, the duties of which he had been enabled to perform with satisfaction to himself and his fellow-citizens; and he was more pleased that he had been enabled to do so because he had taken his lessons in justice and charity under able Masons in the Masonic Hall. A number of other toasts were given, and the Brethren separated, in perfect harmony, at an early hour.

CHESHIRE.

APPOINTMENTS.—*Lodges*.—Wednesday, February 9th, Fidelity (623), White Hart, Flowery Fields, at 6; Thursday, 10th, Mersey (701), Angel Hotel, Birkenhead, at 5.

BIRKENHEAD.—*Zelland Lodge*, (No. 782).—The Brethren of this Lodge met at the Park Hotel, Birkenhead, on Wednesday evening, 19th ultimo, to instal their newly elected Master, Bro. Henry Bulley, late S.W. Before, however, commencing that ceremony, Bro. Marshall, W.M., initiated Mr. Frederick Hoibye into the mysteries of the Order, in his usual impressive manner. Bro. W. Bulley, P.M., and Prov. J.G.D. for Cheshire, assisted by Bro. Marshall, P.M.; Bro. Willoughby, P.M. and Prov. J.G.W. for Cheshire; Bro. Moss, P. Prov. J.G.W. for Gloucestershire and Cheshire; Bro. Sherlock, P.M. and P. Prov. G.S. of Works for Cheshire; Bro. Samuelson, P.M. and P. Prov. J.G.D. for Cheshire; Bro. Howard, P.M. and P. Prov. J.G.D. for Cheshire; Bro. J. P. Platt, P.M.; Bro. Griffiths, W.M., No. 701; Bro. Allender, P.M., No. 368; Bro. Neville, W.M., No. 880, proceeded to instal the W.M. elect. The eloquent and beautiful style in which Bro. Bulley, P.M. went through the ceremony elicited the most flattering observations from all the Brethren. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following Brethren as his Officers for the ensuing twelve months:—Bros. Robert Anderson, S.W.; Thomas Platt, J.W.; Rampling, Treas.; J. B. Hignett, Sec.; J. L. Howard, S.D.; W. Bulley, J.D., and J. P. Platt, I.G. The Brethren then adjourned to refreshment, and after partaking of a sumptuous banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were eloquently given by the W.M., and responded to by the Brethren in a truly Masonic manner, and after an evening spent in enjoyment, the Brethren separated, wishing every success and a prosperous year to the *Zelland Lodge*.

DEVONSHIRE.

APPOINTMENTS.—*Lodges*.—Monday, February 7th, Bedford (351), Private Rooms, Tavistock, at 7; Fidelity (280), Three Tuns, Tiverton, at 7; Harmony, (182), Swan Inn, Plymouth, at 7; Wednesday, 9th, Fortitude (122), Prince George Hotel, Stonehouse, at 7.

TOTNES.—*Pleiades Lodge* (No. 1012).—On Thursday, January 20th, a Lodge was held at the Masonic Room, Totnes; the Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. the Rev. W. Y. Daykin, who then stated to the Brethren that he had a particular engagement, and asked Bro. Henry Bridges, P.M., to take the chair. Bro. Bridges then raised Bro. P. Hackin, passed Bro. Searle, and initiated Mr. Richard Manning. Bro. Bridges then stated that the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, would be held on Wednesday the 26th January, and asked the Lodge for the annual subscription of one guinea, which was at once granted, as well as individual subscriptions from the members present, which amounted to £5 10s. The Lodge was then closed.

DURHAM.

APPOINTMENTS.—*Lodges*.—Thursday, February 10th, *Palatine* (114), Bridge Hotel, Sunderland, at 8; *Restoration* (128), Town Hall, Durham, at 7.

ESSEX.

APPOINTMENTS.—*Lodge*.—Wednesday, February 9th, *United* (998), George Hotel, Colchester, at 7. *Chapter*.—Tuesday, 8th, *Essex* (313), George Hotel, Chelmsford, at 7; Thursday, 10th, *Patriotic* (59), Cups Hotel, Colchester, at 7.

HAMPSHIRE.

APPOINTMENTS.—*Lodges*.—Monday, February 7th, *Oakley* (995), Black Boy, Basingstoke; Thursday, 10th, *Royal Gloucester* (152), Freemasons' Hall, Southampton, at 7. *Chapter*.—Wednesday, 9th, *Friendship* (319), Private Rooms, Portsmouth, at 7.

WINCHESTER.—*Lodge of Economy* (No. 90).—The general monthly meeting of this Lodge took place at the rooms at the *Black Swan Hotel*, on Wednesday evening the 26th ult. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Hasleham, Bro. Samuel Everitt, P.M. presided, and opened the Lodge in due form. There were present Bros. La Croix, S.W.; Larkin, J.W.; G. P. Jacob, P.M., Treas.; Cowen, Sec.; Hubbersty, Butcher, E. Sherry, H. Huggins, and Waterman. Bro. Lieutenant Cole was present as a visitor. The W.M. and several other members of the Lodge were absent this evening, being present in London, in order to attend the festival of the Royal Benevolent Institution for aged Masons. Bro. Waterman was passed to the second degree; and Bro. Huggins was raised to the degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being most ably and impressively performed by Bro. Everitt, assisted by Bros. Larkin, La Croix, and E. Sherry. There were two items on the notice paper for discussion, but in consequence of the absence of the W.M. and other members of the Lodge, they were postponed for consideration at the next Lodge meeting, when it is expected there will be a large attendance. These subjects are as follows:—First, a paper received from Bro. Havers, as President of the Board of General Purposes; and secondly, a report on the Masonic charities from Bros. Lyall and Symonds. The Lodge being closed, the members adjourned for refreshment, and spent an hour or so in brotherly affection and harmony.

KENT.

APPOINTMENTS.—*Lodges*.—Monday, February 7th, *Peace and Harmony* (235), Royal Oak, Dover, at 7½; Tuesday, 8th, *Belvidere* (741), Star Hotel, Maidstone, at 7.

GRAVESEND.—*Lodge of Freedom* (No. 91).—A Lodge of emergency was held at the Town Hall, on Monday evening, January 24th, to initiate Mr. Wm. Guthrie Smalley, when the ceremony was performed by Bro. Wates, W.M. There was a goodly muster of the Brethren present.

GRAVESEND.—*Lodge of Instruction*.—The Secretary of this Lodge writes—"I am instructed by the Brethren of this Lodge of Instruction, to send you a copy of a resolution which has been unanimously passed in this Lodge. It was proposed by Bro. Pottinger, and seconded by Bro. Spain, that this Lodge of Instruction, for Lodges Nos. 91 and 709, consider it highly desirable that every Lodge of Instruction should be properly provided with Masonic works, and that the Secretary be

directed to subscribe for the *Freemasons' Magazine* for the use of this Lodge of Instruction for the current year. You may publish this if you please, to stir up other Lodges to do the same." This Lodge of Instruction meets every Thursday evening, at the Star Hotel, at half-past seven.

GRAVESEND.—A lecture for the benefit of the Gravesend and Milton Library was given last week at the Town hall, by Bro. L. E. Rees, the historian of Lucknow, descriptive of the siege of that city, of which he was one of the defenders. The chair was taken by Bro. Hyde Clarke, D.C.L. The introduction of the address was a most eloquent composition, and the lecture embraced many incidents of the siege which were attested by some of the audience. The lecturer was enthusiastically received, and a vote of thanks was passed to him by acclamation. The thanks and congratulations of the meeting, for their presence that evening were likewise given to Captain Bird, another of the heroes of Lucknow, and to Captain Keats of Havelock's relieving army.

LANCASHIRE (EAST).

APPOINTMENTS.—*Lodges*.—Monday, February 7th, Cheetam and Crumpsall (925), Crumpsall Hotel, Manchester, at 6; Wednesday, 9th, *Antiquity* (170), One Horse Shoe, Bolton, at 7; Thursday, 10th, Samaritan (358), Green Man, Bacup, at 7; Perseverance (432), Old Bull, Blackburn, at 8. *Chapters*.—Tuesday, 8th, St. John's (263), Commercial Inn, Bolton, at 7. *Encampment*.—Wednesday, 9th, Loyal Ashton-under-Lyne Volunteers, Swan Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne; Friday, 11th, Hugh de Payens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE (WEST).

APPOINTMENTS.—*Lodges*.—Monday, February 7th, Harmony (267), Wellington Hotel, Garston, at 5½; Tuesday, 8th, Merchants (294), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5; Royal Preston (418), Cross Axes, Preston, at 8; Thursday, 10th, Harmonic (263), Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4; Friday, 11th, Perseverance (181) Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6. *Chapter*.—Thursday, 10th Harmony (267), Wellington Hotel, Garston, at 6.

LINCOLNSHIRE.

APPOINTMENTS.—*Lodges*.—Tuesday, February 8th, Harmony (330), Masonic Hall, Boston, at 7; Thursday, 10th, Shakspeare (617), Town Hall, Spilsby at 6.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

APPOINTMENTS.—*Lodges*.—Monday, February 7th, Northern Counties (586), Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle, at 7; Tuesday, 8th, De Ogle (919), Morpeth, at 6; Wednesday, 9th, Blagden (957), Ridley Arms, Blyth, at 7. *Chapters*.—Wednesday, 9th, De Swinburne (24), Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle, at 7; Friday, 11th, De Sussex (586), ditto, at 7. *Encampment*.—Friday, 11th, Royal Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—*Lodge De Lorraine* (No. 793).—On Friday, the 17th Dec., a very large number of Masonic brethren assembled in the Freemasons' Hall, Blackett-street, to witness the installation of Bro. Thomas Alexander, W.M. elect, whose generosity to, and enthusiasm for, the Craft, deservedly gained for him, by unanimous approbation, the presidency of the Lodge for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installing Bro. Alexander was performed by Bro. E. D. Davis, P.M., with his usual ability and impressiveness. Bro. Alexander then proceeded to invest as his Officers, Bros. Frederick Welford, P.M.; Wm. Chariton, S.W.; Wm. Pearson, J.W.; John Bailes, Treas.; Thomas Anderson, Sec.; T. B. Winter, S.D.; Robert Smalles, J.D.; John Stokoe, I.G.; Jas. Manning, Steward, and Alexander Dickson, Tyler. Bro. P.M. Davis then congratulated Bro. Alexander on the position he had attained, and also complimented the Lodge on the kindly and fraternal feeling which characterised the members, which was strikingly displayed in the unanimous choice of their W.M. The Lodge was then closed in love and harmony. The usual annual banquet did not take place till Monday the 27th Dec., St. John's Day, as it had been resolved to hold it in conjunction with the Newcastle Lodge, No. 24, on which day Bro. Benj. J. Harding, W.M. elect, was impressively installed by Bro. Johnstone, P.M., assisted by Bro. John Barker, P.M. Bro. Harding being installed, proceeded to invest the officers, viz:—Bros. Harry Hotham, P.M.; Andrew Gillespie, S.W.; Michael Signey, J.W.; Alfred Legge, Treas.; Albert

Loades, Sec.; Henry Dixon, S.D.; Roberts, J.D.; Thomas Rowell, Steward; Geo. Lambton, I.G.; Alexander Dickson, Tyler. The conjoint festival was held at the Central Exchange Hotel, on the conclusion of these interesting ceremonies, when upwards of fifty Brethren partook of an elegant dinner, provided by Bro. Rogerson. The chair was occupied by Bro. Benj. J. Harding, W.M., No. 24, supported on his right by Bro. Hotham, P.M., and on his left by Bro. Thos. Alexander, W.M., No. 793, and Bro. Welford, P.M.; supporting the worthy chairman were the following P.Ms.—Bros. Johnstone, Barker, Clapham, Bell, Morrow, Bannister, Cummings, Galbraith, Weatherhead, Macfarlane, Harrison, and Fisher. The vice chairs were ably filled by Bros. W. Charlton, S.W., No. 793; supported by Andrew Gillespie, S.W., No. 24; and W. Pearson, J.W., No. 793, supported by Michael Signey, J.W., No. 24, &c., &c. Grace having been said by the Rev. Bro. Eaton, and the cloth removed, the chairman, Bro. Harding, proposed "The Queen," which was drunk with the usual honours. Then followed the ordinary Masonic toasts, which were warmly responded to. Bro. Barker, P.M., in a warm eulogium, proposed the health of Bro. Alexander, W.M. No. 793, whom he characterised as a most worthy brother, dilating at the same time upon Bro. Alexander's excellent moral qualifications. Bro. Alexander made a feeling reply. Bro. Bell, P.M., proposed the health of the worthy chairman, Bro. Harding, No. 24, and in doing so, said that in public life Bro. Harding was very much respected, and in private life warmly beloved. Bro. Harding responded and said, he felt proud of the good opinion of the Craft, and trusted that any error he might commit, might be of the head and not of the heart. The W.M. proposed the health of Rev. Bro. Eaton, who briefly replied. Several other toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. Bro. Fisher, P.M., gave the "Ladies," which was received with much applause, and answered by Bro. Alexander. Songs and recitations, by several of the Brethren, added a charm and conviviality to the proceedings. It may be worthy of notice, that Bro. Alexander, W.M. of No. 793, began his year of office with very prosperous prospects; for a Lodge of Emergency was called on 24th December, for the purpose of balloting for, and initiating five Brethren into the mysteries of the ancient Order.

SOMERSETSHIRE.

APPOINTMENTS.—Lodges.—Monday, February 7th, Royal Cumberland (48), Amery's Hotel, Bath, at 7; Friday, 11th, Rural Philanthropic (367), Huntspill, at 6. *Mark*—Thursday, 10th, Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath, at 8. *Chapter*.—Wednesday, 9th, Royal Sussex (91), Amery's Hotel, Bath, at 7½.

SOMERSET.—Rural Philanthropic Lodge (No. 367).—On Friday, 21st January, a Lodge of emergency was held at the Railway Hotel, Highbridge. The W.M., Bro. C. Halliday, having opened the Lodge in the first degree, a letter was read by the worthy Secretary and P.M., Bro. Henry Bridges, from Bro. C. H. Gregory, P.M., and Prov. G. Steward, asking the support of the Lodge to the *Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror*; and, on the motion of Bro. J. D. Saunders, S.W., it was agreed that the Lodge should subscribe for two numbers weekly. Bro. Bridges then stated that Bro. Gregory was a steward of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, and that the festival would be held on Wednesday next, the 26th January; and he (Bro. Bridges), with his liberal heart to all Masonic charities, asked for a contribution from the Lodge funds, as well as the individual support of the members. After a short discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the Lodge should subscribe £2 per annum, the same to be equally divided between each fund; in addition to which the Brethren, with their wonted liberality, subscribed the sum of £12 5s., making a total of £14 5s. The W.M. having temporarily vacated the chair, Bro. Bridges, P.M. with his well known skill and ability, passed Bro. Curtoys, and raised Bro. Wade. The Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren adjourned to a *recherché* dinner.

TAUNTON.—Lodge of *Unanimity and Sincerity* (No. 327).—The Brethren of this Lodge held their usual monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 19th, the newly

installed W.M., Bro. Charles Bluett, presiding. There was a full attendance of the Brethren, and the manner in which the newly appointed officers conducted the working of the Lodge reflected much credit upon them, instancing the good results of Lodges of Instruction so regularly adopted by the Brethren of this Lodge. Bro. Greenslade was passed to the second degree.

STAFFORDSHIRE.

APPOINTMENTS.—*Lodges*.—Monday, February 7th, St. James (707), New Inn, Handsworth, at 7; Friday, 11th, Honour (769), Old Assembly Rooms, Wolverhampton, at 7½. *Encampment*.—Friday, 11th, Godefroi de Bouillon, Wheatstheat, Stoke-upon-Trent.

SUFFOLK.

APPOINTMENT.—*Lodge*.—Thursday, February 10th, Unity (31), Suffolk Hotel, Lowestoft, at 7.

SUSSEX.

APPOINTMENTS.—*Lodges*.—Tuesday, February 8th. *Instruction*.—Old Ship, Brighton, Annual Elections; Wednesday, 9th, *Mariners* (573), White Hart, Littlehampton; Thursday, 10th, Royal Brunswick (1634), Old Ship, Brighton.

WALES (SOUTH.)

CARDIFF.—*Glamorgan Lodge* (No. 43).—A Lodge of Emergency was held at the Lodge room on Thursday, the 27th January, when a large number of the Brethren attended for the purpose of paying a well merited compliment to Bro. Langley, who has twice filled the office of W.M., and by his excellent working, and the amount of instruction conveyed by him to the Brethren, has done so much to promote the prosperity of this Lodge. The Lodge having been opened by the W.M., Bro. Calder, and the routine business transacted, was closed in due form, and the Brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Cardiff Arms Hotel, which was presided over by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. C. K. Kemeys Tynte, supported on his right by the guest of the evening, Bro. Langley, and on his left by Bro. N. B. Calder, W.M., No. 43; the S.W. Bro. South, and J.W. Bro. Cooper occupying their proper positions. There were also present Bros. Thos. Hodge, P.M., No. 43, and P. Prov. S.G.D.; W. P. James, P.M., No. 43, and Prov. G.Sec.; S. M. Lowder, P.M., No. 43; Clement Waldron, Prov. S.G.D.; W. J. Gaskell, S.D.; N. J. Calder, J.D.; E. J. Thomas, Hon. Sec.; Geo. Thomas, I.G.; W. Davies, Org., and a number of Brethren and visitors. The cloth having been removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were done justice to. The health of the Prov. G.M. was proposed by Bro. Calder, W.M., and received most cordially. The Prov. G.M. appropriately returned thanks, expressing the pleasure he felt in being called upon to take part in the interesting proceedings of the evening. He then in graceful and eloquent terms proposed the health of Bro. Langley, and at the same time presented to him the testimonial, which consisted of a massive silver salver, ornamented with Masonic groups and emblems, and bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Brother Robert Francis Langley, P.M., by the Officers and Brethren of the Glamorgan Lodge, No. 43, as a token of fraternal regard, and in memory of the valuable services rendered by him to Freemasonry. January, 1859." This was accompanied by a splendid gold P.M.'s jewel, bearing a suitable inscription. The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm. Bro. Langley responded in a feeling and truly Masonic address, alluding to the time when he first received the light of Masonry under the instruction of Bro. Hodge, who sat on his right hand that evening, and to the great strides the Glamorgan Lodge had made since that time. He spoke of the valuable assistance rendered to him on all occasions by the officers of the Lodge, and congratulated the Brethren on their prosperity, and the spirit of emulation lately shown by the younger Brethren, stating his confident opinion that there were plenty of good working officers to be had from amongst them; and that when the new Masonic Hall shall be completed, an additional impetus will be given to the cause of Freemasonry in Cardiff. He concluded by thanking the R.W. Prov. G.M. for his attendance, and the officers and Brethren of the Lodge for the valuable and gratifying present they had made him, and feelingly alluded to the pride he should feel in handing down to his children these

marks of their favour. In conclusion, he said that he hoped he should live to see a son of his worthy to wear the proud badges he should leave him. The Prov. G.M. proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Calder, which was duly responded to. The Prov. G.M. being then compelled to leave, was saluted by the Brethren on his departure; and the chair was taken by the W.M. Bro. Langley proposed the healths of the Principals of the Royal Arch Chapter; Bro. J. Hodge, M.E.Z.; Bro. S. M. Londer, H.; and Bro. Bassett, J. Bro. Hodge returned thanks, and expressed the pleasure he felt at having had the privilege of initiating Bro. Langley into Masonry. The various officers of the Lodge, the junior Brethren, and the visitors, having been done honour to, the sympathy of the Brethren was expressed in the usual way for "All poor and distressed Masons." Several songs enlivened the evening, which was spent in perfect harmony, and much enjoyed by all present.

WILTSHIRE.

APPOINTMENT.—Lodge.—Tuesday, February 8th, Elias de Derham (856), White Hart Hotel, Wilts, at 7½.

TROWBRIDGE.—Lodge of Concord (No. 915).—This Lodge held its annual festival on Tuesday, Jan. 18th, when the W.M. elect, Bro. H. C. Levander, was duly installed by Bro. E. Roberts, P. Prov. J.G.W. for Wiltshire, who performed the ceremony in a very efficient and impressive manner. Among those present, were, Bros. W. Biggs, P.M. No. 247; J. Naish, P.M. No. 90, and Oliver, P.M. No. 61. The W.M. appointed the following Brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, viz:—Bros. G. Plimmer, S.W.; J. Allen, J.W.; Bro. J. E. Hayward, Treas.; G. P. Stancomb, Sec.; Wheeler, S.D.; E. Barton, J.D.; W. Abye, I.G.; Lawson, Org.; G. Sylvester, D.C.; E. Mandry, Steward; W. Bailey, Tyler. It was proposed and carried unanimously that there should be recorded on the minutes a vote of thanks to the immediate P.M., Bro. F. Webber, for the very efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair during the past two years; also to the same Brother with Bros. W. Webber and G. P. Stancomb, for the efforts they had made to promote the welfare of the Lodge. The Brethren then adjourned to the banquet, and spent a pleasant evening, their only regret being that the trains, by which the visiting Brethren had to return to their respective homes, would—like time and tide—"wait for no man."

WORCESTERSHIRE.

APPOINTMENTS.—Lodges.—Monday, February 7th, Semper Fidelis (772), Crown Hotel, Worcester, at 6½; Tuesday, 8th, Royal Standard (730), Dudley Arms, Dudley, at 6½. Chapter.—Tuesday, 8th, Royal Standard (730), Dudley Arms, Dudley, at 3.

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST).

APPOINTMENTS.—Lodges.—Monday, February 7th, Union (237), Masonic Hall, York, at 7; Wednesday, 9th, Minerva (311), Masonic Hall, Hull, at 7.

SEARONROU—Old Globe Lodge (No. 236).—The installation of Bro. E. W. Pritchard, M.D. of Filey, the W.M. elect, took place on the 19th ultimo before a board of regularly installed Masters. The W.M. appointed and invested the following Brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. Hawson, S.W., late S.W., No. 236; W. Jancowski, J.W.; Nobby, Treas.; H. Williamson, Sec.; J. Greasely, S.D.; S. Cornwall, J.D.; E. Dove, J. T. Spong, Stewards; J. Chapman, I.G.; J. Milner, Treas.; and Bro. Wormley E. Richardson, the immediate P.M. Bro. Marwood, the R.W.D. Prov. Grand Master performed the ancient ceremony of installation in his accustomed solemn and impressive manner, assisted by Bros. Bean, Hebden, Richardson, and Spurr. The D. Prov. G.M. then initiated Mr. R. Hodgson of Sunderland, into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, with a freshness, vigour, precision, and eloquence that lent an additional grace to our noble rites. A goodly muster of the Brethren staid to supper, and spent a delightful evening, enhanced by the presence of the D. Prov. G.M., who, in addition to the warm eulogies he paid Bro. Pritchard, the W.M., who had been re-elected by the Brethren to the office of W.M.—strongly advocated the Masonic

charities, and drew particular attention to the case of Bro. Dale, a worthy member of the Lion Lodge, Whitby, for whom he requested their suffrages in the forthcoming election. Bro. Pritchard, W.M. proposed, amongst other toasts, the health of the D. Prov. G.M. and promised to direct the attention of the Brethren to the laudable suggestions of the R.W. Brother, adding that he himself was always happy to give every support in his power to such objects. The healths of the past and present officers of the Lodge, the visiting brethren, and other toasts were given. Bros. Woodall, Jancowski, and Hawson, sang several enlivening songs, and the most perfect good feeling prevailed throughout the evening. We understand that in the course of the month of February the R.A. Chapter, in connexion with the Old Globe Lodge, which has now for some years lain dormant, will be revived, a new warrant having just been granted for that purpose.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—*North York Lodge* (No. 876).—On Friday, the 17th December, this Lodge assembled at the Town Hall, for the installation of the W.M., on which occasion it was visited by Bros. George Marwood, R.W. D. Prov. G.M. of the province; John Shelly, W.M.; Joseph Dodds, P.M., the Rev. James Milner, P.M. and Chaplain, and several other Brethren of the Tees Lodge, Stockton, No. 749; the Rev. John Kenyon, W.M., the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.M., and several other Brethren of the Restoration Lodge, Darlington, No. 128; Bro. Handyside, P.M. of the Cleveland Lodge, Stokesley, No. 795, and others. Bro. John Shields Peacock, who at the November meeting had been elected to fill the office of Master, was then installed, the ceremony being performed by Bro. George Marwood, D. Prov. G.M., in his usual effective and impressive manner. The W.M. then appointed his officers, namely, Bros. John Jordison, S.W.; John A. Manners, J.W.; William Doughty, Sec.; John M. Lennard, S.D.; James Ingram, jun., J.D.; and George Bottomley, I.G.; and invested Bro. Henry Thompson, P.M., as Treasurer; and Bro. Peter Unthank, as Tyler. The Brethren afterwards adjourned to the Station Hotel, where a capital banquet was provided by Bro. Charles Watson.

YORKSHIRE (WEST).

APPOINTMENTS.—*Lodges*.—Wednesday, February 9th, Wakefield (727), Old Rectory, Wakefield, at 7; Thursday, 10th, Britannia (162), Music Hall, Sheffield, at 7; Friday, 11th, *Instruction*.—Griffin Hotel, Leeds, at 7. *Chapter*.—Monday, 7th, Paradise (162), Music Hall, Sheffield, at 7; Tuesday, 8th, Fidelity (364), Freemasons' Hall, Leeds, at 7.

MARK MASONRY.

ST. MARK'S LODGE.—(*Scottish Constitution*, No. 1).—At the regular meeting of this Lodge held at the Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday evening last, the Brother whose name stood on the circular for advancement, did not make his appearance. Bro. H. Riseborough Sharman, the R.W. Master, having opened the Lodge in due form, said that the absence of the candidate would give him a fair opportunity of calling the attention of the Brethren to the present position of the Mark Degree in this country. When Bro. Warren, Bro. Hughes and himself applied to the Grand Chapter of Scotland for the warrant under which they were that evening assembled, there was only one Lodge of Mark Masons in London, and that was holding under a Chapter in Aberdeen. The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland withdrew the warrant from that Chapter, and consequently the London Lodge had no legal existence. Under these circumstances, he and his friends had held aloof from their Brethren, and had obliged all their candidates not to visit or receive visits from Lodges of Mark Masters not holding under some "recognised supreme grand body, constituted as the representative of daughter Lodges." This phrase was received, so far as he could recollect, from Scotland, and was intended

to apply to a Lodge of Mark Masons which, having no longer a warrant of its own, constituted itself a Grand Lodge to grant warrants to others. There was, however, a third element introduced into the matter, which completely changed the entire aspect of the affair. It was found that there were about a score of Lodges in various parts of the country, which had been in the habit of conferring the Mark degree under charters existing prior to the union. Of the "legality" of these Lodges, there seemed no disposition, on any part, to raise a question. All sides admitted it. Well, a number of these united with a number of other Lodges, the legitimacy of whose origin was not quite so certain, perhaps—but he would not go into that point—and the two bodies then formed was what was now known as the "Grand Lodge of Mark Masters in England." That Grand Lodge had already a large number of Lodges holding under it, and its leading Brethren were distinguished by all that was honourable, both as men and as Masons. The proposition was, that the Scottish Lodges should unite with this Grand Lodge; and he (Bro. Sharman) as R. W. M., and one of the founders of the first of these Lodges, from which the entire Scottish portion of the degree had emanated, was naturally looked to, and expected to take some step. The fact was, that he ought to have been the first to move in the matter with the Masters of the other Scottish Lodges, but he had long been deterred by the difficulties which surrounded the question on every hand. He had now, however, come to the conclusion that they would do well to unite with the English Grand Lodge, and if the Scottish Mark Lodges in England followed their example, the English Grand Lodge of Mark Masters would be far more powerful, both in the number of its Lodges and in the number of its members, than the Grand Chapter of Scotland, under whose authority they were now working. Again, there was a very natural feeling of preference towards an English body over a Scottish one, where both demanded their allegiance. In conclusion, he would say that they should ever feel respect and gratitude to the Grand Chapter of Scotland, for having enabled them legally to resuscitate the degree; and but for whose sanction the Mark degree would have still been represented by one Lodge in London, holding from a private chapter in Aberdeen, and a few old Lodges scattered over the country, without organisation, and almost extinct. He invited the Brethren who had recently joined the Lodge, and who were therefore not aware of the various stages through which their affairs had passed, to ask any questions which might occur to them, to which he would respond to the best of his ability, and then he would leave the matter in their hands. Bro. Major Godfrey Rhodes, who was acting as S. W., put a variety of questions to the R. W. M., in order to fully inform himself previous to going to the vote, and likewise for the information of the Brethren who, with himself, had been but recently advanced to the degree. To all of these the R. W. M. gave answers which were deemed satisfactory, and eventually Bro. Major Rhodes proposed the following resolution:—"That Bro. H. Riseborough Sharman, the R. W. M. of this Lodge be and hereby is authorised to confer with the R. W. Ms. of the other Mark Lodges in England, holding their warrants from the Grand Chapter of Scotland, with the view of entering into arrangements with the 'Grand Lodge of Mark Masters in England,' in order to join the said Grand Lodge. That the arrangements so made on the part of this Lodge, when completed, shall be submitted for confirmation or rejection to this Lodge, at a meeting thereof duly convened for the purpose, by a printed circular sent to each member at least seven days previously to such meeting." Bro. Fox, the Secretary of the Lodge, expressed his cordial approbation of the motion, and said he should second it with a great deal of pleasure. The R. W. M. said that, for himself, he cordially approved of the motion, and he added that, if it should be unanimously agreed to, he should put himself into communication with the Masters of the other (Scottish) Mark Lodges in England, at the very earliest possible period. He could fully believe that the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters would meet them in the most fraternal spirit, and give them a cordial and hearty welcome to their ranks. The resolution was then put, and carried unanimously. The R. W. M. stated that there was only one single member of the Lodge who, so far as he could learn, had not expressed himself strongly in favour of the motion just passed; and he was glad to see that, that brother being absent, every hand in the Lodge had been raised in favour of so proper and prudent a course of conduct.

The Brethren then adjourned to refreshment, and passed a very pleasant evening. The R.W.M. proposed "The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland," and expressed himself very grateful for past favours received from that quarter. The toast was drunk with considerable enthusiasm. "The health of the R.W. Master" was proposed by Bro. Fox, and drunk with much good feeling. Bro. Sharman returned thanks; and, before the proceedings were brought to a close, he gave "Success to our efforts to unite under a British head," which was duly honoured.

ROYAL ARCH.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTERS.

ROBERT BURNS CHAPTER (No. 25).—This large and distinguished Chapter met at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday the 24th ultimo, under the presidency of the M.E.Z. Comp. Carpenter, assisted by Comps. Allen, H., and Hewlett, J. Bros. Emmens of Lodge No. 201; W. Smith, of No. 25; Symmons, of No. 168; and Cossens, of No. 839, were ably exalted into this beautiful degree. The following Companions were elected as officers for the ensuing year, viz:—Allen, M.E.Z.; Hewlett, H.; C. R. Harrison, J.; Watson, E.; Collard, N.; Dyte, P. Soj., and Kirby, Treas. The visitors present were Comps. Andrew, Platt, Boyd, and Haig. At the conclusion of business, forty-two Companions sat down to a most excellent banquet. The proceedings of the evening were enlivened by the excellent singing of Comps. G. F. Taylor, Joseph Taylor, Platt, Braham and Allen.

MOUNT SION CHAPTER (No. 169).—At a convocation of this Chapter, held on Monday, January 24th, at Radley's Hotel, New Bridge-street, Comps. R. Sharp, M.E.Z.; J. Johnston, H.; and J. W. Long, J.—Bro. Joseph Braithwaite, of Lodge No. 1025, was exalted into this supreme degree. The resolution agreed to at the preceding Chapter, to alter the day of meeting from the last to the second Monday, was confirmed. Comp. Muggidge then presided and installed the officers for the year ensuing, viz., Comp. Johnson, M.E.Z.; Comp. J. W. Long, H.; Comp. Spooner, J.; Comp. Goodwin, E.; Comp. Parr, N.; Comp. R. Farran, P.S. Comps. Boughey and Taylor were appointed A.S. The usual pleasant banquet closed an agreeable meeting.

DOMATIC CHAPTER (206).—The usual convocation was held on Thursday evening, January 27th, at the Masonic Hall, Fetter-lane, Comp. Thomson, Z.; Bros. Stock and Arnold, having been exalted, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, as follows:—Comps. William Carpenter, M.E.Z.; Odell, H.; Tyrell, J.; and Brett, P. Soj. The Chapter having been duly closed, about twenty-five Companions sat down to a banquet, served in Bro. Ireland's usual style, and a pleasant evening was spent. Amongst the visitors were Comps. Watson, Snow, Platt, and Woodbridge.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

PROVINCIAL ENCAMPMENT.

TAUNTON.—*Tynte Encampment.*—The Knights belonging to this Encampment held a conclave at Taunton, on Thursday, the 26th ultimo,—present the E.C.

Sir Knight Locke, and a goodly number of other Knights, amongst whom we noticed the D. Prov. Grand Commander, Sir Knight Randolph. The business consisted chiefly of electing the E.C. for the ensuing year (commencing in April next). The E.C. called upon the Registrar, Sir Knight Butler, to read the summons, stating the object of the meeting. This being done, the Knights proceeded to the election, and Sir Knight Oakley had the distinguished honour conferred upon him of being unanimously elected. The Knights afterwards dined together, and spent an agreeable evening.

WATFORD ENCAMPMENT. — An Encampment was held on Monday, January 24th, in the Masonic Hall, Watford, at which there were present the V.E. Sir Knt. William Stuart, D.G.M., and Prov. G.C.; Sir Knts. Burchell Herne, George Francis, Thomas Abel Ward, Thomas Rogers, Jeremiah How, C. Davey, &c. The Encampment was opened by Sir Knt. Francis, as E.C., and Comp. James Burton, of the Jerusalem Chapter, admitted and installed as a Knight of the Order. A ballot was taken for the election of E.C.; and Sir Knt. George Francis was elected. Sir Knt. Rogers was re-elected Treasurer. The Treasurer's report showed a highly satisfactory state of the finances.

SCOTLAND.

EDINBURGH.—*Lodge St. Andrew's* (No. 48).—This ancient Lodge, which has lain dormant for upwards of six years, has again been restored, and a young and much esteemed Brother has been called upon to fill the important office of R.W.M. for the ensuing year. R.W. Bro. Charles Stuart Law, late S.W. Mary's Chapel (No. 1), was unanimously appointed to that office, and, having been previously installed by R.W. Bro. Mann, the last Master of the Lodge, appointed Friday, the 28th inst., for the installation of his office-bearers, when a large attendance of the Brethren took place, in the Regent Hotel, no fewer than seven P.Ms. of the Lodge being present. The Lodge having been opened in proper form, the following office-bearers were duly installed:—R.W. Bro. Mann, P.M.; Bros. Mackersay, D.M.; Carmichael, S.M.; Stewart, S.W.; Lees, J.W.; Douglas, S.D.; Frank Law, J.D.; Trotter, Secretary and interim Treasurer; Scott, M.S.; Sommerville, Tyler. A petition being presented from Edward Bannerman Ramsay, Sutherland, praying to be admitted a member of the Craft, which petition was properly signed by his recommenders, the ballot was declared favourable, and he was initiated in a very able manner by the W.M. Thereafter, several Brethren were affiliated members of this ancient Lodge. The Lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, when upwards of fifty of the Brethren adjourned to a banquet prepared for them by Bro. Scotts. Deputations were present from Mary's Chapel (No. 1), Canongate Kilwinning (No. 2), Lodge Journeymen (No. 8), St. James', St. Stephen's, St. John's, Inverkeithing Lodge Celtic, and Lodge St. Clair, numbering among them several of the finest singers in the province, who enlivened the evening's proceedings with some of the best music we have had the pleasure of listening to for some time. Altogether, the opening meeting of the St. Andrew's Lodge augurs well for its future prosperity, and reflects great credit on those who have so ably overcome the many difficulties required to place it in its present position. We have little doubt it will go on prospering until it attains that high position in Edinburgh which its ancient number on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland entitles it to hold.

THE WEEK.

HER MAJESTY and the royal family arrived to-day at Buckingham Palace, all in good health. The Queen will open Parliament to-morrow. Her Majesty accompanied by the Prince Consort, Prince Arthur, and the Princess Alice formally inaugurated the new Wellington College, at Sandhurst, on Saturday. The college had been opened for the admission of pupils a few days previously, and when her Majesty visited the building on Saturday, there were about a hundred boys present to receive her with a hearty cheer of welcome. An address was presented to the Queen by the Earl of Derby, on the part of the governors of the college, to which a suitable reply was given by her Majesty. Intelligence of the Princess Frederick William of Prussia having been safely delivered of a son, arrived at Windsor Castle at three o'clock on Thursday afternoon. The event was communicated to the Queen through the electric telegraph, a message by which reached Windsor Castle from Berlin in six minutes after the occurrence. The telegrams received daily of the state of the princess continue to be of a favourable character. That received by her Majesty yesterday, from Sir J. Clark, described her royal highness and the infant prince as quite well. — Affairs in France continue to wear a most warlike aspect. The Paris correspondent of the *Globe* says:—"That the French war-office should make contracts for the purchase of horses on a large scale is nothing unusually striking among the various other warlike preparations; but the tenders required for the supply of 1,200 MULES do point to a passage of the Alps for artillery, and need no comment." The steam cutter *Ariel* has seized seven English fishing-boats, surprised within the limits of the French oyster beds, near Carteret. The pretty summer theatre in the Pré Catalan, at Paris, was entirely destroyed on Thursday, by a fire which raged for four hours. It is decided that Prince Napoleon and his bride will make a public entry into Paris. The day now spoken of is Friday, February 4th. The city of Paris is making preparations for a brilliant reception. The *Moniteur de la Colonisation* contains a ministerial decree of Prince Napoleon, dated January 6th, prohibiting all recruiting of immigrants on the eastern coast of Africa and Madagascar. Two French ships of the line have left Toulon for Genoa, probably to bring home Prince Napoleon and his bride. At Paris, the sole topic of conversation continues to be the war or peace question; and the speech of the Emperor at the opening of the chambers is looked forward to with much anxiety. The *Toulonnais* confirms the statement of the collection of sixty-two war transports at Toulon and Marseilles.—The Austrians are strengthening their position every day in the direction of the Lago Maggiore. They have placed a cordon of troops upon the Verbano and the Ticino. The Austrians, in occupying these positions, wish to prevent the insurrection of the province, and to stop Garibaldi from penetrating into Lombardy by those points. Considerable reinforcements have also been sent to Bologna, to Ancona, and Ferrara. In the last-named place, the cannons of the citadel have been directed against the city. We hear of a note being delivered to the Austrian government from France, England, and Russia, requesting such a change in the act of navigation of the Danube as will render the navigation free. Prussia confines her request to the freedom of the lower part of the river. Advices from Vienna speak of an army being concentrated in Galicia, to front a Russian army approaching the Haps-

burg frontiers. The Austrian journals continue very warlike, and the *Austrian Gazette* does not scruple to recommend the hangman as a pacificator in Lombardy, clenching its advice with this argument, "Austria has the right and the power to do this in Lombardy, as well as at Vienna." The rumour of a journey of the Emperor of Austria to Italy continues to gain ground.—We hear that for the Princess Clotilde a dotation of £20,000 sterling a year will be asked for from the Sardinian Chambers, that being the customary portion for a princess of the house of Savoy. The marriage of the Sardinian princess to the Prince Napoleon, took place on Sunday morning. In the afternoon they left Turin for Genoa, accompanied by the king and royal family. Prince Napoleon does not hesitate in saying that the Emperor has 100,000 men ready to support the Sardinian army the moment it passes the Ticino. The speeches of Prince Napoleon contribute to the agitation of Italy. All the refugee Lombard chiefs and delegates of the insurrectionary party in the other states have congregated at Turin to confer with him as to the plans of the campaign. A deputation of the Chambers has presented the address in reply to the royal speech on the opening of the session. On all sides (says the Turin correspondent of a contemporary), one hears of military preparations.—The news from the Ionian Islands is important. Sir John Young is at the present moment on his way to England, and Mr. Gladstone has taken his place, for a fortnight, at the end of which time his successor will have been appointed and despatched.—The *Madrid Gazette* of the 19th of January contains a decree fixing the strength of the permanent Spanish army for the year 1859 at 84,000 men. Some English houses, it is said, have bought up, at advanced prices, all the wool in stock in Estramadura and some other provinces. We learn from Turin that Poerio, and all other prisoners of the same class, have been, in spite of their protestations, taken to Cadiz, there to be embarked on board the vessels which are to convey them to the other side of the ocean; and an extraordinary piece of news has arrived by telegraph, to the effect that the Spanish government, suspecting a plot to rescue the Neapolitan prisoners on their arrival at Cadiz, have taken measures to prevent it.—Intelligence has been received from Naples, that the rheumatic affection of the king has lessened considerably in intensity, so that his majesty will return shortly to his capital. The rumours, therefore, which were current of his death, are without the slightest foundation. A rumour is prevalent at Naples that a camp is to be formed on the Roman frontier. This measure will depend on circumstances, but several regiments have received orders to hold themselves in readiness to march. The family of the Grand Duke of Tuscany has arrived at Naples. The King and Queen of Prussia are expected.—Accounts from Berlin state that the city was brilliantly illuminated on the night when the young prince was born, and an immense crowd assembled all the evening in the Palace-square. The chambers decided on sending a deputation to the palace to offer their congratulations. The Prince Regent of Prussia, when receiving the deputation of the chamber of representatives, with the address in answer to the speech from the throne, after thanking them warmly, said, "We only desire to ameliorate the king's system of government; nothing more."—A discussion is going on at present in the Belgian chamber of representatives, on the subject of education. M. Rogier, minister of the interior, asserted that to decide parents to send their children to school, it would be necessary to have recourse to coercive measures. The discussion has been adjourned. The duchess of Brabant had a narrow escape, some days ago, from the horses having run away with the carriage in which she was taking an airing. The postillion, however, managed to stop the carriage.—A revolution is impending in the free city of Hamburg. A number of the heads of the first families in the city have already met to determine on a complete revision of the government.—The English in Rome are wondering why a credit has been opened at the house of Plowden and Cholmeley for the Prince of Wales, instead of with Mr. Freeborn, who is the English consular agent. The other firm are friends of Lord Palmerston. The grandson of Lord John Russell has been definitely named diplomatic agent of England at Rome. It is a post filled by an attaché from the Tuscan legation, and has for object to keep the foreign office informed of what passes in the



Roman States.—The last accounts from St. Petersburg consider as nearly concluded the loan with Messrs. Rothschild which has been under negotiation for some time past. It is to amount to thirty millions of roubles, and the basis of the transaction is said to be already agreed on. The riotous conduct of the students at Mo-cow has no sooner been appeased than news has arrived of similar conduct at Odessa, where the students have hissed the curator of the university for his martinet treatment of them. It is thought that the students will in the end carry their point. In Circassia, Naib has condemned Colonel Ladiensk to be hanged.—In Constantinople it is asserted that the civil list has contracted another loan of thirty millions of piastres. The Saitan is about to marry his daughter, the widow of Ghalib Pasha, to his favourite, Osman Bey, who would then replace Riza Pasha in the ministry. Mehemet Kybrisi Pasha has refused to replace Djemal Bey as ambassador at Paris. He will probably be appointed grand vizier; and we are told of the following changes in the ministry: Fuad Pasha, it is said, will be minister of finance, Djemal Bej or Sayfet Effendi, minister of foreign affairs, Mehemet Ali Pasha or Mehemet Rouchdi Pasha, minister of war. The official journal of Constantinople declares the election of A. Couza as hospodar of Moldavia to be contrary to existing treaties.—A resolution has been adopted in the United States senate, calling on the secretary of the treasury for information relative to the palm oil trade of the coast of Africa. The house of representatives have taken action decidedly adverse to the prosecution of the Pacific Railroad. The purchase of Cuba and the tariff were still under deliberation. Fraser river was frozen below Fort Langley, and it was feared that great suffering would be experienced by the miners.—A successful revolution has been inaugurated in Hayti against the Emperor Soulouque. A republic was publicly proclaimed on the 23rd of December, and General Jeffard was named provisional president. The insurrection is spreading north and south. All political prisoners had been released, and a decree deprives Soulouque of all power.—Additional advices from Mexico of the 9th ult. state that Juarez had refused to listen to the commissioners from Robles. Zuloaga before his fall had approved the propositions from France and England for a settlement of the Spanish question, and the Spanish authorities had expressed their satisfaction that there were five French, four Spanish, and three English men-of-war vessels at Sacrificios.—Indian papers and letters by the overland mail reached London on Thursday. *The Hurkuru* says:—"War there is none left, and nothing but a dangerous, fierce and scattered hunt remains. The rebel leaders who succeeded in bursting through our cordons and in crossing the Ganges were Feroze Shah, Luckur Shah, Peerjee Mossal Ally Khan, Golab Shah (who passes himself as a European), and Fazel Huqq, the Moulavie. This news is derived from government authorities. The Nana was stated to be with the fugitive chiefs and to have crossed the Ganges on the 6th of last month, in broad noonday, at some spot between Fattehghur and Cawnpore. But the telegraph wire was cut by the rebels, and all exactitude of information prevented. The insurrection as an organisation is over. The duties of a rural constabulary have fallen upon generals, brigadiers, and majors. Lord Clyde himself has become but a chief of police in a disturbed country; while the more pugnacious chiefs fly hither and thither, and the Nana squats in a jungle negotiating terms of safety for his family, and reading the English newspapers.—From China we learn that the governor of Macao was said to be about to proceed to Siam to enter into a treaty for Portugal. The state of affairs at Ningpo is alarming. From Foo-chow-foo and Amoy reports are favourable. A rather alarming fire broke out in the centre of Hong-Kong on the 5th of December, and only by the most extraordinary exertions were the premises of the Oriental Bank Corporation kept from destruction. One fine building, the residence and godowns of Messrs. Schaeffer and Co., merchants, and the offices of Mr. Tarrant, solicitor, were totally destroyed, together with four other houses.—Mr. Wakley and his jury assembled last Tuesday, to conclude the inquiry into the accident at the Polytechnic. The jury found that the death was accidental, and that the fall of the staircase was occasioned by cutting the steps for the insertion of the trellis work. A

presentment was signed, suggesting the propriety of an inspector being appointed by government for the purpose of periodically examining all buildings used for public assemblages.—A soldier named Watts, of the 1st battalion of Scots Fusilier Guards, while doing duty as sentinel at the Bank of England, on Saturday, attempted to shoot himself with his musket. The man had earned honourable distinction in the Crimean war. A court martial will be held.—

On Wednesday evening two tradesmen in the Hampstead-road, neighbours, named Burrows and Plews, disagreed over their liquor at a tavern, and left the house quarrelling. It appears that they continued quarrelling, and Mr. Plews followed Mr. Burrows into his shop. In a few minutes their altercation became very violent, and being incensed at some observation which Burrows had made, struck him a blow. Burrows fell forward, and his forehead coming in contact with a chest of drawers, he received such injury as caused instant death. At the Marylebone police court on Thursday, Mr. Plews was examined on the charge of having occasioned the death of Mr. Burrows. The evidence tended to show that he acted under some provocation, and that it was impossible for him to see what would be the fatal result of the blow. He was remanded.—At Sheffield, on Wednesday night, a labouring man named William Wilson was going home very late, when three or four men, who came out a passage opposite the Post-office, which is known as the Hartshead, ran at him, and one of them plunged a knife, or some other pointed instrument, into his abdomen. The men immediately ran away. From the effects of the stab the man fell to the ground, and lay totally incapable of moving. He retained consciousness, and called out to the best of his ability for assistance. Two or three persons who were passing that way took him to the infirmary, where he expired, but not until he had given the particulars of his assassination to the surgeons.—Mr. Cremer, the proprietor of the German Fair, has performed a very humane act. He has prosecuted two girls named Smith, in his employ, for robbing him to a serious amount, but being anxious to give them another opportunity to recover their lost position, he has withdrawn from the prosecution, and they have been placed in a reformatory institution, into which none of the convicted criminal class are admitted.—The obnoxious paper duty again turned up in the Court of Exchequer on Thursday. Mr. Barry, a paper-maker at Brompton, makes a species of parchment from hides and skin, and as the Board of Inland Revenue contended that this was paper, and therefore subject to the higher duty, they brought an action against him, which came on for trial on Thursday. The arguments on both sides having been heard, the court took time to consider its decision.—At the Westminster police court, on Thursday, two private soldiers, belonging to the Grenadier Guards, were charged with having seriously assaulted two labouring men with their belts. We are glad to find that the magistrate committed the prisoners for trial.—At the Thames police court, a recruiting sergeant and a prostitute were committed for trial on a charge of having stolen the sum of three pounds from a recruit, the two prisoners acting in concert for the purpose of leading their victim into debauchery that they might accomplish their object.—The appeal case of Nicoll *re* the British Bank has been disposed of by the Court of Chancery. The Lord Chancellor and the Lords Justices were of opinion that Mr. Nicoll was not relieved from his liability as a shareholder on the ground of misrepresentations made to him of the state of the affairs of the bank before he purchased shares. But their lordships were of opinion that Mr. Nicoll was entitled to be struck off the list of contributaries. They dismissed the appeal, with costs.—The liberal members of Parliament belonging to the sister isle have issued a declaration in which they affirm that life and property are as secure, that justice is as effectually administered, in Ireland as in England; they deprecate coercive measures, consider secret or exclusive political societies, which means the Orange society as well as the Phoenix clubs, or Ribbon lodges, dangerous to the peace; and express their conviction that the law of landlord and tenant requires immediate and material amendment.—Lord Eglintoun held his first levee for the season on Wednesday afternoon. The attendance, though respectable, was not as numerous as it was expected to be, the falling off, perhaps, being ascribable to the inclement state of the weather in

the earlier part of the day.—We have to record, with extreme regret, the death of Mr. Frederick T. Fowler, manager of the *Morning Herald* and *Standard* newspapers. Mr. Fowler was extensively known, and in the circles of metropolitan and provincial journalism his loss will be sincerely felt.—Madame Louise Rollande de la Sange, who has for more than twelve years filled the office of French governess to the royal children, has just retired. It is well known that the Queen and her children have parted from this lady with real regret.—On the 21st inst., Bettina von Arnim died at Berlin, at the advanced age of seventy-four years. She was one of the shining stars of German romantic literature, and a genius from the cradle, her most remarkable work being a correspondence carried on with Goethe before her seventeenth year.—Numbers of young men are now proceeding to India to join the several railway and other works, or seeking engineering employment. They are obtained on moderate terms.—The distressed artillery officer, whose case was brought before the public by the Rev. Mr. Buck in a letter to the *Times* a day or two ago, has received the substantial sympathy of the benevolent readers of that journal, who have sent contributions of money and comforts to a surprisingly large amount. This is, no doubt, attributable to an editorial note appended to the clergyman's letter, in which the editor of that journal vouched for the correctness of the statement.—A writ of ejectment has been served upon Lord Leigh, in respect of the Stoneleigh estates, at the instance of Thomas Leigh, of Darwen, and Thomas Leigh, of Haigh. The case, we are informed, will be tried at the next Warwick assizes.—His royal highness the Duke of Cambridge, as the general commanding-in-chief, held a levee on Wednesday afternoon at the Horse Guards, at which there was a large attendance of officers.—It is alleged that the government have completed a contract with three large iron companies for a supply of 68-pounders as fast as they can be cast. An important contract for gunpowder has also been taken for the use of the army and navy.—Westbar, a densely populated district of Sheffield has been the scene of one of the most destructive fires which ever occurred in that town, rendered the more alarming by the suddenness with which it came upon the inhabitants of the neighbourhood in all its full force. The fire broke out on Monday morning early, and has destroyed more than £10,000 of property.—On Saturday afternoon the first stone of the proposed national gallery for Ireland was laid by his excellency the Earl of Eglinton on the ground of, and adjoining, the Royal Dublin Society. The weather was inclement, and attendance not numerous.—In Galway, a determination has sprung up to make Mr. Lever a member of parliament; and Mr. Long has intimated his intention of retiring from North Wilts.—Vice-Chancellor Wood has decided the question between the directors of the Great Northern Railway and the B shareholders, which has been long litigated, in favour of the latter. The A shareholders are not in future to receive any dividends until the B shareholders be paid six per cent. per annum. The *Africa* has brought £94,918 in gold from the United States; and a telegram has been received announcing the arrival of the Australian mail steamer *Columbine* at Suez, with £75,400, in gold, from Melbourne.—On Friday afternoon the remains of the late Henry Hallam, the historian, were conveyed from Clevedon Court, the seat of Sir Arthur Hallam Elton, M.P., nephew of the deceased, to a grave which, through a mysterious inversion of the common order of succession, had been already rendered classic ground by the ashes of his two gifted sons. The funeral was strictly private.—The services at St. Paul's continue to attract large audiences. Lord Campbell, accompanied by some of the members of his family, was present at the special service at the cathedral on Sunday evening, occupying seats near those of the dean and chapter. Madame Goldsmidt was also present.—Williams, has been filled up by the appointment of the Rev. John Hughes, Thearchdeaconry of Cardigan, rendered vacant by the death of the venerable John vicar of Llanbadarn-Fawr, and incumbent of the chapelry of St. Michael, Aberystwyth. Mr. Hughes is looked up to as a father by the clergy of Upper Cardiganshire, who hail his appointment to the archdeaconry with great gratification.—At the half-yearly meeting of the North Staffordshire company held yesterday, the report referred to a very marked improvement in the traffic, and

a dividend of 2½ per cent. was declared, leaving a considerable amount to be carried to the next account.—Messrs. Rothschild have issued propositions for an Austrian loan of £6,000,000, at the price of £80 for every £100 stock, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum; the English capitalists have so poor an opinion of the security that they will not give more than 78½ for it.—The Boston election, rendered necessary by Mr. W. H. Adams having accepted the recordership of Derby, is fixed to take place to-morrow, when it is anticipated that Mr. Adams will be re-elected without opposition.—The demolition of Montague House, in Whitehall Gardens, the residence of the Duke of Buccleugh, is to be forthwith commenced. The house was built by the last Duke of Montagu, on crown land, and on his death passed to his daughter, married to the late Duke of Buccleugh, from whom the present duke inherited it. A palatial residence is to be raised on the old site.—To-morrow, Thursday, the 3rd of February, is the next day for conferring degrees at Oxford.—It has been already stated that there would be a considerable increase in the navy estimates for the years ending 1859-60, and we have now to state that, although it had been generally believed there would be no increase in the number of seamen voted for, we have good foundation for stating that there will be an increase of 3,000 men.—The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, and the Commissioners of Supply in the different counties, recently memorialised the Treasury on the subject of treasure trove, and an official order from that department just promulgated, henceforth recognizes the right of finders of ancient coins, gold or silver ornaments, or other relics of antiquity in Scotland, to receive from the Treasury their actual value, on delivering them up on behalf of the crown to the sheriff.—According to the *Troy Times*, an American journal, Europe is promised a visit from a couple of rival aeronauts, who expect to make the trip in sixty hours.—Some three hundred of the people of Gweedore, says the *Londonderry Journal*, have left this country for New South Wales: 600 more are to follow. Were we in the place of landlords, we should regret if our acts had any influence on this wholesale exodus. These gentlemen have improved their property, we presume, according to modern usage. Men and women retire to make room for sheep and cows. This is Donegal improvement.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

THE dramatic news market is flat. "Satanella," under the auspices of Miss Louisa Pyne, continues to attract at Covent Garden.—The pantomime at Drury Lane, draw crowds nightly, and most of the smaller houses, now that town is filling, seem to be doing well also.—"The Sister's Sacrifice," and Mr. Brough's extremely witty burlesque, are together filling the Lyceum.—The Haymarket has a staunch public of its own, faithful as the renowned dog Tray, whom, according to the song, "grief could not drive away;" and it has the popular manager's own successful pantomime.—The tide of success which the attractive "Maid and Magpie" and "Kenilworth" have caused to set in strongly upon the little Strand still continues.—Of the last novelty which has appeared at the Adelphi Theatre, the least said is soonest mended.—The annual meeting of the Drury Lane shareholders took place on Thursday, when it appeared from the accounts that the estate is solvent. A proprietor or two urged that the theatre was underlet at £4000 a year, and a further sum of £155 for extra performances. They referred to a former tenant at the rate of £10,000, but without stating whether said tenant had paid it, or for how long. The majority thought they were well off in having one who paid his rent punctually, kept the play-house open and the property undepreciated, and stood fair before the world through good and evil fortune, like Mr. Smith. They therefore voted that gentleman their thanks, and carried the report of the committee.

Obituary.

BRO. THOMAS STEELE, P. PROV. S.G.D.

BRO. THOMAS STEELE, P. Prov. S.G.D., Somerset, died at his residence, Bath, on Monday night, the 17th ult. This event will awaken feelings of the deepest sympathy and sorrow in the city and province where he was so well known for nearly forty years. There are few men who so entwine themselves in the affections of their Brethren as did Bro. Steele. As a Mason of many years' standing having filled an important provincial office, and nearly every office in his Lodge and Chapter, he was ever regarded as a peace loving, warm hearted friend and brother. The principles of Masonry were engraven on his heart—they were the rule of all his actions—not merely towards his Brethren, but towards his very numerous friends. As a citizen of Bath he was highly respected for his kind and courteous disposition, his honest heart and his spotless character. In him the city mourns no ordinary loss. As he lived so he died, in pious resignation to the will of the Great Architect of the universe. So mote it be!

On the 20th of January, a united Lodge of the Freemasons of Bath was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Corridor, to consider what steps should be taken to pay respect to the memory of the departed Brother. Bro. T. P. Ashley, W.M. No. 48, Prov. J.G.W., opened the proceedings with an address appropriate to the occasion, in the course of which he reminded the Brethren of the urgent necessity of each one in his daily walk in life, doing his duty to his Maker and his fellow man, by not putting off his work of charity and love to a day that may never come, and by having constantly in mind the fast approach of his own end, he might when his own hour was come, look upon his dissolution not with fear and trembling, but in the humble hope of the mercies of his God. At the conclusion of his address, the V.W. Brother called upon V.W. Bro. Dr. Falconer, mayor of Bath, who addressed the Lodge in the following terms:—

Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—It has been intimated to me, that occupying the position which I do in this city, it would be gratifying to those interested in the present meeting if I proposed the first resolution. This is expressive of the deep regret which we feel for the loss of a worthy brother of our craft, and of condolence with his bereaved widow and family under their irreparable loss. I wish this duty had devolved on some one whose intimate acquaintance with the deceased, and whose knowledge of him during the hours of social intercourse, when the feelings are warm and the disposition has full play, would better have enabled him to dilate on his virtues and good qualities; still, I have had sufficient knowledge of our deceased Brother, having met him frequently in our assemblies, to be able to say with perfect truth, that his loss will be deeply deplored, not only by his Masonic Brethren, but by his fellow citizens. There was one part of his character which could not escape the notice even of those least acquainted with him, namely, *great kindness and benevolence combined with great unselfishness.* He was never cold or indifferent to the wants and anxieties of others; his words were always kind, and his actions, if possible, kinder. Many of you will lament the loss of a friend well worthy of that name; many the loss of a brother by whom the principles of our Order were carefully carried out in his conduct. I feel how difficult is the task I have undertaken, and how imperfectly it has been discharged.

To some, whose acquaintance with the deceased was only slight, it may appear that I have spoken in too strong terms; while those who knew him well, may, perhaps, be disposed to think that bare justice, if even that, has been done to his character. I must in the latter case, trust to the kindness of his friends who are present, to supply my deficiencies. I know not what course may eventually be adopted, but I feel that the decease of our Bro. Steele should not be allowed to pass unnoticed, and that we should not separate without deciding upon a course which will most appropriately testify our respect for his memory. I must not omit noticing that while, with characteristic modesty, Bro. Steele did not take that very active part in the performance of Masonic rites, in which so many of our Brethren gain distinction, still, he was always found promoting whatever was for the welfare of our Order by every means in his power; and when occupying the several offices to which at different times he was appointed in Lodge and Chapter, he never failed to perform the duties incumbent on him with fidelity and judgment. The circumstances of the present occasion have recalled to my memory a custom, followed in earlier and far distant times, when civic authorities were wont to do honour to the memory of a deserving citizen, and pronounce on his merits on his decease; and I certainly can bear testimony to the good citizenship of our late Brother, and lament his loss from among those of his compeers who now, as ever, have readily aided in promoting what is for the benefit and welfare of our common city. I beg to propose "That some mark of respect be paid to the memory of our deceased Brother Steele, and that a letter of condolence be sent from this united Lodge of Freemasons to his widow."

The resolution was unanimously adopted. It was resolved, on the motion of Dr. Tunstall, that a tablet, commemorative of the virtues and merits of the deceased, be erected in the Bath Abbey Church, and that a subscription be forthwith entered into for that purpose.

The funeral, which took place on the following day, was of the simplest character in accordance with the expressed wish of the deceased; it was attended by a very large number of the brethren of the province.

NOTICES.

THE Brethren and others are requested to notice, that George W. Bower has no connection with the *Freemasons' Magazine*; and all persons are cautioned against paying him anything on our account. We shall be glad to be furnished with the address of the said George W. Bower, who formerly lived at 10, Dorcas-street, Lambeth, and had offices as a fancy type founder and commission agent, in King's Head Court, Gough Square.

Emblematic covers for the last volume of the Magazine for 1858 are now ready, price 1s.; or the volumes (containing twenty-six numbers) may be had bound, price 14s. 6d., or with gilt edges 15s. 6d. Brethren can have their volumes bound at the office if they desire it, for 1s. 6d., or with gilt edges 2s. 6d.

Advertisers will oblige by forwarding their favours at the latest by 12 o'clock on Monday morning.

We shall be happy to receive essays or lectures on Masonic subjects returning them (should they not be accepted) if desired.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

THE BURNS CENTENARY.—We have received several interesting reports from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dumfries, and other places in Scotland, which arrived too late for insertion this week.

“JOHN JENYNS.”—A correspondent, who finds it stated in “Lyson’s Berkshire,” that at the rebuilding of St. George’s Chapel, Windsor, A.D. 1479, Richard Beauchamp, bishop of Salisbury, was appointed master of the works, and John Jenyns, the principal mason, received a reward of 66*s. 8d.*, he having also as wages £12 per annum—states that there is now a family of the name of Jennings living near Windsor, whose armorial bearings are, “Argent, a chevron gules between three plummets;” and inquires—Can any connection be traced between Jenyns, the master mason of the chapel, and the family now existing? We find that several families of the name of Jennins or Jennyns bear the same arms in Cheshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, and Yorkshire; and a native of the latter county having these arms, was Lord Mayor of London in 1508. There is also Jennings of Milford, Hants, who has in addition a crest, a demigriffin proper, holding in the beak a plummet. Our heraldic authorities mention no family of the name in Berkshire. Burke, however, records, that sometime in the seventeenth century, Mary Holbech married Richard Jennings, Esq., of Long Wittenham, Berks. There appears during the last century a family of the name, which held the manors of Coley, Whitley, and Suthampsted-Bannister. There was also a lady of the name who owned the great tithes of Harwell, and founded in 1715 alms houses for six poor widows in that parish. From the rolls of chancery, it appears that in four years there was expended on St. George’s Chapel the sum of £6,572 1*s. 9d.*; and that in 1483 Henry Jenyns, chief mason, had a like reward of 66*s. 8d.*

“INVICTA.”—If a gentleman were initiated into the Order without the members of the Lodge having received seven days’ notice of the name and other particulars of the candidate, as required by the Book of Constitutions, the parties offending would, on the matter being brought under the notice of the Board of General Purposes, be liable to suspension, or other punishment. The gentleman so initiated (as he might be in ignorance) would remain a Mason, but the Grand Secretary, if the circumstances were known to him, would not be justified in issuing him a certificate, without instructions from the Grand Master.

“J. W.”—A dispensation cannot be granted to allow the conferring of degree at a less period than twenty-eight days from each other.

“P.M., PROVINCE OF SOMERSET.”—We do not consider that any good can be attained by continuing the correspondence with regard to the appointment of Bro. Babbage as Prov. Grand Secretary. A protest has been entered against it, and that should be sufficient.