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THE TEMPLE AND HALL.

BEFORE the month is over, the circular of the Board of General Purposes in relation to the Temple and Hall, will have been brought under the notice of the members of almost every Lodge in the country, and especially under the consideration of individual members. It will have received the notice of some from its publication in the *Freemasons' Magazine* and the several discussions upon it; and we would recommend that the circular be distributed as widely as possible among the Provincial Grand Officers, who are likely to take a deep interest in the subject.

The circular is full, clear and explicit; it gives all the data needful to enable a member to come to a decision, and it leaves us, therefore, the less to say. There are two great questions to be determined—the moral question—is it the duty of Masons to maintain the Temple apart from the tavern; and, second, the financial question—can we afford to do it? The financial question is fully settled by the circular, for even those who hold other views must admit that the Craft has the needful funds to effect the alterations, and can meet any small deficiency, if such there should be. With regard to the details of management, the Board of General Purposes can very well provide for those; and no one who has had adequate experience can apprehend any difficulty on that score.

The financial question has been by some, for the purpose of misleading the members, mixed up with the moral question; but after all, the test with every right thinking Mason is, whether the Craft should keep a tavern or any other shop, and conduct their solemn ceremonies in a tavern. Were this left to the licensed victuallers, that respectable body would undoubtedly object to the hall being devoted to purposes of their trade, which, inasmuch as it provides useful accommodation and refreshment for the public, they consider should not have the

appearance of making Masonic ceremonies an accommodation. Were it proposed to a licensed victualler to turn his house into a church or chapel, he would receive the suggestion with pain, and nothing else than some great necessity would induce him to lend himself to it, and the same feeling is entertained with regard to Masonic celebrations. In London, out of several hundreds of taverns, less than fifty have Lodges in them, to the annoyance of the trade generally ; and in the country, although it is sometimes a matter of necessity that the hotel should provide room for the Lodge, yet, where the use of the town hall or other public building can be obtained, it is preferred ; and the banquets are held at a tavern.

Although it is seemly for the licensed victualler to pursue his trade, yet, when that trade is assumed by a body of far different pretensions, it is unbecoming and objectionable. To the great mass of Masons it is likewise particularly objectionable to be subject to the reproach of teaching morals in a tavern, and drawing an income from keeping it. Thus very many most desirable members are restrained from devoting themselves to the Craft, and the support and co-operation of these will be enlisted by the proposed measures, to the great benefit of the Order.

The first step in Masonic progress is to do away with the tavern ; we then do away with a reproach—we enlist valuable members—we improve the administration of Grand Lodge—we improve the working of the London Lodges—we induce the London Lodges to concentrate their resources ; and, last and not least—we give to provincial and visiting Brethren better working, better accommodation, and worthier hospitality—we cultivate Masonic unity and Masonic perfection, and the material fruits of this must be great.

Some seem to think that the country Brethren have greater interest in keeping a tavern, nay—such is their love of taverns—in building a larger tavern ; and that they have no care for the respectability of their Grand Lodge, and not the least interest in the enjoyment of their own property. Assuredly, at the present moment, they have very little share in it, except to contribute to it and be ashamed of it. They come up to town for the first time—they go to Great Queen-street, they find the Grand Secretary poorly provided with offices, the ancient archives of their Order huddled together—and perhaps the records of their Lodge being burnt or lost, they have promised themselves to search the Grand Lodge records and restore their annals. They find the Masonic charities over the way ; they ask for the library, and are shown a small room—and thus ends a morning of disappointment. In the evening they attend some Lodge in Freemasons' Tavern, differing

in nothing from the Lodges they have attended in other taverns. They wonder what Grand Lodge has done with the money it has received, and why it has not done something for the Order. But under the proposed arrangements they will be received as Masons—they will enter the Grand Temple of the Order—they will be received with honour and attention—they will obtain improvement and instruction in Lodges well built, well fitted, and appropriately adorned.

Old members who have been subjected to, and submitted to the present state of things; and young members, who are not yet members of Grand Lodge, but who wish to obtain the advantages to which they are entitled, will require the measures of the Board of General Purposes to be carried out. They will then find proper offices for the Grand Secretary and the Masonic charities; they will, on payment of a small subscription, find a reading room, library, coffee and refreshment room on a suitable scale, and such as a man may feel satisfaction in acknowledging as being his. In apartments properly constructed they will find the ceremonials of the Order reverently celebrated; and, on the payment of a moderate charge, they may participate in a banquet, according to the Lodge selected, which is sure to display the comforts of the table, and may afford the luxuries of the metropolis.

These advantages the metropolitan Brethren will find afforded to them, for it is from their contributions the funds will mainly be supplied. At present only thirty-eight out of one hundred and twenty-four Lodges, and eight out of thirty-eight Chapters, meet in Great Queen-street, and pay to the lessees £5000 a year for refreshments,\* but it is easy to see that many others that are not local in character, as suburban Lodges for instance, will be there concentrated, and that at least £10,000 a year will be expended; thereby allowing proper house arrangements, proper servants, and proper Masonic attendance, on a scale never yet achieved.

The questions propounded by the Board to the Brethren are very simple, and we trust they will meet with general support. We do not believe any diminution of income will be the result, but we think we should be ready to pledge ourselves to such a risk for so great a result; above all, we should have no more tavern speculations, when so far from there being a fair prospect of increased revenue, such is the competition from St. James's Hall, the Wellington, and other improved cheap taverns, that it is doubtful whether the rent of the present tavern can be, at the expiration of the lease, maintained.

\* It is fair to add that something approximating to £1,000 a year of this amount arises from the Grand Festival and the festivals of the charities, which would of course continue to be held in the Hall.

## DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES.

As we find the remarks we made under this head last week have excited some attention, we take the opportunity of appending the following note.

In some Lodges where the office is maintained as one of importance, the holder is styled Director of the Ceremonies, which is a better title than that of Master of the Ceremonies, and the office is filled by a Past Master or other experienced Brother. As an exemplification, we refer to some recent appointments reported in our last *Mirror*. Thus in the Old Concord, (No. 201), Bro. Nicholson, P.M., has been appointed Director of the Ceremonies; at the Yarborough Lodge, (No. 812), Bro. J. D. Carr is styled Director of the Ceremonies; at the Scientific Lodge, at Cambridge, (No. 105), which is one of high standing, Bro. Bentley, P.M., was appointed Director of the Ceremonies; in another old and eminent Lodge, the Royal Cumberland Lodge of Bath, (No. 48), the Director of the Ceremonies is Bro. Peach, P.M., and Prov. S.G.W. for Somersetshire; at the Lodge of Unanimity, at Taunton, (No. 327), Bro. Ball was appointed Director of the Ceremonies; at St. John's Lodge, Bolton, (No. 436), Bro. William Redick was reinvested as Director of the Ceremonies, the appointment being kept permanently in efficient hands; at the Lodge of Harmony, Winchester, (No. 90), Bro. H. Newman was appointed Director of the Ceremonies; and at the Royal Clarence Lodge, Bristol, (No. 81), a very old Lodge, Bro. R. J. Weaver, P.M., was appointed Director of the Ceremonies.

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## REVIEWS OF NEW BOOKS.

*Tents and Tent Life, from the Earliest Ages to the Present Time; to which is added the practice of Encamping an Army in Ancient and Modern Times.* By Major GODFREY RHODES, late of H. M. 94th Regiment. London: Longman & Co.—“If there's a hole in a' your coats, I rede you tent it” was the exclamation of a chiel o' the land o' cakes on reading this advertisement; and the agony we suffered on hearing so vile a pun having subsided, we were led on a perusal of Brother Rhodes's volume to a conclusion that from the premises it was not so inapt as at a first view. We well remember the arrival of the first sufferers from the Crimean campaign, whose tattered coats and bandaged limbs showed they unfortunately had not been able to “tent” it. The gallant captain having been an inmate of one of the tents on the field of warfare on the night of the memorable storm of November 14, 1854, and seeing the insecurity of these temporary habitations was led to inquire if something could not be constructed to defy all

storms. On his return to England he searched the records of travel throughout the world and for all time, beginning with Jabal, 4000 B.C., and ending with all tents of modern nations. We may remark that his volume contains much matter of great interest and curiosity to our brother Masons; for instance, the account of the tabernacle, or sacred tent, and the description Father Gerbillon gives of a tribe on the borders of China:—

“The Burnets are considered a holy race, as there was hardly a Buraet family of which there was not one member at least in the priesthood. These priests are called ‘Lamas,’ and their chief, ‘Khamba-Lama,’ but the high-priest of all the Buraet priesthood, is the Dalai Lama of Tibet.

“The inside of their tents displays a whimsical association of civilization and rudeness. The fire-place is nothing more than a hole dug in the middle of the apartment, with the felt mats and cushions on which they sleep, ranged round it.

“An object, which from religious associations seemed more deserving our attention, was a sort of altar which stood against the wall of the tent opposite the door. It was a kind of double chest, carefully finished, the lower portion of which was about four feet long, by about three high, and the same in breadth: while the upper with the same length and height, was considerably less wide. The hinder sides of both were precisely in a line, so that the greater breadth of the lower chest left it to project beyond the other, and form a sort of table in front. Several drawers were contained in the lower chest, in which all the requisites for the performance of religious worship were deposited during journeys. A highly-coloured painting hung down upon the front of the upper compartment and concealed it entirely. It was a representation of ‘Chigemune,’ the principal Burkhan, or saint of the Mongols, sitting as if engaged in prayer, with his legs drawn under him. Upon the table before this figure, six round bronze cups, of about an inch in diameter, were ranged at equal distances; they were filled with water, and a mirror, also round, and of the same metal, lay among them. This apparatus is used by the Lamas or priests for a purpose which is compared by the Russians to the consecration of water according to the Greek rite, but it is more probably a symbol of the transmission of spiritual endowments. The figure of the Burkhan is held opposite to the mirror, a stream of water being at the same time poured over it into the little dishes, which in this manner receive the image of the divinity along with the water.

“The Khamba-Lama informed M. Erman that the worship of Chigemune followed here is exactly like the Buddhism of India, but that it has no connexion whatever with the religion of Foh.

“He named, as an object of their worship, the mother of Chigemune, but also said that the Burkhans, whose images they set up in the temples, are like the saints in the Greek church, only teachers and instructive examples of men.”

Our readers cannot fail to discover in this a rude transmission, through so many centuries, of the ark of the covenant; and ingenious speculation might be made that here was one of the settlements of the ten tribes. Had Father Gerbillon been a Mason, we think it not unlikely he might have made discoveries of great interest; and we trust the hint will not be lost by travellers. The greater portion of the volume is of universal interest; and at the close there is some valuable information with regard to encamping an army, accompanied by sanitary instructions, at this time of importance, seeing that for a considerable period a large army will be needed in India, to whom tent life is a matter of certainty. The book is enriched by several spirited engravings; and the tents invented by Bro. Rhodes, which have received the approval of every one of the continental governments, are fully described. We believe it is the first book devoted to the subject that has appeared in any language.

## NEW MUSIC.

*Rêve de Bonheur*; composed for the piano-forte by F. PRAEGER. London: Addison, Hollier and Lucas, 210, Regent-street.—This beautiful composition may be very fitly classed under the head of poetry for the piano; for an entire subject is detailed as the piece proceeds, and only requires the thoughtful consideration and the skilful playing of the renderer, to demonstrate how wonderfully sense can be expressed by sound. "A dream of happiness," as the title may be Anglicised, fully expresses the character of the production; commencing with a movement *cantando con molto affetto*, the time being six-eight, the key one flat, it seems indeed to sing with much affection of memories brought at length to light, like the long hidden characters of an ancient palimpsest. At first melancholy, then rolling deeply into the bass, gloomy thoughts appear to overcloud the mind with an agitation finely expressed in a passage to be performed as if it were recitative; this passage is in common time, but the performer, after indulging in a retrospective dream, rich with memories redolent of melody, again assumes the six-eight measure and rises in a movement of grandeur, depicting the mind's triumph over carking care. Mingled sensations seem to occupy the attention during the remainder of this exceedingly clever little work; and all honour is due to the composer for the much to be esteemed manner in which he has executed it.

*Vol d'Oiseau, Valse de Salon*; for the pianoforte. Composed by J. DE JASIENSKI. London: Addison, Hollier, and Lucas, 210, Regent Street.—Music and mystery. What does this enigmatical critic mean? inquires the reader. Why, gentle sir or madam, this is a very pleasing piece of music marred by a mystery that to the general, must be bewildering. It may be all very well for Monsieur de Jastenski or any other professor to play a rapid waltz descriptive of the flight of a bird, such waltz being in the key of five flats; but how in the name of all that is difficult does he expect Miss Myrtle, pupil of Madame Millefleurs, of Sunflower Seminary for Young Ladies to decipher his hieroglyphics? The waltz in itself is a very good waltz, but the composer should bear in mind the next time he sits down to his desk or instrument that waltzes are nowadays written for dancing, and not for difficulty. We pen this in no spiteful spirit, but rather with a desire to stimulate the writer to give us something more facile of execution; for it must be a sad disappointment at a dance when the name of a waltz, such as the "*Vol d'Oiseau*," so suggestive of airiness and ease, turns out instead to be the straggles of the unfortunate bird, as though caught in a net.

*Five Songs*. The poetry by MARIA ELIZABETH MOSS; the music by BENNETT GILBERT. London: J. H. Jewell, 104, Great Russell Street, Bloomsbury.—The poetess has evidently taken a deal of trouble over the words of these five songs, and she has apparently been imbued with the poetry of the lyrists of the age; but why has she left number four, the "Song of Eng-land," with only one verse? As a collection, the ballads can be read with pleasure, some of the ideas being to us quite new; and novelty in the present day is indeed a creditable attribute. Mr. Gilbert's music is equally appreciable, and we have no doubt that the sale of the work will be commensurate with its merits.

## Selections

FROM POETRY OF THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY.

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### LIGHT.

BY SIR ROBERT HOWARD.

Parent of day! whose beauteous beams of light  
 Spring from the darksome womb of night,  
 And midst their native horrors show  
 Like gems adorning the swart negro's brow,  
 Not heaven's fair bow can equal thee,  
 In all its gaudy drapery,  
 Thou first essay of morn, and pledge of day,  
 That usher'st in the sun, and still prepar'st his way.

Like some fair bride thou risest from thy bed  
 And dost around thy lustre spread,  
 Around the universe dispense  
 New life to all and quickening influence.  
 With gloomy smiles thy rival, night,  
 Beholds the glorious dawn of light;  
 Not all the wealth she views in mines below  
 Can match thy brighter beams or equal lustre show.

To thee the grateful east their altars raise,  
 And sing with early hymns thy praise;  
 Thou dost their happy soil bestow,  
 Enrich the heavens above, and earth below:  
 Thou risest in the fragrant east  
 Like the fair phoenix from her balmy nest.  
 No altar of the gods can equal thine—  
 The air is richest incense, the whole land thy shrine.

Before the almighty Artist framed the sky,  
 Or gave the earth its harmony,  
 His first command was for the light;  
 He view'd thy lovely birth, and blessed it.  
 In purple swaddling-bands it struggling lay,  
 Not yet maturely bright for day.  
 Old Chaos then a cheerful smile put on,  
 And from thy beauteous form did first presage its own.

"Let there be light," the great Creator said,  
 His word the active universe obeyed:  
 Night did her teeming womb disclose,  
 And then the blushing morn its brightest offspring rose.  
 Awhile the almighty Master view'd,  
 And then himself pronounced it good:  
 "With night," said he, "divide the imperial sway,  
 Thou my first labour art, and thou shalt bless the day."

## LOVE BUT ONE.

ATTRIBUTED TO SIR JOHN SUCKLING.

## I.

See those two little brooks that slowly creep  
 In snaky writhings through the plains ;  
 I knew them once one river swift and deep,  
 Blessing and blest by poets' strains.

## II.

Then touched with awe we thought some god did pour  
 Those floods out of his sacred jar,  
 Transforming every weed into a flower,  
 And every flower into a star.

## III.

But since it broke itself and double glides,  
 The naked banks no dress have worn ;  
 And yon dry barren mountain now divides  
 Those valleys which lost glories mourn.

## IV.

Such, Chloris, is thy love, which, while it ran  
 Confined within a single stream,  
 Fired every tuneful son of mighty Pan,  
 And thou wert mine and all men's theme.

## V.

But when imparted to one lover more,  
 It in two streams did faintly creep ;  
 The shepherds' common muse grew low and poor,  
 And mine as lean as these my sheep.

## A SONG.

BY THE EARL OF ROCHESTER.

Too late, alas ! I must confess  
 You need no arts to move me ;  
 Such charms by nature you possess,  
 'Twere madness not to love ye.

Then spare a heart you may surprise,  
 And give my tongue the glory  
 To boast, tho' my unfaithful eyes  
 Betray a kinder story.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

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

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### MASONIC CHARITY (?)

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

SIR AND BROTHER,—I perceive in last week's *Mirror* a statement, which must be authentic, that the Lodge of Harmony, Garston, No. 267, on the 3rd of January, voted two pounds out of the poor box to the widow of a Mason.

This statement bears all the appearance of authenticity; and a more scandalous libel on the Lodge and the Craft could scarcely be published, except by completing it with the name of the unfortunate recipient, which was most likely duly paraded in Lodge. Two pounds to the widow of a Mason!—and that to be published as an act of munificence; being one shilling a head for the Brethren present, and the amount taken out of the poor box. Such a sum should never have been given or never published.

The Garston Brethren may nevertheless have thought themselves munificent, for some Lodges would have been contented with giving half a sovereign to a case of severe distress. When it is considered that one shilling a quarter accumulated for a few years will enable Lodges to give substantial relief, it is truly disgraceful to find cases of suffering mocked by such professions of charity as the one referred to.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
C. B.

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### BRO. THE EARL OF CARNARVON AND BRO. HAVERS.

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

SIR AND BROTHER,—From information which I have received within the last two days, I learn that a letter which I forwarded to you about three weeks ago, by, as I thought, a trusty messenger, has never reached you.

The matter to which it refers is only important as affecting two or three individuals; but as some of my Masonic friends were aware of my having written that letter, and as I find nothing in it which after mature reflection I feel disposed to withdraw or amend, I enclose you a copy, with a request that, should you feel disposed to publish it, you will also be kind enough to publish this brief explanation of the reason why it did not appear, as it ought to have done, in the number of your journal immediately following that which contained the correspondence to which it refers.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
J. WHITMORE.

*Oxford Street, Jan. 15th, 1859.*

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

SIR AND BROTHER,—As Brother Havers has thought proper—most unwarrantably in my opinion—to publish a correspondence between himself and Lord Carnarvon, and as I am somewhat concerned in the matter to which it refers, I must ask from your impartiality space for a few brief observations.

In the first place, permit me to say that if from the facts which that correspondence reveals Brother Havers derives any satisfaction, he is exceedingly grateful for very small mercies; he has, it is true, shown that Brother Portal has, to a very trifling extent, misunderstood or misstated the precise language addressed to him in private conversation, but he has also proved to the Masonic world at large that which was before known only by a small section of it, viz., that he (Brother Havers) is capable when engaged in discussion in Grand Lodge of giving personal offence to a noble Brother, who is uniformly, I may say, characteristically, courteous and urbane to every one, and who obviously can carry forbearance even to a fault—for “there is a point beyond which forbearance ceases to be a virtue.”

But Brother Havers, in his letter of the 7th instant, quoting from language which he appears to have used in Grand Lodge, says, that “in the expressions which he had just used he in no way referred to Lord Carnarvon;” and in a subsequent part of the same letter disavows anything offensive or insulting to his lordship. Now, sir, I do not dare to say of Brother Havers’ statements, that which in his letter of the 11th instant he says of Bro. Portal’s—that “I gave no credit to it;” for such language from any Mason who claims also to be considered a gentleman would be indefensible; but this I will say, and say fearlessly, that if the expression used by Brother Havers, which I maintain was most offensive and altogether unprovoked, accompanied as it was by a tone and gesture still more offensive, did not point directly to the noble lord, and no one else, as “the head of a party” (for those words formed part of the expression), why then my eyes and ears, and the eyes and ears of many other Brethren present on the occasion, are lying witnesses—and the indignant protest which at the moment I rose and made against such language being used in that assembly, can only be construed into an insult to Bro. Havers, which has yet to be atoned for. But although we must now accept—since stern courtesy demands it—Bro. Havers’s denial of any intentional offence to our noble Brother, we at least may ask—does he thereby improve his position?

It will be remembered that the language complained of was used by Bro. Havers on my being seen by him to step forward from my seat to speak to the noble lord; if, therefore, it was not intended for his lordship, why then most assuredly it was meant for me; the words “the head of a party,” being used, I presume, to express the physical, and not intellectual, greatness of the individual; and I have yet to learn wherein consists the difference between an offence offered to a Brother of exalted rank and station, and the humblest member of Grand Lodge?

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

J. WHITMORE.

125, Oxford-street, December 23rd, 1858.

[The above did not reach us until Monday last, Jan. 17th. Surely every one present at Grand Lodge must be aware that the “head of a party” referred to was Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal—not Bro. Whitmore, or Lord Carnarvon.—ED.]

# THE MASONIC MIRROR.

## MASONIC MEMS.

It is a singular fact that a new warrant, No. 1067, has been granted for a Lodge to be held in an ancient tavern in Bermondsey, which was originally occupied by the ancient and extinct fraternity of the Gregorians, and is still named the Gregorian Arms.

LORD CASTLEMAINE has offered to give a site, and also to contribute towards the erection of a Masonic Hall in Athlone, Ireland. Bro. Ellis, a member of the Athlone Lodge, has promised to advance the funds necessary when a suitable site has been obtained.

## THE GRAND LODGE PROPERTY.

The following communication has just been addressed to the Masters of the various Lodges throughout the kingdom :—

“BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES, FREEMASONS’ HALL  
“January, 10, 1859.

“W. SIR AND BROTHER,—At the meeting of the Grand Lodge, on the first of December last, the following resolutions, which had been submitted by the Board of General Purposes, were agreed to, viz. :—

“1st.—That it is desirable that the freehold property, now belonging to the Society, or such part thereof as may be necessary, shall be devoted exclusively to Masonic purposes.

“2nd.—That the subject be referred back to the Board with directions to report thereon to the Grand Lodge, and to lay before it such a scheme as may appear to be practicable for the carrying out of the foregoing resolution, and to authorize the Board to expend a sum not exceeding £300 for that purpose, and if they see fit, to submit the subject to the public competition of the whole Masonic body, and to offer a sum not exceeding 150 guineas in premiums for the best design.

“That in the scheme which they will have to consider, it will be desirable to proceed only with the view of providing fitting and appropriate accommodation, to be devoted solely and exclusively to Masonic purposes.

“Carrying out the intention expressed in the concluding portion of their last Report, the Board of General Purposes desire now to put their Brethren in possession of all the facts bearing on the case, in order that each Lodge and each Brother may have the fairest opportunity of forming a correct judgment on a matter so important to their interests as the disposal of their chief property.

“The present possessions of the society consist of—

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| “1.—The building known as Freemasons’ Tavern and Hall, let at ... | £800 0 0   |
| “2.—No. 60, Great Queen-street, lately added to Tavern     ” ...  | 30 0 0     |
| “3.—No. 59,     ”     ”     held by Mr. Solomon     ” ...         | 70 0 0     |

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| " 4.—No. 63, Great Queen-street, occupied chiefly by the society as offices ... ..                                    |  |  |  | ..  | .. | .. |
| " 5.—No. 64 and 65, ,, Bacon's Hotel, and certain premises at back, on lease, of which ten years are unexpired ... .. |  |  |  | 240 | 0  | 0  |
| " 6.—Premises in Middle-yard, let to Mr. Lambert ... ..                                                               |  |  |  | 50  | 0  | 0  |
| " 7.—Seven houses in Queen's-place, at weekly rents producing ... ..                                                  |  |  |  | 202 | 16 | 0  |

" In the present statement the Board propose to confine themselves to those parts which are known as the Tavern, and to that portion which is in the occupation of the Craft itself. Of this property the society retains to itself the exclusive use of the Grand Secretary's and Clerks' Offices, the Grand Master's room, the small room known as the Library, the Grand Tyler's apartments, and the Temple. The tenants are allowed to use the great hall upon receiving a written permission for that purpose, and upon payment of one guinea to the society for each time it is so used; and the society pays to the tenants the sum of £12 12s. for each time that the meetings of Grand Lodge are held therein, and a proportionate sum for the use of rooms required by the various committees.

" It has long pressed upon the consideration of the Brethren that the accommodation thus afforded is not such as the Craft generally has a right to require, nor such as an institution so wealthy and important should provide for its members. The Board are of opinion that amongst the first requisites to be provided are a library and reading room, and a coffee and refreshment room, where not only London members may meet, but where Brethren from the provinces, the colonies, and from other countries, may find appropriate accommodation. The Board feel strongly, likewise, the necessity of providing other and more extensive offices for the executive department, and they desire to see these arrangements include not only offices for the Grand Secretary and his clerks, but also for the various charities, which, forming part of the Masonic system, should find their appropriate place within the chief building.

" The Board presume that all will agree that it is requisite that the additions above described should be provided; it remains then to inquire how and by what means such an object can be effected; whether, on the one hand, by an extension of the present system, and by letting the major portion of the buildings as a tavern—or, on the other hand, by the society taking under its own management such portion of the property as may be adequate to the requirements of the Brethren, and taking upon itself to provide everything which is requisite for the meetings of Lodges and their banquets.

" In order to a due consideration of these questions the Board submit the following details:—

" 1st.—As to the Fund for General Purposes, from which fund alone means can be looked for to defray whatever expenses may be incurred. On January 1st, 1850, in consequence of the completion of a large purchase, there was no funded property to the credit of General Purposes, and at that date

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| The society was indebted to the Grand Treasurer and Bankers ... | £1483 | 12 | 11 |
| „ has since given away ... ..                                   | 7553  | 3  | 0  |
| „ has expended in purchase of property ... ..                   | 5450  | 0  | 0  |
| „ has invested, and now holds, in Reduced 3-per-cents... ..     | 6500  | 0  | 0  |
| „ had cash in hand, Nov. 13th, 1858 ... ..                      | 811   | 13 | 1  |

Making a total excess of receipts over current expenditure of ... £21,782 9 0

" This sum divided by  $8\frac{1}{2}$  years, shows an average excess for that period of about £2500 per annum. Considering the unexampled prosperity of late years, the Board do not think that it would be prudent to calculate with certainty that the surplus receipts will continue at a similar rate in future years; at the same time they draw attention to the fact that the Tontine dividends and expenses, amounting to nearly £300 per annum, now depend on a single life, aged 85 years, and therefore may be expected shortly to fall in.

:" 2nd. The rent of £830 per annum, now receivable from the tavern, is

increased by the lettings of the hall; these receipts are subject to certain deductions for repairs, meetings of Grand Lodge and of committees, leaving a present net rental of about £800 per annum. In considering this it must be borne in mind that the tenants pay all rates and taxes, excepting property tax. It may be observed that the members of the society pay back to their tenants, for the banquets of private Lodges, and for their festivals, a sum of £5000 per annum, from which sum it is reasonable to suppose that the tenants derive a fair profit. There are meeting in London 124 Lodges and 28 Chapters; of the former 38, and of the latter 8, hold their meetings in the tavern, leaving 86 Lodges and 20 Chapters who find their accommodation elsewhere.

"These are the main facts which the Board desire to submit in order to a due consideration, whether it will be practicable for the society to take into its own hands the entire management of such portion of the property as may be requisite for the use of its members. The ultimate decision of this question, and the means by which, if to be effected, it may be best carried out, rest, of course, with the Grand Lodge. At the present time the Board have sought for no authority to proceed further than in that which they expressly desire to be understood is a preliminary inquiry. They have asked for a vote of £300, to be used partly in defraying the expense of the plans necessary under any circumstances, and chiefly—if it be found practicable hereafter to carry out such a scheme as they contemplate—to enable them, under the sanction of Grand Lodge, to submit such scheme to general competition, and thus, by having a well-considered and matured plan at first, to avoid unnecessary outlay, and to ensure that whatever expense is incurred, shall be done as part and parcel of a progress towards the future accomplishment of a building, which shall be perfectly adapted in its internal arrangements to the wants of the Brethren, and in its external appearance be ornate in design and creditable to the Order.

"It is to be further considered, if any great alterations should be proposed, that they can only be carried out upon the expiration of the present lease, which has now three and a half years to run—and it is reasonable to expect that during that time a further surplus of at least £6,000 will be accumulated, which, with the sum now in hand, would leave at the disposal of the society an amount of (say) £12,500; and the Board suggest that it would be most undesirable to entertain any scheme which would involve a greater outlay at any one time than the funds will be equal to meet immediately on its completion. The period which must elapse affords ample time for consideration; the board are desirous of avoiding any step which might have the effect of plunging the society into unnecessary expense—they desire to proceed with the utmost caution in the matter committed to them—and to this end they invite from all Lodges, and from all individual Masons, assistance and co-operation.

"It will be apparent to all, that for some part of the outlay to be incurred no pecuniary return can be expected; by this the board refer to the expense which may be incurred in providing accommodation for the executive. The Craft, however, may fairly expect it to be shown, that for the chief part of the sums to be expended, or rent to be surrendered, there will be an adequate revenue. From any outlay which is for the benefit of the Craft generally, there can be no return looked for, except in the increased comfort and accommodation afforded; whilst for any outlay which is for the benefit of a special class of Brethren, the society would have a right to expect an adequate return. The library, besides possessing standard works upon those subjects with which Freemasonry is especially allied, should also be provided with the literature of the day, and the cost of so providing it should be no burden to the funds of the society; as the coffee room and other rooms of a similar character would not be available to the great majority of the Craft, they should therefore be made remunerative to the Grand Lodge, by those who derive especial advantage from their use. There are several ways in which this can be effected, the details of which will be for future consideration.

"The Board feel that it is hardly necessary to point out that if, with a due regard to financial results, it shall be found possible to devote Freemasons' Hall solely and exclusively to Masonic purposes, that such a result could not fail to elevate the character of Masonry in this country, and place the Grand Lodge of England—

the largest and most important in the world—at least on a par in that respect with other Grand Lodges. The board desire, however, to impress upon the Craft that there are many Brethren who are strongly in favour of continuing, and very much extending, the present tavern arrangements, and who are of opinion that this can be done not only without derogating from the credit of the institution, but that it will be productive of an adequate return for the considerable outlay which must be incurred.

“The Board have next to direct the attention of the Brethren to the possibility of any scheme which may be submitted, eventuating in some pecuniary sacrifice in the loss of rent or interest of money; it will be for the Craft to consider whether the obtaining of a fitting temple for the mystic art will be an appropriate manner of expending their surplus funds, and whether some diminution in their annual income will be compensated for by the advantage thus gained.

“The questions which the Board desire to submit to the Brethren are these:—

“1st.—Are a library, reading, and refreshment rooms requisite, and would they be acceptable to the Craft generally?

“2nd.—If it be found practicable, will it be desirable to devote the necessary property solely and exclusively to Masonic uses?

“3rd.—Are the Craft prepared to submit to some diminution of their annual income for the purpose of keeping such property sacred to Masonry?

“4th.—If it should be found desirable hereafter that an annual subscription (which would necessarily be of very small amount) should be required to entitle Brethren to the uses of separate reading and refreshment rooms, what support would it probably receive from your Lodge or the members thereof?

“Lastly.—If it can be shown that a considerable outlay for the purpose of giving increased accommodation to the Craft, and at the same time very much extending the tavern, would be productive of an adequate return, would such a proceeding be expedient and desirable?

“Fully conscious of their responsibility as the executive body, not of Grand Lodge alone, but of the whole Craft, the Board have at heart an earnest desire, not only to consider the dignity and reputation of the Order, and the accommodation and comfort of the Brethren, but having before them the duty of watching narrowly the finances of the society, they desire also to consider the subject with unprejudiced minds, and to make no recommendation to Grand Lodge on a matter which is not only most interesting to themselves, but which involves the future interests and welfare of the whole Masonic body, until after the most mature consideration, and the fullest information and advice which they can obtain from their Brethren.

“The Board earnestly request your attention to this subject; they beg that you will have the kindness to let this address be read and considered in your Lodge; that you will be at the trouble of inviting the opinions of the members of your Lodge, and in communicating the result, afford the Board all the assistance in your power.

“I have the honour to be, W. Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

“JOHN HAINES, President.

“P.S.—It is requested that your reply may be sent, on or before the 31st of March next, to the Grand Secretary, at whose office inquiries may be made, and plans of the present building inspected by any of the Brethren who desire it.”

#### ROYAL FREEMASONS' GIRLS SCHOOL.

A QUARTERLY General Court was held at the offices, Great Queen-street, on Thursday last, January 13th, Bro. John Udall, V.P., presiding.

The minutes having been read and confirmed,

Bro. Binckes moved as a substantive law of the institution, that all petitions

from the provinces be forwarded to the Secretary at the office, at least a week before the meeting of the general committee, with every certificate (correctly) filled in, so as to make the absolute laws and the regulations of the Committee of Management agree.

Bro. Adlard seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The report of the Audit Committee was then read, showing a balance in the Treasurer's hands of £577 10s. 3d., out of which the quarterly accounts, amounting to £501 7s. 8d., were ordered to be paid.

It was then announced that there would be five vacancies in the school in April, to fill which there were five candidates, viz., E. J. Fitzgerald, of Woodbridge; R. Cook, of Ipswich; and M. C. Saunders, L. M. Bradley, and M. E. Harvey, London, who, being approved by the committee, are recommended for election.

Bro. Symonds next brought up the following report :—

To the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Freemasons' School for Girls; and the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

We, the undersigned, to whom at a meeting of the General Committee of the Boys School, on 3rd July, 1858; and at a Quarterly General Court of the Girls School, on 8th July, 1858, it was referred to circulate in the provinces the report of Bros. Lyall, Binckes, and Symonds, on the desirableness of establishing some kind of provincial organization, which should make more generally known throughout each province the claims of the Masonic schools, and should result probably in obtaining for them thence increased and continuous support, have the honour to report as follows :—

In conformity with the authority conferred upon us, we printed the preliminary report above referred to, prefacing it with a letter, of which the following is a copy :—

[This letter appeared in *extenso* in the *Freemasons' Magazine* of August, 4th, 1858]

Copies of the communication were sent to—

All the Provincial Grand Masters;

All the Deputy Provincial Grand Masters, and Provincial Grand Secretaries, whose addresses were known, or could be readily obtained;

The W.M. of every Provincial Lodge, and the M.E.Z. of every Provincial Chapter; and, finally, to

A large number of Brethren in or connected with the provinces, whose attention it was considered desirable to direct to the subject.

The replies we have received are very various in their nature; but all testify to the increased interest in the schools which this movement has awakened, followed in many instances by remittance of donations and subscriptions, thus affording a further proof, if any were wanted, of the desirableness of an organization which shall prevent the interest thus aroused from dying out, and shall maintain and extend it in years to come.

With few exceptions, the writers object to the appointment of local secretaries, and express a decided preference for the formation of provincial committees. After giving the subject thorough consideration, we fully concur in this preference; and we beg therefore to submit the following recommendations :—

That each province be requested to form a committee, to be called "The Provincial Committee of the Province of ————— for promoting the interests of the Masonic Schools" (or, if the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution should wish to be included, "of the four Masonic Charities").

That such committee do consist of a member of each Lodge in the province, to be annually elected or re-elected by the Lodge, on the night of installation of Worshipful Master.

That each Lodge be requested to transmit to the Secretary of each school (or charity) the name, title, and address of the Brother so appointed.

That the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, and Deputy Prov. Grand Master, be requested to take the office of president and vice-president of such committee.

That the said Provincial Committee be requested to hold a general meeting at least once a year, and to present to the Prov. Grand Lodge a report, showing the results of the labours of its members, individually and collectively.

The chief point in these recommendations is, the formation of such committee by each Lodge electing a member; and we deem it right to state fully the reasons which have induced us to recommend this mode in preference to that of election by the Prov. Grand Lodge.

We believe there will always be found in each Lodge at least one brother willing to serve as member for the charities, and that such brother elected by, and consequently possessing the confidence of his Lodge, will have an influence both with the Lodge as a body and the individual brethren composing it which would never be attained by a member of another Lodge, residing perhaps in a different locality. We think also, that if the name of the member for the charities be transmitted by the Lodge to the secretary of each charity, at its office in London, and if all reports, documents, information, application for stewards, &c., &c., emanating from the office, be transmitted direct to such member, they will be much more likely to be effectually brought under the notice of his Lodge than when addressed to the presiding officer not by name, but simply as "The W.M." We believe such communications, when so addressed, are not unfrequently lost sight of amongst a heap of other letters, some of them merely canvassing papers for votes, or applications for patronage similarly addressed to the W.M. We have every hope also, that this plan, when in good working order, would give rise to some of that generous rivalry between the Lodges of a province which prevails amongst many of the metropolitan Lodges at the time of the festivals, each anxious to return a well filled list of donors and subscribers.

We are inclined indeed to look for very important results upon the individual members of Lodges, from the appointment by each Lodge of a member for the charities. To all who have taken part in the management of the schools and have thus become acquainted with the sources whence their funds are derived, it is well known that, valuable and acceptable as are the contributions of Lodges, it is mainly to the donations and subscriptions of individual brethren that these institutions look for support. The charities member of each Lodge having in his possession the accounts of receipts and expenditure, with details of the sources of income, could not fail to perceive the importance of a fact which would seem to be not yet sufficiently appreciated in several of the provinces. We have reason to believe that an impression is not uncommon amongst many provincial Brethren of good social position, and holding high Masonic honours, that if their Prov. Grand Lodge, and perhaps the particular Lodges with which they are connected, are already subscribers, or can be induced to subscribe, all has been done that it is requisite to do, and that personal subscriptions may be dispensed with. It is only thus that we can account for the small portion of provincial as compared with London Brethren who contribute to the funds of the schools. Of the vice-presidents, donors, and annual subscribers to each school, we find that the number resident in the London district is about six times greater than in all the provinces combined. Of thirty-nine Prov. Grand Masters, nineteen appear on the lists of the Girls School, twenty do not so appear; twenty-one appear on the lists of the Boys School, and eighteen do not so appear; whilst only fifteen subscribe to both, and fourteen subscribe to neither. Of the thirty-eight Deputy Prov. Grand Masters, fourteen appear on the lists of the Girls School, twenty-four do not so appear; eleven appear on the lists of the Boys School, twenty-seven do not so appear; only nine subscribe to both, and twenty-two subscribe to neither.

Placing the most thorough reliance on the fraternal feelings of our provincial Brethren, we cannot doubt that if committees, formed in the mode we recommend, were established in each province, the disparity in the numbers of provincial and London subscribers, and the small proportion of high-placed Brethren who appear on the lists, would soon be materially modified. The documents in the hands of the member for the charities would enable him speedily to dissipate the erroneous impression to which chiefly we ascribe this disparity, viz:—the sufficiency of subscriptions from Prov. Grand and private Lodges, and the consequent needlessness of personal subscriptions.



We are of opinion that it will be a great assistance to the charities' member of each Lodge, much facilitate his operations, and be attended with many other advantages, if, in future, the annual statements of donations and subscriptions distributed at the anniversary festivals and forwarded to the subscribers, be arranged so as to show the districts and provinces whence these contributions have been respectively received. Some of the large charitable societies who have contributors in the country, and in particular districts, have published lists divided accordingly; and we have reason to believe they find their object better promoted by this mode than by that of alphabetical arrangement.

Collectively, the Provincial Committee would, we hope, direct the attention of the Provincial Grand Chaplains and other of the ministers of religion connected with the Order, to the great amount of good they have it in their power to effect, by setting apart one day, at such intervals as other calls upon them may admit, to sermons on behalf the schools or charities. It may fairly be anticipated that, in each Province, at least one sermon in the year might be preached, and although in some cases the individual collections might be but small, in the aggregate they would be considerable.

The Provincial Committee would also be able to point out in their report to the Provincial Grand Lodge, the benefits which the province from time to time had derived, and in some instances might be still deriving, from the Schools. Many of the provinces are probably not aware of the extent to which they are under obligations to the Schools. In the Province of Devon, for instance, we cannot, but think there must be considerable misapprehension upon this point. We understand (although we have no direct intimation of the fact) that a proposition to the effect that the Provincial Grand Lodge should present donations and also become annual subscribers to the Schools, has been set aside in favour of a scheme for confining the charitable contributions of the province exclusively to local objects. We are quite sure the Brethren present at the Provincial Grand Lodge when this scheme was approved, could not have been aware that there is at present one child from that province in the Girls School, and one in the Institution for Boys, and that at the recent election for the latter institution, out of sixteen candidates no less than three were the children of Devonshire Masons. We cannot, will not believe—we have too high an opinion of our Devonshire Brethren to permit us to believe—that, had these facts been within their knowledge, they would have adopted a course which virtually hands over to the Brethren in other Provinces and in London the cost of the education, clothing, and maintenance of children from the Province of Devon.\* We can but hope that such complete isolation of so important and wealthy a province will not long be sustained, but that they will ultimately join with their Brethren in London and throughout the country in giving effectual support to the general Masonic charities.

The advantages of combined over isolated efforts in furnishing the means of improving the quality of the education imparted, and of perfecting the domestic arrangements (both matters of the greatest importance, inasmuch as the institutions are intended for the children of Brethren who have seen better days) are so obvious that we do not think it necessary to enlarge on them here. In a letter from Bro. F. Binckes, which appeared in the *Freemasons' Magazine*, of 1st Dec., 1853, they are set forth with a lucidity which gives us all the more reason to regret his retirement from this Committee, whereby we have been deprived of his valuable assistance in drawing this report.

If Provincial Committees be formed, either in the mode we suggest, or in some other, there will necessarily be incurred certain expenses, for printing their annual report, perhaps for collection, and other purposes, which expenses the committees will, of course, have power to deduct from the subscriptions and donations remitted.

We cannot conclude this report without tendering our thanks to the Brethren

\* The Provincial Grand Master, Earl Fortescue, would appear to have only partially concurred in the views of the Provincial Grand Lodge; as he has constituted himself a subscriber of £3 3s. annually to the Girls School, and £1 1s. to the Boys School.

who have so kindly and courteously responded to our communication, and especially we beg to thank the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for the very gratifying and prompt expression of his Lordship's approval of the movement. The spirit which has been evoked throughout the country, particularly in West Yorkshire, in the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, in Staffordshire, and in Worcestershire, has already resulted in increased subscriptions to the schools. This spirit we feel convinced our Provincial Brethren "will not willingly let die," and we think that generally they will heartily co-operate in the establishment of machinery which shall be in continuous action, and shall thus keep constantly alive an interest in the prosperity of the schools. It will now be for you, to whom we present this report, to say whether the organization we propose, or some other tending to the same end, shall be approved and recommended to the provinces. We have done our part in proposing that scheme, which, after well matured and careful consideration, we are of opinion is the best calculated to effect the object; but if, on still further consideration, some other scheme be preferred, we will cheerfully acquiesce in the decision, and cordially labour to give it practical effect. We hope that the whole of the provinces will likewise concur, that all pre-conceived notions will, in a truly fraternal spirit, be laid aside, so that the scheme which may be ultimately decided upon will be unanimously accepted. If this be so, as we earnestly trust it will, we are very sanguine that under the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U., we shall see results which will amply reward us for all the time and labour we have devoted to this inquiry, and which will be most gratifying to all who have at heart the welfare and the progress of the schools.

JOHN SYMONDS.

W. H. LYALL.

13th Jan. 1859.

Attached to the report are appendices of answers, from which we make the following extracts—some of the answers being mere apologies for not subscribing.

**CHESHIRE.**—Chapter of Love and Friendship, Langley, near Macclesfield, sends £2 2s.—£1 1s. to each school; Mersey Lodge, Birkenhead, subscribes to all the charities, and would pay regularly if demanded or reminded.\* Unity Lodge, Nantwich, does not think an agency for the province would do much good, but sends £2 2s. to be divided between the two schools.

**CUMBERLAND.**—St. John's Lodge and Chapter, Wigton, and Lodge of Unanimity, Penrith, severally subscribe to all the charities.

**DEVONSHIRE.**—Question brought before the Provincial Grand Lodge, which determined in favour of a local institution; Provincial Grand Master sends £3 3s. to the Girls' school, and £1 1s. to the Boys.

**DURHAM.**—Provincial Grand Lodge contributes annually to the charities.

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**—Subject brought before Provincial Grand Lodge, and Bro. H. Luckes, Prov. G.D., accepted the office of Provincial Secretary to obtain subscriptions. Provincial Grand Lodge voted £2 2s. each to the schools, and £2 to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and their Widows.

**HAMPSHIRE.**—Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon will give the matter his consideration. Bro. Sherry brought the subject before the Lodge of Economy, Winchester, and a memorial was agreed to recommending an increase of quarterage from the members of country Lodges, from 2s. to 4s. Thinks any scheme should also include the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons. Bro. Sherry becomes a steward for the festival of last named Institution.

**ISLE OF WIGHT.**—Approves of general action and appointment of local committees.

**KENT.**—A scheme has been adopted, through which the Prov. Grand Lodge is annually enabled to make one or more Lodges life governors of one of the charities.

**LANCASHIRE (WEST).**—At last Prov. Grand Lodge, £10 was voted to each of the Schools.

**LANCASHIRE (EAST).**—Lodge of Friendship, Oldham, has a resolution on the minute book, for annual subscriptions to each School.

NORFOLK.—Norwich Chapter of Perseverance voted £2 to the Schools, to be continued annually. The Lodge proposes to have a box for the Schools, and to charge honorary fees upon appointments to W.M., Wardens, and Deacons. Social Lodge, Bro. Marshall sends £2 2s., and Lodge votes £5 5s.

OXFORDSHIRE.—D. Prov. Grand Master suggests local committees, to include all the charities.

SOMERSETSHIRE.—One Lodge (which not stated) has subscribed £10. It is believed others will follow.

STAFFORDSHIRE.—Prov. Grand Lodge voted £52 10s. to each School; Langton and Stoke Lodges have voted subscriptions and donations: Newcastle Lodge voted £2 2s. to Girls School; St. Martin's Lodge, Burslem, sends £1 1s. The D. Prov. Grand Master "thinks in that Province, therefore, no further steps or application necessary."

WARWICKSHIRE.—Opinions in favour of a united movement for all the charities

WORCESTERSHIRE.—Provincial Grand Lodge voted £50 to make Provincial Grand Master a Vice President.

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST).—The M.W.G.M., the Earl of Zetland, Provincial Grand Master, writes:—"Aske, August 8th, 1856, Richmond, Yorkshire.—Dear Sir and Brother.—I have this morning received your letter of the 5th instant, and the packet of circulars. I entirely approve of the step you have taken for the benefit of the schools, and have written to my Deputy and sent him the circulars. I am, dear sir, yours faithfully (signed), ZETLAND."—Bro. Marwood, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, promises every support, and sends a donation from himself of £21, viz.: £10 10s. to each school.

YORKSHIRE (WEST).—Provincial Grand Lodge subscribed £105 towards enlargement of Boys School—the province having previously liberally supported the charity. Bro. Wylie, Provincial Grand Secretary, writes, under date of January 12, that he will take upon himself the responsibility of the increase of the donation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire £10 10s. to be paid to both the Royal Masonic Schools, feeling assured that the Provincial Grand Lodge will sanction it.

Bro. Hopwood moved that a vote of thanks be presented to Bros. Symonds and Lyall for their great and valuable report; that the report be received, and the committee authorized to print it—it being understood that not more than half the expense should fall on the Girls School—so that it might be more fully under consideration at the next meeting.

After some conversation the resolution was agreed to.

In the course of the discussion, Bro. Crew, the Secretary, expressed his opinion that the plan proposed by the Committee would be found too cumbrous in working, and submitted the following scheme as more practicable and likely to produce all the results desired by the Committee:—

"That each Lodge be recommended to establish a charity fund.

"That each initiate shall pay the sum of 10s. on the day of his initiation, to the said fund.

"That each member shall pay to the said fund 5s. per annum.

"That upon members taking office, the following fines shall be subscribed to the same fund—1s. Inner Guard; 2s. Junior Deacon; 4s. Senior Deacon; 6s. Junior Warden; 8s. Senior Warden; 10s. Worshipful Master; or such other sum as each Lodge might think most convenient; but out of this sum each Lodge shall subscribe to the public Masonic charities, such a sum as shall entitle them to vote at all elections."

A vote of thanks to Bro. Udall for his kindness and courtesy in the chair terminated the proceedings.

Bro. Symonds gave notice, that should the scheme proposed in the report 'pro-

sented by himself and Bro. Lyall be approved by the General Courts of the Boys and Girls Schools, he would move a resolution requesting the M.W.G.M. to allow it to be circulated with a recommendation from his lordship to the Provincial Grand Lodges, to consider how far it can be carried out.

### ROYAL FREEMASONS' BOYS SCHOOL.

A QUARTERLY court was held at the offices, on Monday, the 17th inst., Bro. John Hervey, P.G.D., presiding.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, a resolution was brought up for consideration, as recommended by a sub committee, that the collector should be paid five per cent. on all subscriptions and donations received by him, excepting upon the amounts subscribed upon the Stewards' lists at the annual festivals, upon which he shall only receive three per cent. This was agreed to with an addendum, to the effect that the three per cent. was to apply to all sums upon such lists.—[This we think hardly fair, for if a collector has to call ten or a dozen times for a subscription, surely three per cent. cannot be considered an adequate remuneration. Why not say five per cent. on all sums under £10, and three per cent. on £10 and upwards ?]

Bro. G. Warriner gave notice of a motion for the next meeting, "That on and after the 1st July, 1860, ten pupils be received into the institution on the payment of £30 per annum each; the admission of such pupils to be subjected to such rules and regulations as the General Committee may determine upon."

A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

### METROPOLITAN.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

*Wednesday, January 19th.*—Lodges, Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Tavern; Royal York (7), ditto; United Mariners (33), Three Tuns, Southwark; St. George's (164), Royal Hotel, Greenwich; Sincerity (203), Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars; Oak (225), Radley's Hotel; Nelson (1002), Red Lion, Woolwich. General Committee of Grand Chapter, at 3; Lodge of Benevolence, at 7.

*Thursday, 20th.*—Lodges, Globe (23), Freemasons' Tavern; Gihon (57), Bridge House Hotel; Constitutional (93), Ship and Turtle; St. Mary's (70), Freemasons' Tavern; Temperance (193), Plough Tavern, Rotherhithe; Manchester (205), Anderton's Hotel; Westbourne (1035), Manor House, Westbourne Terrace North. Chapter.—Yarborough (812), George Inn, Commercial Road East. House Committee Girls' School, at 2½. Encampment.—Observance, Thatched House.

*Friday, 21st.*—Lodges, Middlesex (176) Thatched House Tavern; Jordan (237), Freemasons' Tavern.

*Saturday, 22nd.*—Lodges, Unity (215), London Tavern. Chapter.—St. George's (5), Freemasons' Tavern.

*Monday, 24th.*—Lodges, Somerset House and Inverness (4), Freemasons' Tavern; Castle Lodge of Harmony (27), Thatched House Tavern; Old King's Arms (30), Freemasons' Tavern; Salisbury (630), Dean Street, Soho. Chapters.—Robert Burns (25), Freemasons' Tavern; Mount Zion (169), Radley's Hotel.

*Tuesday, 25th.*—Lodges, Tuscan (14), Freemasons' Tavern; United of Prudence (93), Albion Tavern; Moira (109), London Tavern; Faith (165), Anderton's Hotel; Prudent Brethren (169), Freemasons' Tavern; Industry (219), Dick's Coffee House; Prince of Wales (324), Thatched House. Chapter.—Cyrus (21), London Coffee House.

*Wednesday, 26th.*—Lodges, Antiquity (2), Freemasons' Tavern; Mount Moriah (40), ditto; Prosperity (78), White Hart Tavern, Bishopsgate Street; United Pilgrims (745), Manor House, Walworth; Prince Frederick William (1055), Knights of St. John, St. John's Wood. Festival of the Royal Benevolent Institution for aged Masons and their Widows.

*Thursday, 27th.*—Lodges, Neptune (22), Radley's Hotel; Peace and Harmony (72), London Tavern; Grenadiers (79), Freemasons' Tavern; Shakespeare (116), Albion Tavern. *Chapters.*—St. Alban's (32), London Coffee House; Domestic (206), Falcon Tavern; Friendship (248), Ship and Turtle; Polish (778), Freemasons' Tavern.

*Friday, 28th.*—Lodges, Universal (212), Freemasons' Tavern; Fitzroy (830), Royal Artillery Company; High Cross (1056), Railway Tavern, Tottenham.

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

ENOCH LODGE (No. 11).—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge took place last Wednesday, at the Freemasons' Tavern, when Bro. Job Austin, W.M., initiated Messrs. Winterton and Britton. Bro. Rowland was passed to the second degree. Bros. Moutree and Uphills were raised. Bro. James Pain was then installed Master for the ensuing year in the presence of Past Masters Beale, Sidebotham, (P. Prov. G. Chaplain, Oxfordshire), Haward, W. Williams, Peter Matthews, Isaac Bird, F. Binckes, Masterman, Potter, F. Ledger, Sowden, Elsham, &c. Bro. Pain appointed Bros. German, S.W.; G. E. Sewell, J.W.; Peter Matthews, Sec.: Watson, S.D.; Ruel, J.D.; and Garrod, I.G. Bros. Austin and Ledger volunteered for Stewards for the Boys' Festival, and Bro. German for the Girls' Festival. £5 were voted for the Benevolent Fund for the Widows; £5 5s. for the Boys' School; and £5 5s. for the Girls' School. A jewel was voted to Bro. Austin for his zeal and assiduity as Master during the past year, and Bro. Masterman had his jewel also presented for like services during the previous year. At the conclusion of the business, Bro. Isaac Bird, P.M., called the attention of the Brethren (with a view of putting them under his guard) to the fact that a fellow was going about, professing to be a Freemason, and giving what he called a Masonic sign, begging for assistance. He had called upon him some time since, when he at once detected him to be an arrant impostor, and quickly bowed him out. The same man had recently called upon his two brothers, living at quite opposite parts of the town, both of whom had also detected him in his attempted imposition, notwithstanding that one of them had only been recently made a Mason. After some conversation on this subject the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren (above sixty) adjourned to a very elegant banquet, over which the W.M., Bro. Pain, most efficiently presided. The usual toasts were tersely proposed and responded to, Bro. Haward, G. Steward, No. 108, returning thanks on behalf of the Grand Officers. Bro. Austin, P.M., proposed the health of the W.M., who he was sure would perform all the duties of the Lodge efficiently, and to the satisfaction of the Brethren. The W.M. thanked the Brethren for the compliment paid him, though he could not but think his friend Bro. Austin had promised too much on his behalf, but he could assure them that no exertion should be wanting on his part to endeavour to maintain and uphold the character of the Lodge. Bro. Crew, P.M., No. 1, returned thanks for the conjoint toast of the visitors and charities. He could have wished that the reverend brother whom he saw opposite (Rev. J. S. Sidebotham) had been called upon to return thanks for the visitors, as it at all times gave him great pleasure to see the ministers of religion taking part in their ceremonies and festivities; it was a practical proof that they were of that nature that gentlemen of education and position might join in, and, whilst adding honour fairly to the institution, prove to the world that those members of the clergy who had joined their ranks were convinced that there was in Freemasonry nothing inconsistent with religion. As regarded their charities he looked upon the Girls' School, the Boys' School, and the Benevolent Institution as all equally worthy of support, though, from his position, he naturally felt the greatest interest in the Girls' School. He thanked the Enoch Lodge for the support they had at all times given to the charities, and specially directed the attention of the Brethren to the approaching festival for the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and their Widows, which would take place

on the 26th inst., which he hoped would be numerously attended, and liberally supported. The healths of the Initiates, the Past Masters, the Officers, and other toasts having been duly drunk and responded to, the company broke up at an early hour. The harmony of the evening was much enhanced by the exertions of Bros. Donald King, G. Tedder, E. Crew, and others. Altogether, the new W.M.'s first night augurs well for a brilliant and happy year.

**KENT LODGE (No. 15).**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 10th, at Bro. Harris's, the Three Tuns Tavern, Borough, Bro. E. Dresser Rogers, W.M., in the chair. The business of the evening consisted of two passings and two initiations, which ceremonies were admirably performed by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Mariner, S.W.; and Bro. G. D. Cossins, as J.W. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the W.M. called on Bro. Richard Barnes, the father of the Lodge, to give the charge to the newly initiated Brethren. The style and emphasis with which it was delivered drew forth the highest commendations from every member of the Lodge. All business being concluded, the Brethren, forty in number, adjourned to the banquet. The usual loyal toasts having been given and responded to, Bro. C. C. Gibbs, P.M., proposed "The health of the W.M." Bro. Rogers, in reply, assured the Brethren he was duly sensibly of, and highly appreciated the proud position he held as Master of Kent Lodge, more particularly as during his term of office, the centenary of the Lodge had been held, and trusted the Brethren would give him their unanimous support in aid of the several Masonic charities which he was desirous of advocating. The W.M. then proposed "The health of the P.Ms., viz., Bros. Gibbs, Trebeck, Whitehouse, Mangee, Barnes, R. E. Barnes, Firth." Bro. Gibbs, in acknowledging the kind and brotherly feeling evinced towards the Past Masters of the Lodge, assured the Brethren of their willingness, at all times, to render any assistance that might be beneficial to the interest of the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the health of the newly initiated Brethren, Bros. Bates and Sugden. Bro. Bates assured the Brethren he esteemed it a great honour in being admitted a member of so ancient and honourable an Order; he felt convinced that the ceremony and morals attached thereto were well calculated to produce much good. The healths of the Treasurer, Bro. Barnes, and the Hon. Secretary, Bro. R. E. Barnes, were severally given and acknowledged, and the Lodge adjourned.

**EMULATION LODGE (No. 21).**—The installation meeting of this most excellent Lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street, on Monday evening, Jan. 17th, when Bro. Francis W. Blake was most ably inducted into the chair by Bro. John Symonds, P.M., assisted by a board of sixteen installed Masters, including Bros. John Hervey, P.G.D.; T. K. White, P.G.D.; Jos. Taylor, Singer, John Taylor, Wilkinson, Dr. Hinxman, Spratt, &c. The new W.M. appointed as his officers Bros. Wilkins, S.W.; Clarke, J.W.; Brackstone Baker, Secretary; Godden, S.D.; Whaley, J.D.; Stoch, J.G.; Marillier, P.M., Steward, and Wing, P.M., Dir. of Cers. Bro. Jos. Taylor was reinstalled as Treasurer, and, whilst expressing his desire to serve the Lodge to the utmost of his power, expressed a hope that the Brethren would endeavour to find a successor to relieve him from his office at least next year—as, having been amongst them now something like forty years, he felt that he could not continue to give that close attention to the duties of the Lodge which he had hitherto done. Bro. Dawes was re-elected and invested as Tyler for the forty-fifth time. The circular from the Board of General Purposes (published in another page) relative to the Grand Lodge property, having been brought before the meeting, it was resolved to take it into consideration at the next regular meeting of the Lodge. After the disposal of some other business the Brethren adjourned to a very elegant banquet, which was succeeded by the usual toasts. Bro. John Hervey replied for the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers; Bro. Henry G. Warren, J.W. Grand Steward's Lodge, for the numerous visitors; and Bro. Howell, the immediate P.M., who is so well known for his benevolent exertions as honorary medical attendant to the Girls' School, for the P.Ms., regretting that circumstances had not enabled him to attend so closely to the duties of the Lodge as he should wish to do. The other toasts were duly acknowledged, and Bro. Symonds moved that £10 should be voted from the charity fund of the Lodge in aid of the Royal Benevolent Institution for

Aged Masons and their Widows, to be placed on the list of Bro. John Taylor, the steward of the Lodge at the approaching festival. The motion not being exactly in legal form, was withdrawn, with the understanding that the money would be paid, and a "bill of indemnity" applied for hereafter; which bill, it is believed, will be supported by the large amount of legal talent for which the Lodge is celebrated. The festivities of the evening were brought to a most happy close at an early hour.

ROYAL NAVAL LODGE (No. 70).—At the meeting of this Lodge, held at the Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday last, the 12th instant, two gentlemen were initiated into the Order, one Brother duly passed, and two others raised to their respective degrees. Bro. Gillott was then installed as W.M. for the ensuing year—the ceremony being performed by Bro. Stephen Burton Wilson, junr. We hear that Bro. Gillott was to leave England the day after his installation, and does not expect to return for fourteen months. Under the circumstances, we do not think he ought to have been installed.

BEDFORD LODGE (No. 183).—Last Friday evening, this flourishing Lodge held its monthly meeting at the Freemasons' Tavern, when Bro. Edward Orelli was for the second time installed as W.M. of this Lodge, and re-invested the officers of the preceding year, viz: Bros. Streckeisen, S.W.; Greenwood, J.W.; Jerwood, Sec.; James Cooper, Treas.; Hayday, S.D.; Charles Price, J.D.; Arthur Wentworth, I.G.; Henry Newton, Dir. of Cers.; Holt, Tyler. The usual business of the Lodge having been transacted, the Brethren adjourned to the banquet, to which twenty-five sat down. Amongst the visitors were, Bros. George Frederick Smith, No. 125; Henry Riseborough Sharman, W.M., No. 202; H. S. Cooper, P.M., No. 276; Copus, P.M., No. 752; W. H. Andrew, P.M., No. 752. After the usual preliminary toasts, the W.M. gave "The health of the visitors," which was acknowledged in appropriate terms by Bro. Andrews. The proceedings of the evening were materially enlivened by the vocal and instrumental abilities of Bros. John Cooper, T. Jerwood, Meadows, Abbott, and Newton. Bro. Robert Jones proposed the health of the Master on his re-election, and paid a high compliment to his abilities. The W.M. responded and proposed "The Past Masters," which being duly acknowledged, various other toasts were proposed, and the proceedings closed in the greatest harmony at an early hour.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 206).—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, January 10th, at Bro. Ireland's, Masonic Hall, Fetter Lane. Bro. Robert Baker, W.M., presided, supported by Bro. Haydon, S.W.; Bro. Moore, J.W.; a numerous body of the members, and the following visitors:—Eros. Hester, of the Confidence, No. 228; Wade, Unions, No. 318; J. W. Whaley, Emulation, No. 21; Somers, Oak, No. 225; Jenkins, Temperance, No. 198; Hughes, Royal Naval, No. 70; L. Hoosowsker, Royal Naval, No. 70; and J. K. Calverley, Henry Clay, No. 277 (United States). The first business of the evening was to raise Bros. Beckett and Weston to the degree of M.M. Bros. A. Davis, Boord, Lowther, and Knight were then severally passed to the second degree. Messrs. Thomas Weekham, Henry Workman, William Phillips, Samuel Stead, and Percival Davis, were then initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Jarrod, P.M., was appointed Director of Ceremonies, on account of the great accession of members to this Lodge. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the Brethren adjourned to refreshment, which having been disposed of, the W.M. gave the usual loyal toasts, which were heartily responded to. The W.M. said that it was at all times most gratifying to propose "The health of their newly initiated Brethren," and from the great attention they had that evening paid to the ceremony, he felt certain that in a short time, they would gain a high position in the Lodge. Bro. Workman returned thanks on his own part, and on that of his brother initiates, expressing the high gratification they had derived from the beautiful ceremony that evening. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Visitors." Bro. Somers, P.M., of the Oak Lodge, returned thanks for the flattering manner in which the W.M. proposed the toast; though he would not willingly use a common expression, that that was the happiest evening he had ever spent; he might say, that they

had been received in a truly Masonic manner, and with the usual hospitality of the Lodge. He was but a poor orator, but he spoke with the greatest sincerity in thanking them for their kindness, and wished them prosperity and every happiness which the new year could afford. Bro. Smith, G. Purst., said the W.M. had, for a short time, allowed him the use of his gavel to address them on behalf of their Masonic charities; and he trusted that they would support their steward at the next anniversary festival of the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows. If every one subscribed his five shillings to this charity, it would be placed in a proper position, and every one of the candidates could be at once elected. He proposed "The Masonic Charities," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Brett, P.M., remarking that it was impossible to take up either the *Sunday Times* or the *Freemasons' Magazine* without observing the constant exertions of Bro. Brett in support of these charities. Bro. Brett, P.M., thanked Bro. Smith for having used his name in connection with their charities and what he had done in reference to them. He had done no more than his duty, and he trusted that Bro. Wake, who was their steward, would present such a list as would do honour to the Domestic Lodge. Bro. Brett proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said it was only necessary for him to be known to be respected. The W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said he hoped he had done his duty, and would continue to do so as far as lay in his power. The next toast was that of the "P.M.s," and the W.M. said he had been that night honoured by the attendance of the whole of the subscribing P.M.s. of the Lodge, who were then all present, with the exception of Bro. Adams. He concluded by giving "The healths of Bros. Brett, Carpenter, Marshall, Smith, Garrod, Elmes, and Morbey." Bro. Carpenter, in responding, said he wished to suggest that they should always keep before them their Masonic charities, and particularly that for aged Freemasons and their widows. Having alluded to a casual visit to the house of a friend, he said that while he was there a person arrived, and placed in the hand of his friend a paper, containing the small weekly savings of his servants for a benevolent object, which he considered would be an excellent thing for them to adopt in respect to their Masonic charities, and it could be done without any sacrifice to their comforts, while, in a short time it would place those charities as it was their desire to see them, and as they ought to be placed—in a flourishing condition. The W.M. gave "The Officers of the Lodge," for which toast, Bros. Haydon and Elmes returned thanks. Some other toasts were given, and the evening was spent in the most complete harmony.

ST. JAMES'S UNION LODGE (No. 211).—This increasing Lodge held its annual installation festival at the Freemasons' Tavern on Tuesday, 11th January, upwards of seventy members and visitors being present. Bro. Crofton, W.M., opened the Lodge, and Bros. Kretzschmar and Bracher were raised to the degree of Master Mason. Bros. Smith, Wells, Thomas, Scott, and Davis, were afterwards passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, followed by his initiation of Messrs. Stacey, Price, and Berry. Bro. Crofton then resigned the chair to Bro. John Gorton, P.M. and Treasurer, who was appointed to instal Bro. Stacey, the W.M. elect; the ceremony was beautifully performed. The officers for the year were invested as follows:—Bro. C. Smethurst, S.W.; W. Gill, J.W.; John Gorton (P.M.), Treasurer; C. Jackson, Secretary; T. Simpson, S.D.; H. Francis, J.D.; J. W. Sedgwick, I.G.; G. Gorton, Steward; T. J. Smith, Junior Steward; and John Crawley, Tyler. Bro. Gorton, in drawing attention to the long and arduous services of their late Secretary—who retires in consequence of ill health, after holding office for ten years—proposed that he should be allowed to remain amongst them as an honorary member. This being unanimously agreed to, Bro. Kennedy proposed that a committee should be formed for the purpose of offering Bro. Lacon a testimonial in acknowledgment of his strict attention to the business of the Lodge, which chiefly devolved on the Secretary; and more particularly in a Lodge like the St. James's, numbering as it does, nearly a hundred, the task had been no light one. Bro. Gorton having seconded the motion, the subject was adjourned till next meeting. Bro. Stacey, as W.M., said he had now a pleasing task before him—that of presenting their immediate P.M. with a jewel; to dilate upon the excellences of their last Master



would be superfluous, as every Brother well knew the sacrifice of time which he had made for the welfare of the Lodge. The compliment was well deserved, and he the (W.M.) trusted that Bro. Crofton would live many years to wear that jewel and support the Lodge. Several propositions having been made for the next meeting, Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned. After dinner, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, "The Visitors" being responded to by Bro. Binckes, P.M. (No. 11). There were also present:—Bros. Crew, P.M. (No. 1); Peter Mathews, P.M. (No. 11); Collard, P.M. (Nos. 1682 and 209); Emmens, P.M. (No. 201); Jackson, P.M. (No. 201); Shiel, P.M. (No. 630); Copus, P.M. (No. 752); M. Levinson, P.M. (No. 209); Platt, J.W. (No. 168); Barnshaw, J.W. (No. 752); Cotterell, W.M. elect (No. 219); and W. Watson. A pleasant evening resulted, the toasts and speeches being interspersed by some good singing by Miss Ada Taylor, Bros. Wood Banks, Wollams, Taylor, Gurton and E. Hart.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 227).—At the regular Lodge, held on Thursday, Jan. 6th, present Bro. Tappolet, W.M., and a full attendance of the Brethren, Bro. Lacey was raised to the third degree, Bros. Chipchase and Gurney passed to the second degree, and Messrs. Cates and Macareth were initiated into Masonry. Bro. Henry Muggeridge, P.M., then took the chair, and installed Bro. Goodchild W.M. for the year ensuing. The W.M. appointed and invested as his officers, Bro. Balfour, S.W.; Bro. Stanborough (steward for the approaching annuity festival) J.W.; Bro. Henry Thompson, S.D.; Bro. Robinson, J.D.; Bro. Alex. Thompson, Secretary; the venerable Bro. Sotheran, the re-elected Treasurer, was also invested, Bro. Muggeridge delivering the addresses with much impressiveness.

CONFIDENCE LODGE (No. 228).—At the monthly meeting held on Monday evening, January 10th, at Anderton's Hotel, Bros. Kiddell and Smart were raised to the degree of M.M.; Bros. Chambers and Earl were passed to the second degree. There being no further business, the Brethren adjourned to a well served banquet, when a pleasant evening was spent.

ST. ANDREWS LODGE (No. 231).—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on the 6th inst., Bro. Alfred Richards, W.M., presiding. Lodge being opened in the first degree, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and duly confirmed, upon which a ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Brown, a candidate for the honours of Freemasonry; the result of the ballot being in his favour, he was regularly introduced and received the first step in the Order. After this, a letter of thanks was read from Mrs. Longstaff, the widow of the late Tyler, for the kind assistance afforded her from the members of the Lodge, also for their recommendation to the Board of Benevolence, which had responded to her appeal by a grant of ten pounds. The election of Master and Treasurer for the next month was the next business, resulting in the unanimous election of Bro. Messent as W.M., and Bro. Sarbourg as Treasurer, who was present, although suffering from ill-health. The Lodge being closed in due form, the Brethren adjourned to dinner. The health of the Queen was proposed and received with enthusiasm, followed by that of the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M., and the R.W.D.G.M., Lord Panmure; the health of the initiate followed, briefly but tastefully acknowledged by Bro. Brown. "The Visitors," Bros. Simmonds, No. 428, Prov. S.G.D. for Hampshire; Charles Potter, P.M., No. 902, and Taylor, No. 778, were then proposed, some complimentary allusions being made to them by the W.M., who observed that the Lodge was highly honoured in this particular instance, Bro. Simmonds being one of the oldest Masons in the Craft, a Prov. Grand Officer, who he believed had initiated from five to six hundred gentlemen into the Order during a period of six years. It must be admitted that the number would appear almost incredible, and might be considered a paradox to many. But when it is understood that the locality was Portsea, and many gentlemen of the naval and merchant service were introduced into the Order at Lodges of emergency prior to proceeding to sea, and probably never appearing again at the Lodge, the wonder at the number ceases. Bro. Charles Potter was the son of their old and esteemed P.M., who, if he followed the footsteps of his sire, would deserve the highest honours the Craft could bestow. Bro. Taylor (continued the W.M.) was almost recognized amongst them as a mem-

ber; in addition to his musical attainments, he was intimately associated with the Masonic literature of the country, to which the Craft was so much indebted. After a few further remarks the toast was received with the usual honours, the Brethren visitors severally acknowledging the same. The health of the Master followed, who in reply said, he was much indebted to the assistance given him by the P.Ms., as also by his officers; he was fully impressed with the honour of his position, and felt some degree of satisfaction in saying that he had really worked his way to the chair, from Inner Guard, step by step until he had arrived at that pinnacle which was the aim and ambition of every lover of the Masonic art. He was about to resign the chair, for he was in the "sere and yellow leaf," his sand was running low, and though he felt some reluctance in leaving the chair, it was counterbalanced by the fact of having such a successor as Bro. Messent. Several other toasts followed, among which was one to the P.Ms., regret being expressed at the unavoidable absence of the immediate P.M., Bro. Pierce Egan. Bro. Potter briefly but pertinently replied, Bro. Messent as S.W. and Master elect, feelingly and eloquently acknowledged the honour paid him, thanking the Brethren for the confidence reposed in him, assuring them of his intention to endeavour to carry out his year of office with credit to himself, and he trusted with satisfaction to the Lodge. The Brethren then adjourned, having spent a delightful evening, interspersed with some admirable singing from Bros. Messent, Simmonds, Percival, West, Carter, and Taylor, who presided at the piano-forte.

WELLINGTON LODGE (No. 805).—The anniversary meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, Jan. 11th, at the Lord Duncan Tavern, Broadway, Deptford. Bro. Thomas Bayley, W.M., presided, supported by his officers. The visitors present were Bros. Anslow, P.M., Nos. 165 and 15; Brett, P.M., No. 206; Landale, P.M., Nos. 9 and 376; Murray, P.M., No. 376 and Prov. G.S., district of Kent; H. Potter, P.M., Nos. 11, 281, and 902; Holman, No. 93; Tarsell, No. 93; G. Bolton, W.M., No. 172, and P.M., No. 93; H. Thompson, No. 206, &c. Bro. Brett, P.M., No. 206, raised Bro. Pullen to the degree of M.M. Bro. Miller was passed to the second degree. Afterwards, Messrs. R. Foster and E. Harding were introduced, and initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Brett then proceeded to install Bro. Wadson, W.M. elect. The ceremony was performed in a manner that won for Bro. Brett the warmest admiration. The W.M., at the conclusion of this ceremony, then invested the officers of the Lodge for the next twelve months, as follows:—Bros. Edward Owen, S.W.; Robert Welsford, J.W.; Robert Bently, S.D.; S. A. Coombs, J.D.; W. H. Farrow, I.G.; —Crouch, Tyler; Samuel Hobbs, Treasurer; and H. M. Prowse, Hon. Secretary. The W.M. said he had another pleasing duty to perform, which was to present Bro. Bayley, their late W.M., with a mark of respect for the manner in which he had performed the duties in the honourable position which he then filled. In placing a P.M.'s jewel upon his breast, he trusted that he might live many years to wear it. (The jewel is a very elegant one, manufactured by Bro. A. D. Loewenstark, and bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the Brethren of the Wellington Lodge to Bro. Thomas Bayley, to evince their approbation of his efficient services while presiding over them as W.M. for the year 1858. Jan. 11, 1859.") Bro. Bayley, P.M., said he felt deeply grateful for that mark of their favour, and trusted that he should never disgrace that jewel as long as it should please the G.A.O.T.U. that he should remain amongst them. The Lodge business being concluded, the Brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where an excellent dinner was provided. After the cloth had been removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with all due honours. The W.M. then said that he rose with a great deal of pleasure to propose the next toast, which was that of their newly-initiated Brethren. It was a great satisfaction to him that, on the first night of his occupying that high position, they should have two initiations, and he had no doubt these two Brethren would prove good working Masons. As time was getting short, and many had to return to London, it precluded him from saying as much as he might upon their merits, but he believed they had both got Masonry at heart. The initiates briefly responded. The W.M., in proposing the health of the visiting P.Ms., referred to the excellence of the working of the ceremony of installation by Bro. Brett, and said he believed

there could be no difference of opinion upon it—indeed it could not have been worked better. He felt highly gratified at the manner in which he had been supported that evening, there being present no less than eleven P.Ms., nine of them belonging to other Lodges; it was an honour conferred upon him which he should never forget to the latest hour of his existence. He concluded by giving "The Visiting P.Ms.," which was drunk with all due honours.—Bro. Anslow, P.M. of Kent Lodge, No. 15, said, as representing the older Lodge, he had to return thanks on the part of the P.Ms., and he might be permitted to say on their part that they were desirous of doing the utmost in their power for the good of Freemasonry. For himself he could never forget his early days in Freemasonry and the kindness he had received from the P.Ms., and, guided by its obligations, he could assure them that, having gained a certain amount of knowledge, nothing gave him so much pleasure as attending Lodges of Instruction, where the great principles of Freemasonry were explained much better, and at greater length than they could be at a regular Lodge. It was desirable that they should have Lodges of Instruction in that district, and if either of those who now stood up with him were required to attend them alternately, nothing would give them greater pleasure. He felt grateful to them for the manner in which they had been received; they had the grand principles of Freemasonry at heart by performing their duty to their fellow man, and nothing would give him greater pleasure than being at their right hand. The W.M. next proposed "The Masonic Press." Bro. H. Thompson returned thanks, and said, that as Freemasonry inculcated honour, virtue, and morality as its principles, its great shining light ought not to be hid under a bushel, but set up as a beacon to guide them through life. Bro. Bayley, P.M., proposed "The health of the W.M.," which was drunk with the greatest cordiality. The W.M. returned thanks for the very handsome manner in which the Brethren had responded to the toast which Bro. Bayley had proposed, and expressed the happiness he had enjoyed since he joined the Lodge, little more than four years ago, and at that time when he was made a Master Mason, he had not the slightest idea that he should ever reach the chair which he had then the honour to fill. That would prove to his younger Brethren in Masonry what might be done in a few years by ability, perseverance and industry, and, if diligently adhered to, in a very short time they might all be placed in the same honourable position. Having passed a deserved compliment upon Bro. Ireland, P.M., who had so ably aided the Lodge, and without whose exertions they should not have met so strongly that night, he said it was his determination to fulfil the duties of the Lodge to the best of his ability; and during the ensuing year he hoped his officers would not only once a month assist him in the Lodge, but, to do so the more effectually, they must work hard in other ways. As he had said, it was his desire to fulfil his duties in the Lodge to the best of his ability, so as to make it second to none, and whatever he could do, whatever time he could spare, should be dedicated to their service during the ensuing year. He concluded by proposing "The P.Ms. of the Lodge." Brother Bayley returned thanks on the part of the P.Ms. Some other toasts were given, and after spending a truly happy and Masonic evening, the Brethren separated.

HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 1056).—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, Jan. 14th, at the Railway Hotel, Northumberland Park, Tottenham; Bro. D. S. Potts, (P.M., Nos. 112, 203, and 248), W.M., presided, supported by his officers and several visitors. The Lodge having been opened in due form, it was next opened in the second degree, when Bro. Scis, No. 1056, and Bro. Ekstrom, No. 774, St. Helen's Lodge, Hartlepool, were duly passed to the second degree. After which the W.M. ably explained the tracing board in the Fellow Craft degree, which gave great satisfaction throughout the Lodge, particularly to the visiting Brothers. The Lodge was then closed to the first degree, when Bro. Dominy, the Treasurer, proposed that a subscription should be given, by a vote of the Lodge, to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, which was seconded by Bro. Willson, S.W., and carried unanimously; several of the Brethren of this Lodge intending to support their respected Bro. Arliss, on the 26th, who has undertaken the stewardship at the approaching festival. The W.M.

regretted that the Lodge was in its infancy, and unable to support the many charities; but in due time the High Cross Lodge, although last, would not be the least in that respect. The business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and with solemn prayer. The Brethren then adjourned to refreshment, and after the cloth had been drawn, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured, and the evening was spent in great cordiality. The first banquet of this Lodge for the present year will be on Friday, the 28th inst., at the Railway Hotel, Northumberland Park, Tottenham. The prospects of this country Lodge are most promising. Its arrangements for the summer, with its delightful situation, will be attractive to many Brethren, the more especially, being established near the Park station, Tottenham, it is only a short distance from Lordship-lane, where the Royal Masonic Institution for the Sons of Indigent and Deceased Freemasons is now established. To the support of this charitable institution the High Cross Lodge are about to devote their utmost energy.

BELGRAVE LODGE (No. 1,652).—At the monthly meeting of this Lodge, held at the Gun Tavern, Lupus-street, Belgravia South, on Wednesday, Jan. 12th, Mr. Ough and Mr. W. Grogan were admitted into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M., (Bro. Woodstock) in his usual correct and truly Masonic manner; after which the three first sections of the first lecture were worked, a practice we should like to see more frequently adopted. The visitors were Bros. Queely, P.M., No. 219; McManus, P.M., No. 165; and Taylor, of the Old Dundee Lodge. About twenty Brethren sat down to the banquet, and the evening was spent in the most delightful manner.

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#### INSTRUCTION.

CONFIDENCE LODGE (No. 228).—A large number of the members of this Lodge met at the Bengal Arms, Birchin Lane, on Wednesday last, Bro. Brett presiding as W.M.; Bros. Jackson, S.W.; Warne, J.W.; Chancellor, S.D.; Baker, J.D.; Bertrand, I.G. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the former meeting having been confirmed, the sections of the first lecture were worked severally by Bros. Baker, Wadeson, Chancellor, Bertram, Warren, Drukker, and Anslow. The Lodge then opened in the second degree, and the sections of this lecture were worked by Bros. Brewer, Moss, Thomas, Jackson, and Haynes. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the sections of this lecture were worked by Bros. Braham, Drukker and Moss. The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and the following Brethren being proposed and seconded, were admitted members. Bros. Meekham, No. 206; Watson, No. 91; Beckett, No. 206; Phelps, No. 53; Julian, No. 9; Heard, No. 96; The W.M. rose to propose that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to those Brethren who had worked the fifteen sections, and remarked that the answers were delivered to his entire satisfaction, for seldom had he heard the lectures given in so perfect a manner, and he also thanked the Brethren generally for the support they had given him in meeting so numerous on this occasion. It was proposed by Bro. Jackson and seconded by Bro. Moss, "That a vote of thanks should be awarded the W.M., who had on this as on all other occasions so ably performed the duties of the chair, and the ability with which he had put the several questions." The Lodge closed in perfect harmony about ten o'clock.

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#### PROVINCIAL.

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##### BRISTOL.

APPOINTMENTS.—Lodge.—Wednesday, January 26th, Royal Sussex (221), Freemasons' Hall, at 7; Friday, 28th.—Instruction.—Ditto, at 7½. Chapter.—Beaufort (120), ditto, at 7.

## CHESHIRE.

**APPOINTMENT.**—*Encampment*,—Wednesday, January 26th, Royal Edward, Astley Arms, Duckinfield, at 5.

**CHESTER.**—*Cestrian Lodge* (No. 615).—The annual festival of this Lodge was celebrated at the Royal Hotel, on St. John's day, December 27th. The Lodge was opened at two o'clock, when the ceremony of installing the new Master, Bro. J. Jones, was most impressively performed by Bro. Willoughby. Afterwards, the W.M. appointed the following Brethren, his officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. Pigot, S.W.; Bro. Tibbits, J.W.; Bro. Brown, Sec. and Treas.; Bro. Platt, S.D.; Bro. Cuzner, J.D.; Bro. Goodier, I.G.; Bro. Stephen Jones, Tyler; and Bro. Joseph Boothroyd, Steward. During the business of the Lodge, Bro. Brown, the Secretary, read a communication from F.M. the Viscount Combermere, R.W. Prov. G.M., regretting that he was prevented attending to meet his Brethren of the Cestrian Lodge, through a severe attack of rheumatism; also a letter from Bro. G. C. Legh, M.P., who was indisposed at High Legh, and could not attend. The J.W. was then commanded to call the Brethren from labour, when a procession was formed to the banquet room, where a sumptuous dinner was served up by Bro. McGregor. Nearly fifty of the brotherhood sat down; Bro. Horatio Lloyd, P.M., Prov. G.S.D., in the chair, supported on his right by the W.M., Bro. Jones; and on his left by Bro. the Rev. J. Sedgwick, Prov. G. Chaplain for Oxford, who officiated as Chaplain of the day, in the absence of Bro. Drake, who was prevented being present by illness. On the removal of the cloth, "Non Nobis, Domine," was most effectively given by Bros. Cuzner, Sapio, and Sandy, assisted by Mr. Bilbrough, Bro. John Twiss, the Prov. G. Org., presiding with his usual ability at the pianoforte, and conducting the music of the day. The following Brethren were present:—Bro. Willoughby, Prov. G.J.W.; Bro. Lewis, P. Prov. G.S.D.; Bro. W. J. Dixon, P.M., and P. Prov. G.J.D.; Bro. Dutton, P.M., and P. Prov. G.S.D.; Bro. Bulley, Prov. G.J.D., No. 782; Bro. Twiss, Prov. G. Org.; Bro. Butler, P.M.; Bro. the Hon. Col. Rowley; Bro. H. M. Jones, P.M.; Bro. J. D. Weaver, P.M.; Bro. Truss, P.M.; Bro. Leather, P.M.; Bros. Eaton, Palin, Webb, Henry, Minshull, Edwards, McGregor, Platt, Goodier, Hitchen, Cuzner, Sandy, Sapio, P.M.; Bro. Tibbits, W.M., No. 1023; Bro. Thomas, P.M., No. 1023; Bro. Burghall, Sec., No. 1023; Bro. Hewitt, No. 1023; Bro. Alexander, P.M., No. 368; Bro. Waters, P.M.; No. 1023; Bro. W. M. Retland, No. 782; Bro. W. Bulley, Prov. J.G.D., and S.W., No. 782; Bro. Thomas Platt, J.W., No. 782; Bro. J. Cooley, S.W., Ellesmere Lodge, No. 1060; Bro. Rigby, J.W., No. 1060; Bro. Anderton, S.D., No. 1060; Bro. Owen, No. 264, Salop; Bro. Joseph Jones, No. 368, &c. Bro. Brown, P.M., acted with his usual precision as the Director of Ceremonies. The W.M. then, delivered from the chair the following loyal and Masonic toasts:—"The Queen and the Craft;" "The Prince Consort, Albert Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester, and the rest of the royal family;" "The M.W. the G.M. of England, Earl of Zetland;" "F.M. the Viscount Combermere, R.W. Prov. G.M. of Cheshire." In introducing this toast, the W.M. deeply regretted the cause of his lordship's absence, as would all the Brethren present, as the "Cheshire hero" always looked forward with much pleasure to St. John's day, which brought him into the company of his Brethren of the Cestrian, with whom (as his lordship had frequently affirmed) he had spent some of the most pleasant moments of his life. (Drunk with loud cheering.) "Bro. G. C. Antrobus, R.W.D. Prov. G.M.," "Bro. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M. West Lancashire;" "Bro. Sir Watkin W. Wynn, R.W. Prov. G.M., North Wales and Salop;" "Lady Combermere, patroness of Masonic charities in Cheshire." The W.M., in a highly complimentary speech, then gave "The new Master, Bro. John Jones, of Frodsham," whose Masonic attainments justly entitled him to the honours which had that day been conferred upon him. Bro. Jones briefly acknowledged the compliment. After the "Past and present Prov. Grand Officers" was given "The W. Acting Master, Bro. Horatio Lloyd," to whom the Brethren were highly indebted upon this and many former occasions. The W.M. returned thanks at some length. "The W.M. and Brethren of the Zetland Lodge," many of whom had honoured the Lodge with their company this day. Bro. Platt, W.M., in a

neat speech, thanked the Brethren for this mark of respect. Bro. Butler, P.M., in a flattering and lengthy address, proposed "The health of the indefatigable Honorary Treasurer and Secretary, Bro. Brown," who had that day been invested for the twenty-fifth time, and who had discharged the important duties of the combined offices from the formation of the Lodge, to the interests of the Cestrian, and entire satisfaction of the Brethren. Bro. Brown thanked the Brethren for this flattering mark of their respect and confidence, hoping he might be spared a short time longer to benefit the Craft generally, but this Lodge in particular, by his humble exertions. "The Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Independent Lodge, No. 1023, Chester." The W.M., Bro. Tibbits, briefly responded, in a truly Masonic speech. "The Worshipful Master and Brethren of the New Lodge, No. 1060, Runcorn." The deputation from this Lodge had just retired—they were Bro. Cooley, S.W.; Bro. Rigby, J.W.; and Bro. E. Auditon, S.D. "Bro. Twiss, Prov. Grand Organist," with many thanks for his kindness in coming from so great a distance to give his gratuitous services this day, and presiding and conducting the music. Bro. Twiss responded to the compliment, and begged to assure them that it gave him pleasure at all times to visit the Cestrian, and they might (if alive and well to come) always depend upon his services on St. John's day. "The Visiting Brothers," acknowledged by Bro. Owen, No. 267. Many toasts followed, ably prefaced by the W. Acting Master, and duly responded to. The glees were well executed, and Bro. Sapio delighted the Brethren with some of his cleverest songs. The festive business was brought to a close by pledging "The Town and Trade of Chester;" after which the Lodge was called from refreshment, finally closing with the usual forms and ceremonies, and adjourned, every one acknowledging that this had been one of the most happy and pleasant St. John's festivals ever enjoyed, there being only one source of regret, the absence of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master.

#### CORNWALL.

APPOINTMENT.—*Lodge.*—Monday, January 24th, Roseawen (1003), Britannia Hotel, Chacewater, at 7.

#### CUMBERLAND.

CARLISLE.—*Union Lodge* (No. 389).—On the eve of St. John's day, the members of this Lodge supped together at Bro. Sherrington's, the Old King's Head. Amongst the company present were the Rev. Bro. Dew, P.M.; Bro. Greaves, of Peurith, D. Prov. G.M.; Bro. Lemon, of Wigton; Bro. Donald, &c., &c. The usual loyal and fraternal toasts were given, and the officers for the present year appointed.

#### DEVONSHIRE.

APPOINTMENT.—*Lodge.*—Thursday, June 27th, Friendship (238), Lord Hood Hotel, Devonport, at 6.

#### DORSETSHIRE.

APPOINTMENT.—*Lodge.*—Thursday, January 27th, St. Mary's (1009), Bull Inn, Bridport, at 7.

POOLE.—*Lodge of Amity* (No. 160).—The Brethren of this Lodge assembled according to ancient custom on St. John's day, to elect the Worshipful Master and Treasurer for the ensuing year, when Bro. William Parr was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. John Osment, Treasurer. The other business of the Lodge being gone through, the Brethren adjourned to the festive board, and enjoyed themselves in the greatest harmony. On Wednesday, the 5th instant, the next regular Lodge was held, when Bro. Parr was installed by the Rev. Bro. T. Pearce, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Dorsetshire; the W.M. then invested Bros. G. H. Gutch, P.M.; R. Hoskins, S.W.; S. Pettat, J.W.; R. Sydenham, S.D.; E. Edsal, J.D.; J. Osment, Treas.; J. Eaton, Sec. The Lodge was closed in due form, and the Brethren adjourned for refreshment.

#### DURHAM.

APPOINTMENTS.—*Lodges.*—Monday, January 24th, Industry (56), Grey Horse, Gateshead, at 7; Thursday, 27th, Restoration (128), Town Hall, Darlington, at 7. *Chapter.*—Tuesday, January 25th, Concord (146), Freemasons' Hall, Durham, at 7.

**SUNDERLAND.**—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 95).—The Brethren of this Lodge held their annual festival in the Phoenix Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, January 4th, 1859, when about fifty of the Brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, supplied by Bro. Naylor. After the cloth was drawn, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given in an excellent manner by the W.M., Bro. Alexander Hislop, who, on proposing the health of the immediate P.M., Bro. W. H. Crookes, Prov. G. Sec., expressed in suitable language the pleasure he felt in being the medium chosen by the Brethren to present their respected Past Master with a splendid gold Past Master's jewel, on which the following inscription was engraved:—"Presented to Bro. William Henry Crookes, P.M., by the Brethren of the St. John's Lodge, No. 95, Sunderland, on his retiring from the chair of that Lodge, 14th December, 1858, after fulfilling the office of W.M. for two years, as a mark of esteem and fraternal regard, for his valuable services to that Lodge and the Craft in general." Bro. Crookes, P.M., returned thanks, and acknowledged the honour in a feeling and impressive manner. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Levy, P.M., No. 114, Prov. G.S.D.; Brookes, P.M., No. 114, P. Prov. G.J.D.; R. Naylor, W.M., No. 959, Prov. G.J.D. The proceedings of the evening passed off in that love and harmony which has always distinguished this Lodge.

**DARLINGTON.**—*Restoration Lodge* (No. 128).—This now flourishing Lodge met at the Town Hall, Darlington, on Wednesday, the 29th ult., and at the conclusion of the business, the Brethren adjourned to Bro. Turner's, King's Head, where an excellent dinner was provided. The following Brethren were present:—Bro. Kenyon, W.M.; Bro. Wrightson, S.W.; Bro. Macnay, J.W.; Bro. Turner, S.D.; Bro. Marshall, J.D.; Bro. Abbey, I.G.; Bro. Gargett, Treas.; Bro. Simpson, Chaplain; Bro. Wilson, P.M.; Bro. Lee, Sec.; Bros. Hammerbom, P.M., Birchall, Plews, T. F. Macnay, E. Waldy, W. Waldy, R. Benson, S. Carlton, R. Lithgo, Sparks, J. S. Penscoe, and Rev. M. Milner. In the course of the evening, Bro. Hammerbom was presented by the members of the Lodge with a P.M.'s jewel. The usual Masonic toasts were given, and the utmost love and harmony prevailed.

**SOUTH SHIELDS.**—*St. Hilda's Lodge* (No. 292).—The regular monthly meeting (the first since the installation) was held at Bro. Carman's, Golden Lion Hotel, on Monday, Jan. 10th, the W.M., Bro. J. J. Oliver, presiding, supported by Bros. Forster, Twizell, and Ridley, P.Ms.; J. Hinde, S.W.; J. Roddam, as J.W.; and the other subordinate officers of the Lodge. The minutes having been read and confirmed, and a favourable ballot taken for four gentlemen for initiation, a conversation ensued relative to the conducting of the business of the Lodge. The ceremonies of the first and second degrees were conducted by the W.M. in a highly satisfactory and creditable manner. In the course of the evening Bro. G. S. Shotton was invested with the collar and jewel of Secretary—*vice* Bro. J. Roddam resigned. The sum of three guineas was voted towards the funds of the soup kitchen of the town, on the motion of Bro. Forster, P.M., seconded by Bro. Ridley, P.M., and carried unanimously. Business having been concluded, the Lodge was closed in due form.

## GLoucestershire.

**APPOINTMENT.**—*Lodge*.—Wednesday, January 26th, Foundation (97), Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham, at 5.

## HAMPSHIRE.

**APPOINTMENTS.**—*Lodges*.—Wednesday, January 26th, Economy (90), Black Swan, Winchester, at 7; Phoenix (319), High Street, Portsmouth, at 7; Thursday, 27th, Royal Gloucester (152), Freemasons' Hall, Southampton, at 7.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—*Portsmouth Lodge* (No. 717).—The members of this Lodge held their annual festival on Thursday, the 14th January, at their Lodge rooms, High-street. Bro. Hollingsworth, the W.M., opened the Lodge, and the minutes of the preceding meeting, which included the election of Bro. George Rake, S.W., to the chair, having been confirmed, Bro. Edwin Galt, P.M., presided, and installed Bro. Rake as W.M., in the presence of several P.Ms., and afterwards proclaimed and saluted him in the several degrees. Bro. Hollingsworth having been invested as P.M., the W.M. appointed and invested as his officers:—Bro. Thomas Weston,

S.W.; Bro. Edward Wells, J.W.; Bro. James Oakshott, Sec.; Bro. Henry St. John Diaper, S.D.; Bro. Henry Davey, J.D.; Bro. Castell, P.M., Dir. Cers.; Bro. Robert Bowden, I.G.; Bros. White and Escott, Stewards; Bro. Way, Tyler; Bro. Joseph Galt, P.M., who had been unanimously re-elected Treasurer, was also invested, the W.M., most kindly and courteously addressing each Brother. The W.M. said, in reply to the congratulations of the Brethren, he feared he could not fulfil all the duties of his office until he had given them due reflection; he would pray that he might have the aid of the G.A.O.T.U., to enable him to discharge them to the satisfaction of his Brethren. He must entreat them to overlook any little failures or omissions in the outset; relying on the advice and support of his predecessor and their kindness, he trusted that his conduct would be such that, at the close of his year of office, they would not regret having elected him to that high position. Bro. Batchelor proposed and Bro. Joseph Galt seconded, "That the thanks of the Lodge be tendered to Bro. Hollingsworth for his excellent and faithful discharge of the duties of W.M. during the past year," which was carried by acclamation; and the vote was modestly acknowledged by the worthy Brother. The Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren adjourned to a very excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Weston, of the Sussex Hotel, the S.W. Bro. George Rakes, the W.M., presided, and there were also present, among other visitors:—Bro. Henry Ford, W.M., of No. 819, the mayor of Portsmouth; Bro. George Hancock, W.M., of No. 412; Bro. King, W.M., No. 387; Bro. Lieut. Coventry; Bro. Harrington, W.M., No. 999; Bro. R. Ford and Woolven, P.Ms., of No. 319; Bro. Dominguez, Loge L'Etoile de la Charente, &c. After due honour had been paid to the toasts of "The Queen," "The M.W., the Grand Master," and "The Grand Officers," Bro. Rake said the next toast was one that was nearest home. Bro. Sir Lucius Curtis their venerated Prov. G.M., with which he joined the Prov. Grand Officers of the present year, of whom there were present Bro. Woolver, Prov. G. Reg., and Bro. Hollingsworth, Prov. G.D. Bro. Hollingsworth in acknowledging the toast said, that he had received a letter from Sir Lucius Curtis respecting his inability to be present at the meetings. The W.M. then rose and said, that living in a garrison town they had daily intercourse with the army and navy. The Lodge had received into Masonry many men who had attained celebrity in both services; some whom they had met at the festive board, and many of the bravest hearts that had added wreaths to England's glory had received the light of Masonry in their walls. Remembering how many of their bravest fellows were cut down in the Crimea, looking to the efforts of the naval brigade both there and in India, he asked the Brethren around to acknowledge those services, and with the army and navy unite the names of Bros. Lieut. Coventry, Reece and Macaulay. The toast was gracefully acknowledged by those brethren. Bro. Hollingsworth then rose and said, the toast it was his duty and pleasure to propose was one he was sure they would hail with immense enthusiasm—it was the health of the W.M., who had in every office which he had filled given the highest satisfaction to the Brethren, and shown that he had the interest of No. 717 at heart. But beyond this, at every meeting held to promote any good work in the town Bro. Rake was ever present; as a useful member of society as well as a good Mason, they must one and all hail with pleasure his accession to the chair of the Portsmouth Lodge. The W.M., in responding, said he was grateful for so kind a greeting, and assured the Brethren he had not followed Masonry as an idle boast, but considering it as a holy and useful institution for the bettering men and teaching them the great duties they owed to each other, he had endeavoured to study its principles. He did not pretend to be perfect, but having a heart disposed to seek the affection of his Brethren, he should omit no opportunity of showing how highly he appreciated their esteem. He assured them, with all sincerity, he looked on the present as the happiest moment of his life, and trusted that his year of office would close to the entire satisfaction of himself and his Brethren. The W.M. then, in proposing "The Visitors," especially alluded to Bro. Henry Ford, who had been recently called upon to fill the distinguished office of mayor of the borough. They were proud to see him present, ranged under their banners; as one so calculated to advance their ancient town in the scale of good governments, and as presiding over the sister Lodge, they joyfully



hailed his appearance among them. They would also offer a kind greeting to Bro. How, who had come from London to attend the festive meeting; Bro. Harrington, from Ryde, so well known and esteemed among them; together with Bros. Hancock, King, and Woolven. Bro. Ford in reply said, that as he had been admitted a member of No. 717, he would rather have been ranked as one of themselves, but he could not forget that he filled the chair of another Lodge; and for the position he held as chief magistrate of the town, he was indebted to Masonry. He viewed the institution, not as an idle plaything, but as best calculated to diffuse good. When presiding in the corporation by virtue of his office, he looked around and saw himself surrounded by Masons ready to assist him in any difficulty; and he hoped he should be able to fulfil all the duties that devolved upon him, to the satisfaction of the townsmen; and for himself and the other visitors, he tendered their united and grateful thanks. The "Health of Bro. Edwin Galt," who had performed the duties of installation, was greeted with applause, and gracefully acknowledged by that estimable Brother, who, having seen this Lodge in its apparent decline, now hailed its flourishing condition as mainly to be attributed to the conduct of the late Masters. They had seen how energetic and punctual Bro. Hollingsworth had been, and he was satisfied they had in Bro. Rake a Master equally capable of sustaining the credit of the Lodge. He then proposed the health of the immediate Past Master, one who had done much for Masonry and more for their own Lodge; Bro. Hollingsworth, whether as a public man or as a Mason, was ever useful and ready to assist his fellow men or Brethren. Bro. Hollingsworth said, the kindness he then, and had always received, would never be forgotten. The past year would, long as life lasted, be imprinted on his memory. The mayor proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge," which was acknowledged by Bro. Castell. Bro. Hollingsworth then, by desire of the W.M., said he claimed the attention of the Brethren to a strictly Masonic toast. To the Masonic press they were, in the provinces, indebted for a knowledge of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, as well as what Masonry was doing throughout the world. These reports were so faithfully guarded that no betrayal of Masonic secrets passed out of the charmed circle. To the intelligence and usefulness, as well as the ability, with which the *Freemasons' Magazine* was conducted, the Craft was deeply indebted. The editor had in a recent number appealed to the brotherhood to aid his efforts, and he (Bro. Hollingsworth) hoped the Brethren present, who were not already subscribers, would send in their names to Bro. How, who, well known to many in that room, was then present as the representative of the *Magazine*, and whose health he would propose in connection with that of prosperity to the *Freemasons' Magazine*. Bro. How, in responding, took up Bro. Hollingsworth's appeal, and urgently entreated the Brethren to aid the managers of that journal in fighting the battle, which at present was a losing one; and so successful was the appeal that several Brethren tendered their names, in addition to that of the Lodge. Bro. Frost, P.M., proposed the health of Bro. Joseph Galt, who had as their Treasurer been of great service to the Lodge. He had not only resuscitated it, but by the readiness with which he had opened his purse for its aid in time of need, entitled himself to the everlasting gratitude of the Lodge. The respected Treasurer having briefly replied, the W.M. proposed the officers. Bro. E. Galt asked the Brethren to join in a hearty greeting to "The health of Bro. Bannister," one to whom he and others were indebted for much Masonic instruction. Bro. Bannister was Master so long back as 1815—he had been forty years a Mason—and during the entire period had so conducted himself as to have received the love and esteem of the Brethren. The parting toast, "To all poor and distressed Masons," somewhat near the "wee sma' hours," closed a most satisfactory meeting.

#### KENT.

APPOINTMENTS.—*Lodge*.—Tuesday, January 25th, Emulation (376), Bull Inn, Dartford, at 7. *Chapter*.—Wednesday, 23th, Belvidere (741), Star Hotel, Maidstone, at 3.

GRAVESEND.—*Lodge of Freedom* (No. 91).—On Monday there was a meeting at the Town Hall; Bro. Wates, W.M., in the chair, who passed one member and raised three. A Lodge of Emergency was announced for next week. The Brethren

adjourned for banquet to Bro. Watson's, Freemasons' Tavern. In the course of the evening, Bros. Isaacs, Prov. Grand Sec., and L. E. R. Rees, of Lucknow, visitors, returned thanks on their healths being drunk.

GRAVESEND.—*Lodge of Sympathy* (No. 709).—No meeting was held. The Lodge of Instruction of Nos. 91 and 709, met on Thursday, at the Star; a resolution was passed to subscribe to the *Freemasons' Magazine*.

#### LANCASHIRE (EAST).

APPOINTMENTS.—*Lodges*.—Monday, January 24th, Tudor (688), Red Lion, Oldham, at 6½; Wednesday, 26th, St. John's (434), Three Tuns, Bolton, at 6½; Integrity (189), Cross Street Chambers, Manchester, at 6. *Encampment*.—Wednesday, 26th, Albert, Littleborough, near Rochdale; Thursday, 27th, William de la More, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.

#### LANCASHIRE (WEST).

APPOINTMENTS.—*Lodges*.—Wednesday, January 26th, St. George's (35), Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4; Derby (1026), Derby Arms, Bootle, at 5; Thursday, 27th, Downshire (864), Freemasons' Arms, Liverpool, at 6. *Mark*.—Thursday, 27th, Keystone Lodge, Adelphi Hotel, at 5.

#### NORFOLK.

APPOINTMENT.—*Lodge*.—Thursday, January 27th, Perseverance (258), Lamb Inn, Norwich, at 8.

NORWICH.—*Perseverance Lodge* (No. 258).—On Thursday, January 6th, 1859, the meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held in the large room, Lamb Inn, St. Peter of Mancroft, for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, together with other business connected with the Craft. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, by the W.M., Bro. William H. Cox, who then proceeded to raise Bro. Mark Noble to the sublime degree of M.M. The Officers then delivered their respective jewels into the hands of the W.M., who called on Past Masters Howes and Wicks to officiate, as Senior and Junior Wardens. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. Dawbarn, was then presented in due form, and the ceremony of installation was conducted by Bro. Henry J. Mason, P.M., in the most efficient and impressive manner, and to the great satisfaction of those present. The newly installed W.M. then proceeded to the appointment of his Officers, viz.—Bros. Emanuel Hyams, S.W., William H. Stevens, J.W., Samuel Browne, S.W., Thomas Howes, J.W., and Francis Colsey, I.G. On account of the faithful manner in which Bro. Robert Gidney has performed his duties, he was re-appointed Secretary. The new W.M., who is thoroughly conversant with the duties of his office, then proceeded to initiate Mr. Harry Strawne Woolsey into Masonry, which he did in the most perfect manner. A collection was then made for the orphan schools, after which the Lodge was closed. There were upwards of forty Brethren present, including some of the Officers and members of Lodges Nos. 60 and 110. The Brethren having retired to the banqueting room, the services and indefatigable zeal of the late Master were warmly eulogised by the present W.M., in a neat and appropriate speech. Bro. Wicks, P.M., then proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Dawbarn, congratulating the Lodge upon their selection of him to fill that important office; though a very young Mason, he possessed all the necessary attributes for it, as well as the true characteristics which should at all times distinguish a man and a brother. A more successful meeting has not occurred tending to promote the furtherance of the Craft in this province for some time past.

#### OXFORDSHIRE.

APPOINTMENT.—*Lodge*.—Wednesday, January 26th, Apollo University (460), Masonic Hall, Oxford, at 7.

#### SHERPESHIRE.

APPOINTMENT.—*Lodge*.—Salopian Lodge of Charity (135), Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 7.

#### SOMERSETSHIRE.

APPOINTMENT.—*Chapter*.—Monday, January 24th, Tynte (528), 42, Milson Street, Bath, at 8.

**YEovil.**—*Lodge of Brotherly Love* (No. 412).—The annual festival was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Three Choughs Hotel, when Bro. Edwards, the W.M. elect, appointed and invested his officers, and when it was anticipated he would be installed according to ancient custom, but, with the exception of the retiring W.M., no P.M. was in attendance. This was the more to be regretted, inasmuch as there is an accumulation of work in this Lodge, and the time requisite for the ceremony of installation may be ill spared from the ordinary meetings, and the Brethren be thus driven to have recourse to an emergency meeting. The officers for the year are—Bros. Edwards, W.M.; Ferres, P.M.; Brutton, (Prov. G. Reg.), S.W.; Raymond, J.W.; Chaffey, S.D.; Whitby, J.D.; Doe, Sec.; Short, P.M., Treas.; Thomas, (Prov. G. Chaplain), Chaplain; Ryall, Organist; Cross and Custard, Stewards; Chaffin, I.G. At four o'clock a party of the Brethren sat down to banquet, which was excellently and elegantly served, and the evening was spent in peace and harmony, there being an ample feast of reason and flow of soul. The Brethren separated about ten o'clock. The ordinary monthly meeting took place on Wednesday, the 13th inst., and Bro. Edwards may congratulate himself on coming to the chair at a busy time, there being now before the Lodge five candidates for initiation, all of whom were nominated at this meeting. Propositions for joining were also made on the part of two Brethren resident in the neighbourhood. The auditors' report was presented, found satisfactory, and adopted. A "building committee" was also appointed, in accordance with the terms of a resolution adopted at the previous regular Lodge.

#### SUSSEX.

**APPOINTMENT.**—*Lodge.*—Tuesday, January 25th. *Instruction.*—Old Ship, Brighton.

**BRIGHTON.**—*Royal Brunswick Lodge* (No. 1034).—The monthly meeting took place at the Old Ship Hotel, on Thursday last, Jan. 13th, on which occasion Bro. S. R. Legg, No. 544, was unanimously elected a joining member, and Mr. J. S. Wilson, who had previously been approved, was initiated into the mysteries of the Order. The W.M., Bro. John Bacon, having been re-elected to the chair, was presented and re-installed by Bro. G. E. Pocock, P.M. All the Past Officers were then re-appointed by the W.M., and the Lodge was closed in due form. The Lodge and also the banquet which followed, were attended by the following visitors:—Bro. W. R. Wood, P.M., No. 334, Grand Steward; Bro. John Scott, W.M. elect, No. 338; Bro. Rugg, No. 338; Bro. Taylor, No. 338; and Bro. Chart, No. 394.

#### WARWICKSHIRE.

**APPOINTMENT.**—*Lodge.*—Monday, January 31st, St. Paul's (51), Union Hotel, Birmingham, at 4.

**COVENTRY.**—*Trinity Lodge* (No. 316).—The meeting of this Lodge, to celebrate the festival of St. John, was held on Tuesday, January 4th, at the Lodge-room, Castle Inn. At the hour appointed, a goodly number of the Brethren, together with several visitors, were assembled. The usual business of the Lodge was proceeded with, under the presidency of Bro. W. Davis, P.M., whose declining years but unceasing earnestness in his Masonic duties have earned the greatest respect and admiration of all his Masonic Brethren. The ballot was then taken for a candidate for initiation. The W.M. elect, Bro. H. Matterson, was next presented and duly installed with the usual honours, as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony having been performed in an impressive and masterly style by Bro. C. Read, P.M., and Prov. G. Purs., the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows, viz.:—Bros. I. Astley, S.W.; J. Tomkinson, J.W.; I. Webster, P.M., Sec.; I. Glover, Treas.; T. Huxley, S.D.; W. S. Davis, J.D.; Pollard, Tyler. Shortly after five o'clock, the Brethren were called from labour to refreshment, and adjourned to the banquet. The usual Masonic and complimentary toasts having been given, the Lodge was closed at an early hour, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE.

**APPOINTMENTS.**—*Lodges.*—Tuesday, January 24th, Stability (524), Talbot Hotel, Stourbridge,

at 6½; Wednesday, 26th, Perseverance (838), Freemasons' Tavern, Dudley, at 6; Monday, 31st, Hope and Charity (523), Black Horse, Kidderminster, at 7½.

### YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST).

**APPOINTMENTS.**—*Lodges.*—Wednesday, January 26th, Minerva (311), Masonic Hall, Hull, at 7; Friday, 28th, North York (876), Station Hotel, Middleborough, at 7. *Chapter.*—Wednesday, 26th, Zetland (287), Masonic Hall, York, at 7; Friday, 28th, Huuher (65), Freemasons' Hall, Hull, at 8; Minerva (311), Masonic Hall, Hull, at 8.

### YORKSHIRE (WEST).

**APPOINTMENTS.**—*Lodges.*—Wednesday, January 26th, Philanthropic (182), Private Rooms, Leeds, at 7; Thursday, 27th, Fidelity (364), Freemasons' Hall, Leeds, at 7; Friday, 28th, St. George's (298), Town Hall, Doncaster, at 7; Alfred (384). *Instruction.*—Griffin Hotel, Leeds, at 8.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

A Provincial Grand Lodge was holden at Dewsbury, on Wednesday, Jan. 5th. Amongst the Brethren present were, R.W. George Fearnley, *M.D.*, D. Prov. G.M.; J. W. H. Richardson, Prov. S.G.W.; W. H. Aston, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. A. F. S. Woodford, *M.A.*, P. Prov. S.G.W.; John Lee, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Rev. J. Senior, *LL.D.*, P. Prov. J.G.W.; W. W. Weddop, P. Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. H. de L. Willis, *D.D.*, Prov. G. Chaplain; William Dixon, Prov. G. Treasurer; R. R. Nelson, Prov. G. Sec.; R. H. Goldthorp, Prov. S.G.D.; John Royle, P. Prov. S.G.D.; John Booth, P. Prov. S.G.D.; J. Atkinson, P. Prov. J.G.D.; J. Oldroyd Gill, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; W. S. Thornton, Prov. G.D.C.; D. Salmond, P. Prov. G.S.B.; W. Spark, Prov. G. Org.; S. Clark, P. Prov. G. Sec., acting as Prov. G.S.B.; Henry Baines, Prov. G. Purst; T. A. Haigh, W. Cocking, Henry Smith, Joseph Seed, T. Robinson, and J. Clay, Prov. G. Stewards.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the D. Prov. Grand Master announced, that through an unavoidable engagement, the R.W. Prov. G.M. the Right Hon. the Earl of Mexborough, could not be present.

The minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Sheffield, on the 6th October, were read and confirmed; and we would here draw particular attention to one clause in those minutes, as follows:—

"That in the opinion of this Prov. Grand Lodge, it is highly desirable that an effort should be made by the Craft on behalf of the Boys Institution, to increase its accommodation for inmates to an equality with the Girls School. That with this view, this Prov. Grand Lodge requests the committee of the governors of the Boys Institution to organize a canvass for subscriptions to enlarge the present building to the requisite extent; and feeling confident such an appeal to the Brethren will be liberally responded to, this Prov. Grand Lodge grants the sum of one hundred guineas from its funds in aid of the proposed enlargement; the votes in respect of this grant to be secured in perpetuity to the Prov. Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master of this province for the time being, in equal proportions."

A motion to form a canvassing committee in the province on behalf of the Masonic charities was brought forward and discussed; but was deferred until the next Prov. Grand Lodge, in order to obtain further information, but in the meantime the Prov. Grand Secretary is to issue a circular to the W.M. of each Lodge in the province, calling their attention to the state of the Masonic charities, and to impress upon them the necessity and importance of calling upon their Brethren to support the different charities, particularly the Boys Institution.

After the close of the very interesting proceedings, the Brethren adjourned to banquet, which was laid in the Lodge room of the Three Grand Principles, No. 251, which was provided by Bro. E. Knowles, of the Man and Saddle Hotel, in his usual liberal manner. The chair was occupied by the R.W.D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Dr. Fearnley, supported by his Prov. Grand Officers; and the evening was spent in that happy manner peculiar to the Brethren of the mystic tie.

**DEWSBURY.**—*Lodge of the Three Grand Principles* (No. 251).—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 13th January, under the presidency of the new W.M., Bro. J. M. Harrison. The business of the

meeting was heavy—seven gentlemen were balloted for and accepted, six of whom were initiated into the mysteries of our Order, being by special dispensation from the D. Prov. G.M. Two being Lewises, one a surgeon, one a commercial traveller, and two being brothers and members of the Society of Friends. The other business, as named in the circular, being four raisings and two passings, it was deemed advisable to defer them to a Lodge of emergency, to be holden on Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., when the seventh candidate was to be initiated. We cannot avoid here paying a tribute of approbation to the W.M. and his officers for the very creditable manner in which the ceremonies were performed, and in which each discharged his respective duty in a steady, careful, and impressive manner. The Lodge Committee for the ensuing year was elected and consists of the following Brethren:—J. M. Harrison, W.M.; James Hunter, S.W.; R. Warkington, J.W.; W. Audsley, P.M., Treasurer; R. R. Nelson, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; J. O. Gill, P.M., Prov. G.S.W.; L. A. Shepherd, P.M., and J. Clay, P.M.

WAKEFIELD.—*Wakefield Lodge (No. 727).*—On Monday, Jan. 3rd, the Brethren of the Wakefield Lodge, No. 727, celebrated their anniversary festival of St. John, at the hall in Zetland-street, which has recently undergone very extensive repairs and alterations. The business of the Lodge commenced at four o'clock in the afternoon, when there was a very large attendance of Brethren. Colonel Cobbe, the chief constable of the West Riding, and Joseph H. Holdsworth, Esq., were initiated into the first degree of Masonry, the W.M., Bro. M. B. Hick, going through the ceremony, Bro. R. R. Nelson, Prov. Grand Sec., giving the charge, and Bro. Geo. Wood Bayldon, J.W., giving the working tools. Two gentlemen were also proposed as joining members. The R.W.D. Prov. G.M., Dr. Fearnley, Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P. Prov. S.G.W., and two other of the Prov. Grand Officers were present. At six o'clock the Brethren, who numbered upwards of thirty, adjourned to the dining room, which had been entirely refitted, and was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and where a most sumptuous banquet was served up. At the request of the W.M. the chair was occupied by Bro. W. Statter, as father of the Lodge; the W.M., Bro. M. B. Hick, occupying the vice chair. The chairman was supported on his right by the R.W.D. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, Dr. Fearnley; Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Bros. Colonel Cobbe; J. H. Holdsworth, and Captain Williams; and on his left by the member for the borough, Bro. J. C. D. Charlesworth, S.W., and the worshipful the mayor of Wakefield, Bro. G. H. Westerman. Amongst the company present, we also noticed Bros. Rev. T. Kilby, LL.D., P. Prov. S.G.W., and P. Prov. Grand Chaplain; R. R. Nelson, Prov. G. Sec.; J. O. Gill, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; H. Smith, Prov. G. Steward; E. White, P. Prov. G. Org.; F. Lamb, P.M.; John Gill, P.M.; Rowland Childe, P.M.; W. W. Glover, P.M.; G. W. Bayldon, J.W.; J. Handley, I.G.; T. Senior; R. Micklethwaite, Hon. Sec.; D. Wilson, J.D.; J. Becket, Prov. G. Tyler; H. B. Hickman, F. Walker, &c., &c. Letters were received from the Prov. G.M., the Earl of Mexborough, Bros. Lord Goderich and George Sandars (both of whom are members of the Lodge), and from several other Brethren, regretting their unavoidable absence. After the dinner had had full justice done to it, the chairman gave the first toast, "The first lady in the land, the daughter of a Mason and the mother of a Mason—the Queen." He next gave, "The Prince Consort, the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." The chairman then gave in eulogistic terms, "The Army and Navy," to which Bro. Colonel Cobbe responded in a very appropriate manner. He next proposed in succession, "The M.W.G.M. the Earl of Zetland," "The R.W.D.G.M. Lord Panmure, and the rest of the officers of the Grand Lodge," and "The R.W. Prov. G.M. the Earl of Mexborough." Bro. the Rev. Dr. Senior then proposed "The health of the R.W.D. Prov. G.M., Dr. Fearnley;" and in doing so the reverend brother spoke of the efficient manner in which Bro. Dr. Fearnley discharged his duties. The D. Prov. G.M. then responded in suitable terms. Bro. F. Lamb then proposed in highly eulogistic terms, "The R.W. Prov. G. Chaplain and P. Prov. G. Chaplain of the province, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers." Bro. A. F. A. Woodford acknowledged the toast, and complimented the officers and Brethren of the Lodge on its very prosperous condition, which he attributed in a great measure, to the careful selection of



the candidates admitted to its mysteries; and concluded by urging upon the officers the same careful selection of its members, and to be assiduous in the working department; and he predicted if this were done, the Lodge No. 727 would become one of the first Lodges in the province of West Yorkshire. The R.W. Prov. D. Grand Master then proposed, in an excellent speech, "The health of the chairman, Bro. Statter." The chairman responded in an eloquent speech, in which he traced the history of the Lodge, of which he was proud to be called the father. He then proposed in very flattering terms "The health of the borough member, Bro. J. C. D. Charlesworth," to which that brother responded in an excellent speech. The chairman next gave "The worshipful the mayor of Wakefield, Bro. G. H. Westerman," which was acknowledged in suitable terms by that brother. The Provincial Grand Sec., Bro. Nelson, then proposed "The W.M. and Officers of the Wakefield Lodge, No. 727," to which the W.M., Bro. Hick, and the other officers present responded. The chairman next gave "The youngest Masons in the world—the newly initiated Brethren," to which Bros. J. H. Holdsworth and Col. Cobbe replied. "The Visiting Brethren" was then proposed by the W.M., and Bros. Captain Williams, H. Smith, and J. O. Gill responded. "The Ladies" was given by Bro. Hickman, and responded to by Bros. J. Handley, F. Walker, and J. Gill. The last toast was given by the chairman, "The Steward, Bro. John Gill," who had so ably provided for their entertainment that evening. Thus ended in peace and harmony the celebration of the festival of St. John, with an *eclat* worthy one of the most influential Lodges in the province of West Yorkshire.

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## ROYAL ARCH.

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### PROVINCIAL.

NORWICH.—*Chapter of Perseverance* (No. 258).—An adjourned meeting of this Chapter was held at the Royal Hotel, St. Peter's, Maucroft, on Thursday, Jan. 13th. Comp. Sidney William Young, M.E.Z., presided, when the following Brethren were exalted:—Comps. George Edwd. Simpson, Thos. Townsend, and Robt. Harvard, of Social Lodge, No. 110; Steward Johnson, Friendship Lodge, No. 117, Great Yarmouth, and Robert Gidney, Perseverance Lodge, No. 258. Comp. Henry John Mason officiated as Principal Soj., and at the request of the Principals gave the mystic and symbolic lectures. The Principals and Officers were then elected for the ensuing year as follows:—Comps. William Cooper, P.H., as P.Z.; James Dawbarn, P.E., as H., and Emanuel Hyams, P.N., as J. Five Brethren, of various Lodges in the province, were proposed for exaltation at the Chapter to be held on Thursday, Feb. 10th. A subscription was proposed and carried unanimously for the Orphan Schools.

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## ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

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### METROPOLITAN.

CHAPTER OF SOVEREIGN PRINCES ROSE CROIX OF HEREDOM.—A convocation of this Chapter was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, Jan. 11th, when there were present the Ill. Bro. George Beauchamp Cole, M.W. Sov.; the Ill. Bros. H. G.

Vigne and H. A. Bowyer, 33°; Bros. Dr. W. Jones, Dr. Goolden, Hyde Pullen, Sir D. Barclay, Bart., and Hyde Clarke, 32°; Bros. Harcourt, Dr. Hinxman, Major H. Clerk, and R. Spencer, 30°; Bros. W. Ranger, M. Cantlon, J. How, Lieut. Alderson, J. A. Edwards, H. J. Bernhard, &c. The Chapter was opened, and Bros. J. Stewart, Tullock, Arthur Tyton Blakiston, and George Malcolm were balloted for, and, presenting themselves, were installed into the Order. The minutes of the preceding Chapter, which were read and confirmed, announced the election of Bro. Dr. Jones, as M.W. Sov., and Bro. D. Goolden, as Treasurer. The M.W. Sov. elect was then presented by Bro. Hyde Pullen, M.W. Sov. of the Vectis Chapter, for installation, and duly installed in the chair by the Ill. Bro. G. Beauchamp Cole. The M.W. Sov. then appointed Bro. Dr. George Harcourt, 1st Gen.; Bro. J. S. Keddell, 2nd Gen.; Bro. M. Cantlon, Grand Marshal; Bro. W. Ranger, Raphael; Bro. Dr. B. A. Kent, Secretary; Bro. R. Spencer, Capt. of Guard. Bro. Jones proposed that Bros. Hyde Clarke and W. J. Bernhard be joining members of the Chapter, and they were unanimously approved on the ballot. The Treasurer's report having been read, Dr. Goolden called the attention of the Chapter to the state of its finances, and suggested that as now there was a balance of £50 in hand, it was advisable to improve the paraphernalia, and that by more perfect musical arrangements, the ceremonials might have additional dignity; and as there were now Brethren among them who were acquainted with the custom in Paris, this metropolitan Chapter might be rendered equal in the grandeur of its proceedings. Bro. Cole suggested a committee be formed, and after a little discussion it was resolved that the committee consist of the M.W. Sov., the Treasurer, Bro. Cole, Bro. Sir D. Barclay, Bro. J. A. D. Cox, and Bro. Hyde Clarke. The Chapter was then closed in ample form, and several of the Brethren assembled at the banquet, Ill. Bro. Wm. Jones, *M.D.*, the M.W. Sovereign, presiding, Ill. Bro. George Harcourt, *M.D.*, as 1st Gen., occupying the other end. The cloth being removed, the M.W. Sov., having first called on the Brethren to honour the toast of "The Queen," said it was at all times pleasing to Masons to be under the sway of those who carry into private life the principles that govern our institution. The Brethren of the Ancient and Accepted Rite had the happiness of being presided over by one who, besides this was most active and energetic in the cause of the institution—whose station was also adorned by his extensive learning; in Bro. Dr. Leeson, the M.P. Sov. of the Order, who had by his profound knowledge brought this beautiful rite to its present state of perfection. As the M.P. Sov. was unable to be present, he united with his name the members of the council who were there, the Ill. Bros. Bowyer and Cole. The Illustrious Bro. Bowyer, in acknowledgment, congratulated the Sov. Princes then assembled, on the great increase in the degree during the past year, eighty-five new members having been admitted; and the diffusion of the degree was still extending. The Ill. Bro. G. Beauchamp Cole rose and said the Knights were all aware that he had that day vacated the chair, having placed in it his successor, who had for two years faithfully fulfilled the duties of 1st Gen. In the various degrees of Masonry, their M.W. Sov. had discharged every duty in the same satisfactory manner. So well known and esteemed was he in private life, and so honourable in his Masonic career, that he (Bro. Cole) was sure all would join in hailing the accession of Bro. Dr. Jones to the chair of the Metropolitan Chapter. The M.W. Sov., having acknowledged the kind reception of his name, said he hoped they would bear in mind he had succeeded one whose attainments few could expect to equal; but he assured them that no efforts should be wanting on his part to contribute to the prosperity of the Chapter or the happiness of its members. He called attention to the fact that his predecessor who, in addition to his other attainments, was the first who brought the working of the Chapter to its perfect practice; to a good headpiece, Bro. Cole had added industry and energy, and hence he was entitled to their united thanks (cheers). The Ill. Bro. G. B. Cole said, difficult as it was for any one to speak of himself, he could not but say, few things could have afforded him such pleasure as the way in which their M.W. Sov. had introduced his name, with the addition of its reception by them all. The principle acknowledged in England was, that when a man did his duty he was received and accredited according to his deserts; and hence, as he had sedulously endeavoured to do his duty faithfully, he was not

insensible to their kind congratulations. If he had by carrying out the principles of their beautiful rite, and by throwing his whole mind into the ceremonies, been the means of satisfying the members, he had his reward in the great increase of the members. The M.W. Sov. then proposed the health of "the Treasurer," which Bro. Dr. Goldie acknowledged. The M.W. Sov. next gave "the First General and the rest of the officers," observing that he knew he had in Dr. Harcourt an officer on whom he might rely for a faithful attention to his duty. Bro. Harcourt, in reply, said although he had been a Mason many years, it was but recently he had been admitted into the degrees under this rite. He and others considered that although Craft Masonry was sufficient for the earlier ages of the world, something more was desired in the present era. In consequence of these degrees being added to the institution, many members of the church had entered into Freemasonry, who might otherwise not have done so. For himself he could only say that his most energetic efforts should be devoted to the duties of his office, and he hoped that the other officers would be equally zealous. The M.W. Sov. said they had the honour of receiving as joining members two Brethren who had received the degree under the Grand Orient of France, Bros. Hyde Clarke and Bernhard, whose health he proposed. Bro. Hyde Clarke, in responding, gave utterance to his surprise at finding that here, in the first Rose Croix Chapter of the metropolis of the world, but twenty members assembled. The Chapter had the high encouragement of those illustrious members of the Supreme Council, who—it must be considered as a great act of duty—had taken part in the ceremonies of the degree. He called the attention of the newly admitted members to the importance of the degree, which in other countries gave its members the power of initiating, passing, and raising in the symbolic degrees. In some countries it was left to the Sov. Prince Masons to preserve and continue Masonry. He hoped that the efforts of the Brethren, if they really valued the institution, would enable the M.W. Sov. to transmit to his successor a proof that his services have largely contributed to the increase of the Order.

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## COLONIAL.

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### NOVA SCOTIA.

#### CELEBRATION OF THE FESTIVAL OF SAINT ANDREW.

WE have received the *Halifax Evening Express*, from which we condense an account of the proceedings on St. Andrew's day:—

The festival of Scotland's tutelary saint, was duly observed in this city by the Masonic body under Scottish jurisdiction. At high twelve the Lodges assembled at the Masonic Hall for the installation of office bearers. Having performed this duty, they adjourned to meet in the evening at the same place, for the purpose of celebrating the day by a public banquet.

The dinner was presided over by the Provincial Grand Master, the Hon. Alexander Keith, assisted by Bro. E. J. Lordly, Deputy Grand Master. The chairman was supported on his right by his excellency the Earl of Mulgrave, Gen. Trollope, and Captain Hay, *R.N.*; and on the left by his excellency Vice Admiral Sir Houston Stewart, and Colonel Bathurst.

After the cloth was removed, the company were called to order by the Grand Master, who proceeded to give the following toasts, in a brief and suitable style:—  
 "Her most gracious Majesty the Queen, the daughter of a Freemason. She lives in the hearts of the Craft; may her reign be long, glorious, victorious and happy."

"His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Mulgrave, our worthy Lieutenant Governor. May his exertions for the prosperity and happiness of the people of this province be crowned with success."



The Earl of Mulgrave, in returning thanks, said, that although not one of the initiated, he was delighted to meet for the first time in public since his assumption to the government of this province, a society so well known for the charity it extended to all classes.

This toast was followed by the healths of "The Duke of Athole and the Grand Lodge of Scotland;" "The Earl of Zetland and the Grand Lodge of England;" and "The Duke of Leinster and the Grand Lodge of Ireland."

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master next gave, "Our distinguished Brother, Vice Admiral Sir Houston Stewart, and the fleet under his command."

Sir Houston Stewart in reply dwelt at great length on the kindness he had ever received from the people of Halifax, for upwards of thirty years. In the course of his remarks he alluded to his son who was born in Halifax, joined the army, and after a successful campaign in the East Indies, his health succumbed to an Indian clime, where he met a soldier's grave. His speech throughout was interspersed with numerous witticisms, and at the close he sat down amidst a hurricane of applause.

The Brethren next duly honoured, "Our distinguished brother, Major General Trollope, and the garrison under his command."

Gen. Trollope, in a very able manner, responded to this sentiment. He spoke of the good feeling that existed between the military and civilians, and expressed a wish that the feeling would continue. It was his fervent wish that it should, and nothing would be left undone by him and those under his command, to cultivate that spirit of harmony and good feeling that should ever exist between the military and civil powers. He also adverted to the fact, that since he had been appointed to the British North American station, he was happy to say that he also could boast, like the worthy admiral who preceded him, of having three sons born on the soil of British North America, who he trusted would one day do honour to the land of their birth.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master next proposed, "Our worthy Brother, Capt. J. C. Dalrymple Hay, R.W. P. Prov. G.M. for Wigtonshire."

Capt. Hay (of H. M. S. *Indus*), in responding, made a few brief and eloquent remarks on the benefits of Masonry. He was initiated in Canton, took his next degree at the Cape, another at Malta, and was elevated to his present position in Scotland. It would afford him great pleasure to convey to the Scottish Grand Lodge at the first opportunity, the honour that had been paid to it.

The sentiment then proposed was, "The Three Great Lights in Masonry. He whose footsteps are guided thereby cannot err."

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master said, "Brethren, I have next to propose the Countess of Mulgrave, Lady Stewart, Mrs. Trollope, and the fair daughters of Acadia. We have their sympathies in the distress which it is our great object to relieve."

At the request of the chairman, this toast was received with Masonic honours (notwithstanding the presence of numerous strangers), and was responded to by his Excellency the Governor, the Admiral, and General Trollope, in suitable terms.

The Brethren next drank the health of "Our venerable Brother, the Hon. the Chief Justice of Nova Scotia;" to which Bro. Fitzgerald Cochran responded.

After the toast of "The Mayor and Corporation of Halifax," the Chairman proposed "Our Guests who have honoured us this evening with their company; we give them a cordial and friendly welcome."

Mr. Robert Millar responded in a brief and handsome manner, and expressed his gratification at meeting a body so influential and charitable as that of the Masonic Craft.

The concluding healths were to "Our absent Brethren and friends all over the world;" and a bumper to "Our next Merry Meeting;" which was responded to by the whole company joining hands, and singing "Auld Lang Syne."

During the evening the Prov. Grand Master announced that he had received a telegram from Charlottetown, Prince Edward's Island, expressing a wish to join them in toasting the memory of St. Andrew, which request was enthusiastically responded to.

## SPAIN.

A CORRESPONDENT, who gives us his name and the locality he alludes to, writes the following anecdote, tending to show how Masons may baffle persecution by prudent conduct:—"A Lodge working in Spain under the English constitution [the exact locality I for obvious reasons suppress] meets at the house of the Master, a merchant of the place. Now, somehow the police got information of it, and as Masonry is strictly prohibited in Spain, the fraternity were in great consternation. The Master, however, gave out that he should hold a Lodge on the next Thursday, and instead of doing so asked the *alcalde* and all the principal persons of the place to dinner on that evening. Well, the evening came, and so did the *alcalde*; the police also were lurking about to take down the name of every person who entered the house; but when the officer of police saw the list, he was astounded, and said to himself, 'Dear me, if all these influential people are Masons, the less I say about it the better, or I shall lose my place!' So the Masons are suffered to meet undisturbed."

## THE WEEK.

THE royal family are all well at Windsor. Her Majesty and her daughters walk in the Home Park daily, accompanied by the Prince Consort. The week has been a very quiet one at the castle. The Prince of Wales arrived at Brussels on Tuesday, and went on a visit to the King of the Belgians at Lacken. There were great entertainments given in his honour. His Royal Highness left Brussels for Rome, on Thursday.—In France, the word most constantly on the lip is war. At a late ball at the Tuileries, it was remarked that strategic talk was heard throughout the night. At all the government military workshops there is unceasing activity: in the percussion cap manufactories, for example, where neither gas nor lamps are permitted, the hands are working double tides so long as daylight lasts. At Toulon the greatest possible expedition is made to get ready a number of steam-transports; and for this purpose every ship-carpenter that can be spared from Brest or Cherbourg is sent by rail to Toulon, General Macmahon, it is understood, is to be commander-in-chief of the *armée d'Italie*; and of the African contingent, 30,000 men are to embark forthwith and land in Italy. In the mean time orders have been sent round to the various newspapers, either to cease blowing the war trumpet for the present, or to lower the war notes as much as possible. The approaching marriage of Prince Napoleon with the Princess Clotilde of Savoy, daughter of King Victor Emmanuel, is officially announced. The prince has left Paris for Turin. The princess is in her sixteenth year, and the prince in his thirty-seventh. The political bearings of the match are at this moment amply suggestive. It is affirmed that the Emperor gives a donation of 1,000,000*fr.* to his cousin. The last is, of course, but a trifle, if the state of the finances, as described in the flowery report of M. Magne the other day, be correct.—Austria is profoundly sensible of the dangers of the time; hence her vast military activity, the reinforcements of her garrisons in Verona, Mantua, and Milan, her military councils at Venice, and the despatch of an entire *corps d'armée* into Italy, in addition to the large force already there; hence her anxiety to perfect her military resources and to

increase her navy, in spite of the difficulties presented by an almost bankrupt treasury. She is terrified at the chance that the example of successful revolution may be offered to the impatient Italians, and therefore she hurries to put down the Servians, even at the risk of breaking the faith of treaties with the other great powers parties to the Treaty of Paris. At Milan, additional guns are mounted at the citadel, all pointed against the city; there is to be no street fight, but a bombardment on Bomba's Messina model. Count Giulay's plan is to carry the war into the Piedmontese territory at the first outbreak. The dislike entertained for Count Giulay increases. He is reported to have said, "I know how to keep Milan quiet; I will hang a man at the corner of every street." When all the reinforcements have reached their destination, the Austro-Italian army will consist of no fewer than 150,000 men. Orders have been given for the various fortresses to be completely provisioned.—Prince Napoleon reached Turin on Sunday afternoon, and was cheered by the people. The official *Piedmontese Gazette* says; "The *Gazette* of Vienna having announced the despatch of reinforcements to Italy, the Piedmontese government has thought it its duty to bring the distant garrisons nearer to the frontiers of Lombardy, without however calling out the contingents."—Mr. Gladstone will not remain for any length of time in the Ionian islands. Sir John Young's tenure of power there will almost immediately terminate, and pending the short interval between his departure and the arrival of a successor, Mr. Gladstone will, in a few days, receive the authority requisite for conducting the administration. But the right hon. gentleman will, we learn, be in London in ample time to participate in the leading events of the session.—The dispute between Spain and Mexico may be looked upon as nearly terminated. The Mexican government has made the concessions on which Spain chiefly insisted. It is believed in Madrid that after the settlement of the dispute, General de la Concha will be recalled from Cuba, where he had been sent as governor-general, to prepare for the emergency of a war. Troops continue, however, to be forwarded to Cuba. It is said that General Ros de Olana will replace General Concha as governor of Cuba. The Queen, on Twelfth Night, held a reception of the members of the two chambers and of the great public bodies, at which brief complimentary addresses were delivered. The council of state is engaged in examining a project for the immigration of Chinese labourers into Cuba.—On the 8th, the Hereditary Prince of Naples was married, by procurator, at Munich, to the Princess Maria Sophia Amelia of Bavaria. The King has granted a partial political amnesty on this occasion. Sixty-one political prisoners are permitted to breathe the upper air again in exile. Among the number are Poerio and Settembrini. The name of Nicotera is not mentioned. It is rumoured that the city of Naples is to be placed in a state of siege. A decree has certainly been issued which shows that the King does not consider his government safe. This decree is to the effect that persons taken in the act of conspiracy shall be tried by a counsel of war, and that sentences shall be executed within twenty-four hours of their being passed.—The news has just arrived that the military and municipal authorities of the Papal States having applied to the Pope to know in what manner the Prince of Wales is to be received, his holiness has directed that all honours usually paid to royalty are to be given on the arrival of the Prince. The King of Prussia is growing better at Rome. The priests besiege the queen, in order to re-convert her to the catholicism she abandoned upon marriage.—The committee of the government of St. Petersburg, after having terminated its labours, has drawn up a respectful address to the emperor, praying him, after regulating the condition of the peasants, to occupy himself with a reform of all other classes in Russia, and to convoke the states general of Russia. This unexpected demand has produced a considerable impression at the court. The wish expressed by the committee of St. Petersburg will, letters state, be reproduced by the committees of other provinces.—A relic of great value has been discovered at Belgrade, by Omar Pasha, and sent to the Sultan. It is, or given out to be, the setshade or carpet on which the second Khalif, Omar, used to pray. It has been carefully deposited in the place at Pera, where other relics are kept. According to late accounts, Omar Pasha appears to have re-

deemed his position in Asia, but requires well-trained officers. —The Americans in British Columbia are annoyed at a continued exaction of the Hudson's Bay Company. There is excitement in Havannah concerning the President's message. General Harney is engaged successfully in suppressing Indian depredations. Two shocking railroad catastrophes are reported in America, at which between twenty and thirty lives were sacrificed. The schooner *Susan*, which surreptitiously sailed from Mobile several weeks ago with a party of filibusters on board, has been wrecked on a coral reef sixty miles from Belize. They were kindly treated by the captain of the British war steamer *Basilisk*, who conveyed them back to Mobile, and thereby earned, it is stated, the gratitude of the American government. This stroke of inhumanity, on the part of the winds and the waves will prove a heavy blow to Walker. Advices from Mexico still continued very discouraging. —The news, in anticipation of the next overland mail, has the Bombay date of the 24th December, nearly up to the time when the amnesty would expire. In Oude, the force under Brigadier Troup had fought a battle with Ishmail Khan, the issue of which appears to have been very short. Afterwards Ishmail Khan gave himself up under the Queen's proclamation, and others have since followed his example. It seems, however, that in the same locality, a body of our men under Mr. Hume had to retire, no doubt owing to the smallness of its number, before a rebel force which appears to be making its way to Central India to join Tantia Topee. This was on the 5th December, but on the 17th the force of Sir R. Napier was in full pursuit of the rebels, slaughtering many of them along their route, and capturing some of their elephants. Tantia Topee is still at large. When last heard of he was supposed to be making for Oodeypore, in Rajpootana. The old king of Delhi, it is stated, is on his way to the Cape of Good Hope, there to end his days in exile. —Some improvements were being made at the shop of a draper in Liverpool, when the party wall gave way and caused a portion of the premises to fall in. Fifteen assistants and several customers were in the shop at the time of the accident. A number of persons are injured, and two of the customers (females) were killed on the spot. Three of the workmen were likewise severely injured, and have since died; six other persons were severely hurt. —The number of persons now known to have been poisoned by eating the lozenges with which arsenic was mixed, at Bradford, is 225, of whom eighteen have died. Five or six others are still suffering from the effects of the poison, and the recovery of two of them is doubtful. 136 of the persons poisoned were adults. —The adjourned inquiry into the causes of the accident at the Polytechnic Institution took place on Thursday. The evidence went to show that the accident was occasioned by a defective slab of stone on the top of the staircase, and also by a defect in what is known as a "joggle," which is a species of dovetailing in iron. The inquiry was again adjourned, the architects appointed by the coroner and jury not being prepared with their reports. —A charge of perjury has been brought by Mr. Isaac Barratt, furniture dealer, at Woolwich, against Mr. Murrell, of Walbrook, auctioneer, and Captain Thomas Nutting, of Peckham-rye. The charge arises out of an action for assault tried in the Court of Queen's Bench last month. There being many witnesses to examine, an adjournment was ordered. —Ann Collyer, who has undergone several examinations on the charge of setting fire to her master's house a fortnight ago, when it was burned to the ground, has been committed for trial. —A young girl, under sixteen years of age, named Emma Coppins, was barbarously murdered in the street at Queensborough, on Tuesday night. The assassin is Frederick Prentis, a bricklayer's labourer, whose addresses the girl had refused; and in consequence he seems to have waylaid her, and cut her throat with a razor. The murderer has been apprehended. —The Newcastle sessions terminated last week, the number of prisoners having been more than usually large. "With regard to the Recorder," says the local *Chronicle*, "the difference in his court appears to have terminated. The members of the bar attended as usual, and the ordinary harmony and good feeling appeared to prevail." —The Master of the Rolls on Wednesday gave judgment on an application for a new trial in the suit "*Swinfen v. Swinfen*." The whole case turned upon the question whether, at the time he made the will,

old Mr. Swinfen was in a fit state of mind. The jury who tried the case found a verdict for the defendant, Mrs. Swinfen. His honour said that upon a careful consideration of the whole of the circumstances of the case he had come to the conclusion that the jury were right in finding that Mr. Swinfen was in a fit state of mind, and in returning a verdict for the defendant, and therefore he refused the application of the plaintiff for a new trial.—In the Court of Queen's Bench, on Saturday, the Great Northern Railway accident, which has excited so much interest lately, again turned up. Mr. Edwin James moved for a writ of attachment against Mr. Lowe, one of the jurymen, on the ground that when the jury was sent back by the court, he said "I shan't alter my mind or find any other verdict;" and also on the ground that he was a director of the Crystal Palace Company, which had connections with the Great Northern Railway Company, and was seen sitting in Court on the day of the trial with Mr. Farquharson, defendant's attorney, and the chairman of the Crystal Palace Company. Lord Campbell refused the application, and expressed his surprise that it should have been made.—In the Court of Probate, on Saturday, an action was brought by a lady claiming to be the widow of Mr. Jeffrey, for the recovery of his property. Evidence was brought forward with a view to show that what is known as a "Scotch marriage" took place between the two parties. The defence set up is that there was no marriage at all; and altogether the case is one of a peculiarly complicated character.—At Galway, on Tuesday, great excitement was caused amongst the passengers of the *Circassian*, previous to her departure for America, by the arrest of a young man, about twenty-five years of age, on suspicion, it is said, of being concerned in the murder of Mr. Ely. It turned out that the man arrested was not Delany; but one Kelly, a notorious cow-stealer. In consequence of directions from Dublin Castle, any of the fifteen prisoners now in custody, on charges of sedition, who can produce sufficient bail, will be permitted to stand out on recognizances to take their trial at the assizes. The amount will probably be same as in the case of Hughes, themselves in 100*l.* each, and two sureties in 50*l.* each.—At a Privy Council at Windsor, last week, it was ordered that Parliament should assemble on Thursday, February 3rd, for the despatch of business, and a proclamation to that effect was accordingly published in the *London Gazette*. It is understood that the address in answer to the speech from the throne will be moved in the House of Commons, by the Hon. Charles Trefusis, M.P. for North Devon, and seconded by Mr. Beecroft, M.P. for Leeds.—The three judges of Fate for the Crystal Palace are reported to be hard at work upon their Burns' "Odes," doubtless repentant by this time of the awful task. Many suggestions appear in the public prints as to the mode and conduct of the ceremony; how the name of the fortunate bard is to be announced; how the chosen poem is to be recited to the populace; whether the bard himself is to be the mouthpiece, or whether the golden lines are to roll forth upon the majestic accents of Mr. Phelps; all these points are powerfully exciting the attention of the hopeful aspirants and of the directors of the Crystal Palace.—With regard to the Lesseps scheme, a letter from Paris says, "Now is the time to buy Isthmus of Suez shares, for those who like the security. The 50*fr.* shares are freely offered at 15 *fr.* (35 *fr.* discount) but there are few buyers.—Great sympathy is exhibited this winter for the destitute poor. Her Majesty has placed 100*l.* in the Bishop of London's hands as a donation to the funds of the Metropolitan Relief Association, of which his lordship is president.—The cable has been laid to Constantinople and the Dardanelles. The operations for its prolongation to Candia and Egypt will be recommenced next spring. Another submarine telegraph will be laid between Constantinople and Scutari, which will be the head of the line to Bagdad. The Greek chambers have voted 600,000 drachmas to connect Syra with the above telegraph communication.—Mr. G. A. Sala, the popular author and journalist, is suffering from some severe injuries which he received from the hands of some ruffians, in a scuffle a few nights since.—The ceremony of opening the Wellington College by the Queen will not take place before Saturday, the 29th inst.—News of more Burns' dinners reaches us daily. In Scotland, it would seem as if every town and village

in the land meant to meet Tam O'Shanter. As regards London, the Caledonian Society appear to hold the representative gathering. At the Bristol dinner, Mr. Aiken, grandson of the poet's "loved, honoured, much respected friend" of that name, will appropriately preside. To Mr. Aiken was addressed "The Cotter's Saturday Night", an immortality in itself, and to his son, "The Epistle to a Young Friend." A Burns festival, too, is talked of in Paris.—A new illustrator of Shakspeare (says the *Athenæum*) has entered the field in the person of the Lord Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench, Lord Campbell.—Mr. Bright made his promised appearance at Bradford, on Monday night, and addressed a very enthusiastic assembly. The preliminary part of the proceedings consisted in moving, seconding, and passing a resolution expressive of the sympathy and confidence which the meeting entertained towards the hon. gentleman. The main part of the speech of Mr. Bright, which followed, referred, as anticipated, to the Reform changes which he is prepared to propose to the House of Commons.

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#### PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

It is understood that we are to have three Italian operas in London in the spring. Mr. Lumley, at Her Majesty's Theatre, will again assume the management; Mr. Gye with the great *Costa*, of course at Covent-Garden; while Mr. E. T. Smith has announced his intention of forming an Italian company for Drury Lane.—At the Haymarket Theatre, Miss Amy Sedgwick as *Constance* in the "Love Chase" made an excellent impression, for which character, other considerations apart, her agreeable personal appearance so well qualifies her. Mrs. Wilkins may be praised for her *Widow Greene*, in which she displayed humour and growing intelligence. The reception accorded to the heroine of the evening, who had not been previously seen upon the London stage since her marriage, was very cordial. The cast was, as usual at the Haymarket, most satisfactory.—The Adelphi audiences last week were but thin, which fault was amply compensated for on Monday evening, when Bro. Webster revived Mr. Oxford's translation of Molière's "Tartuffe," himself playing the principal character with that artistic care and finish which render this performance the finest piece of acting of the day. The part of *Elmire* was admirably filled by Miss Henrietta Sims, who made her *début* in London on this occasion; Mrs. Alfred Mellon was as vivacious as ever in the character of *Dorine*. A new two-act drama by Mr. Slous, author of "The Templars," &c., is in rehearsal, and it is understood that an engagement is pending with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Matthews to appear at this theatre.—At the Princess's Mr. Kean has been performing *Hamlet* alternately with the *Corsican Brothers* during the week to good houses. Upon the merits of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kean in *Hamlet* it were superfluous now to remark. Miss Heath continues to improve and to be appreciated; her *Ophelia* is a finished and sweet performance; the absence of the old renowned *First Gravedigger*, J. P. Harley, is supplied by Mr. F. Matthews.—At the Lyceum, in consequence of the death of her brother, Mrs. Keeley has been unable to appear, and her character in the burlesque was sustained by Mr. Robert Brough, the author of the piece. We are told that Mr. Wigan is in treaty for the Lyceum Theatre, and the transaction will be concluded, one way or other, in a few days.—Should Mr. Wigan not be the future lessee, it is not improbable that the direction will be undertaken by Madame Celeste.—We are glad to report the convalescence of Mr. W. Cooke, jun., of Astley's, who was enabled to quit his bed, for the first time since his late severe accident, on Wednesday last. The *Athenæum* says: "Miss Thomson keeps her ground at the Paris Grand Opera—no easy matter for a novice and an Englishwoman, the first, we believe, of our "perfidious" race who has ever sung there. Should she really equal description, there is occupation enough and to spare for her, whenever it pleases her to come home."

## Obituary.

### BRO. THOMAS FEETAM.

THIS worthy Brother, who at the time of his death was churchwarden of Holy Trinity, Hull, died in the early part of last week. His remains were interred on Friday last, the 7th inst., with Masonic honours, in the Hull General Cemetery. For twenty years past Bro. Feetam had been the Treasurer of the Humber Lodge. The officers and brethren of that Lodge, and the chief officers of the Minerva—altogether one hundred and thirty Masons, wearing their insignia, walked in procession. Amongst them were Bro. J. W. Pease, and Bro. Capt. Kruger, of the Minerva; also Bro. S. Mosely, Master of that Lodge; the pall bearers were Bros. B. Jacobs, Dr. Bell, W. Croft, J. Coltman, Smith, R. Smithson, R. J. Chaffer, Wm. Cutt, T. A. Ward, R. Glover, and J. Stark, P.Ms.; and Bro. the Rev. B. Oates, Chaplain of the Humber Lodge (who officiated for an absent P.M.) The clergy and choristers of Holy Trinity church attended in their robes, and the service in the sacristy was very beautifully chanted by them. The Rev. G. Kinnear read the funeral service; and the Rev. Bro. Brown also read a short Masonic service at the grave side. The funeral was attended by the churchwardens and overseers of Holy Trinity and St. Mary, and a large concourse of the inhabitants.

## 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.

All communications for the Editor, to ensure insertion in the next week's number, should be forwarded to the office, 2, Red Lion Court, Fleet Street, E. C., not later than Saturday.

Illustrated 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.

"W. B."—The P.M. gives the final exhortation on closing the Lodge.

"THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND THE CRAFT."—"T. S." is assured that we deeply regret we did not invite a larger number of the Brethren to the meeting held in support of the *Magazine*. The meeting was held in accordance with the suggestions of two or three Brethren; and that more were not invited arose from the circumstance that we did not wish unduly to press our position upon our friends, though the larger the number present, the more gratifying must have been the meeting to us. Many of the Brethren present were brought by those invited and several of them were, until that meeting, entire strangers to us. In reply to "A. T." we may observe, that we have no intention of publishing the individual subscriptions of Brethren, though we shall have great pleasure in placing the names of our friends who have come forward to our assistance, before the Brethren, when the committee consider the subscription list as closed.

"A BATH P.M."—Too late for this week.

"A STRANGER IN LONDON."—Apply to Bro. Albert, Great Russell-street, Bloomsbury-square. From his experience and standing in his profession as a dentist, we have no doubt he will be able to assist you.

"V. O."—You must have been twelve months a Master Mason before you can be exalted into the Royal Arch. The fees and clothing cost us upon our exaltation about one half the sum you name.

"M. M."—Bro. Lord Skelmersdale was initiated between two and three years since in the Apollo Lodge, Oxford. His lordship is one of the Wardens of No. 1010.

"S. S."—In Scotland the members of various Lodges wear aprons with trimmings peculiar to each. This causes a great diversity of appearance on the occasion of any Masonic demonstration.

"SENIOR WARDEN."—The press of provincial intelligence has compelled us to defer several interesting articles.

"K."—We cannot give you the information you require; we do not recollect that we have ever heard the Brother's name.

"H. S., (Bristol)."—The leading article in our impression this week touches upon the point in question.