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MASONIC CURIOSITIES, No. 1.

BY A MASONIC INQUIRER.

Amongst a collection of curious old books and pamphlets, which have come in my way recently, some are upon Masonic subjects. One, of date 1726, is peculiarly interesting, as it may help to elucidate the doubt as to the antiquity of Freemasonry, at present existing amongst several correspondents of the Freemasons' Magazine. It is entitled

“A Speech delivered to the Worshipful and Ancient Society of Free and Accepted Masons, at a Grand Lodge, held at Merchant's Hall, in the City of York, on St. John's Day, December the 27th, 1726, The Right Worshipful Charles Bathurst Esq., Grand Master, by the Junior Grand Warden. York: Printed by Thomas Gent, for the Benefit of the Lodge.”

It commences:—

Right Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:—

You Sir and all of you know, that I have had the Honour to bear the Office of one of the Grand Wardens to this Society for the last Year; and that by that Office I am not only particularly obliged to take Care that, during my Administration, neither the Revenues, nor the Arcana of the Lodge, be either embezzled or expos'd to vulgar Eyes; but I do think it also my Duty, before I resign My Place at least Sir, since I have Your Commands for it to remind you of some things, relating to Human Society in general, as well as to this our most Antient LODGE in particular.

How unequal a Task I have taken upon myself, will, I am afraid, but too evidently appear by the Sequel. A young Brother pretending to dictate on Two such sublime Subjects, to older and wiser Heads than his own, can admit of no Excuse, but that I have just now mentioned. I wou'd not in this be thought to derogate from the Dignity of my Office; which as the learned Verstegan observes, is a Tithe of Trust and Power; Warden and Guardian being Synonymous Terms; yet as you are no Strangers to Public Assemblies, and cannot but observe the Awe they often strike on such as are oblig'd to exert any Talent before them, this First Essay, howsoever wrote or deliver'd, I hope will neither discredit my Reason nor my Office. It has been said by one that knew it well, that one wou'd think there was some kind of Fascination in the Eyes of a large Circle of People darting all together on one Person, which has made many a brave Fellow, who has put his Enemy to Flight in the Field, tremble, in the delivering of a Speech before a Body of his Friends at Home. Whatever will be the event of this, I hope the good Design I do it with shall, by the Candour of my Brethren, be admitted for an Excuse, and in some measure compensate for the Loss of Time, which I doubt not might be much better employ'd on this important Occasion.

Human Society, Gentlemen, taken in general Terms is one of the greatest Blessings of Life. Language was given us, which does so sublimely distinguish us above the rest of the Works of the Creation. The different Empires Kingdoms and Commonwealths in the Universe, are only so many greater or Lesser Communities, or Societies of Mankind, collected together; and, for the most part, have invented the Laws and Language they now speak, and are govern'd by. Society has Harmony in the very Sound of the Word; but much more in the application of it. For 'tis to it we owe all Arts and Sciences whatsoever. To this end, all Schools Seminaries and Colleges were erected under our wise Progenitors; not to mention those numberless Noble Edifices set apart for Congregated Societies in Divine Worship. How useful this of our own has been in these remarkable particulars I shall have sufficient reason to speak of in the Sequel.

*Et adde tot Egregias Urbes operumque laborem
Tot congesta manu Præruptis opida Sawis.—Virg.*

But when we come to view Society, and its

Usefulness in a nearer Perspective, we shall find it magnify upon us prodigiously, and requires a Pencil more delicate than mine to draw it in perfection; I shall confine myself therefore to a few Slight Touches, which even from my Hand may perhaps give some Idea of the Beauty of the Whole.

'Tis a Maxim indisputably true, that we ought to read men as well as Books. What an unsociable Animal is a Learned Pedant who has shut himself up all his Life with *Plato* and *Aristotle*? For till the Dust and Cobwebs of his Study are brushed off him by Conversation, he is utterly unfit for Human Society.

A Good Genius can only be cultivated this way, but lies like a Rich Diamond whose Beauty is indiscernable till polished.

Good Manners, the chief Characteristic of a True Gentleman is only attainable this Way. For we learn by seeing how odious a brute is to shun Brutality.

Good Sense, which indeed is a Genius, yet can no way be so readily improv'd, as by frequent observing in good Company Nonsense and Ribaldry exploded.

In fine, neither Health nor Wealth would suffer by it, but be both of them increas'd and amended, did the pernicious custom of drinking too deep, which we of our Nation too much indulge, invest the Order and Economy of all Society. There is no Conversation to be kept up in the World without good Nature, or something which must bear its appearance, and Supply its Place. For this Reason Mankind have been forc'd to invent an artificial kind of Humanity, which, as a Great Author has defin'd, is call'd Good Breeding. But when both these have their Foundation sapp'd by an Inundation of Liquor, Ruin and Desolation will undermine and lay waste that Glorious Seat of Reason which the Divine Architect has, above all others, honour'd the Human constitution with.

The most ingenious Author, that ever liv'd has made a pretty Observation on the different Humours that Drink produces in an English Society. He says, they proceed from the different Mixtures of Foreign Blood that circulates in us. We sit down, he says indeed, all Friends, Acquaintances and Neighbours; but after two Bottles you see a Dane Start up, and Swear the Kingdom is his own. A Saxon drinks at the whole Quart and swears he will dispute that with

him. A Norman tells them both, He will assert his Liberty; and a Welshman cries, They are all Foreigners and intruders of Yesterday, and beats them all out of the Room. Such Accidents, adds our Author, frequently happen amongst Neighbours, Children and Cozen Germans. I wish I could not say that I have frequently observ'd it in our most amicable Brotherhood of Free-Masons.

But so many better heads and Peers have been employ'd on this subject, that it would be too presuming in me to take more of your Time about it. I shall proceed therefore to speak of this Our Most Antient and Most Honourable Society in Particular.

And here, my Brethren, So Vast and Spacious a Foundation is Mark'd out for one of the Noblest Superstructures that Wit can invent and Rhetoric adorn; that were the designs drawn and executed by a Masterly Genius, with all the necessary Oratorical Decorations proper for so sublime a subject, we might safely say with the poet,—

—*Quod nec Jovis ira, nec Ignis,*

Hec poterit ferrum, nec edax abolere vetustas.

But as I am verily persuaded, that you neither expect to hear a Cicero a Demosthenes, a even—a Henry in me; So may I hope your Candour and Humanity will pardon my Temerity where the Loftiness of the Text must inevitably shew the Insufficiency of the Preacher.

(*To be continued.*)

NOTES ON AMERICAN FREEMASONRY.

(*Continued from page 464.*)

MISSISSIPPI.

The Grand Master delivered the annual address, from which we make the following extract, which shows so much right feeling, that we commend it to the Craft.

"It is a distinguished mark of the Divine favour that permits us to come together at this time: Into the twelve months that have passed away, since we last met in Grand Annual Communication, there has crowded so much of bitter disappointment and sorrow, suspense and anxiety, as has filled the measure of any other period of equal extent in the annals of this Grand Lodge. Our people have been chastened; and but for the promise made specially to them, the lengthened shadows of coming events, now falling around

them, would inspire anything but hope. Our brethren constitute the great body of the intelligent citizenship in the Commonwealth, and when we say our people are chastised, we may listen for the cry of Masons in distress. The war draped all our door posts with mourning, and planted weeds upon our hearth-stones. The losses in property resulting from the war, impoverished our land. With an energy inherent and peculiar to our race, our brethren, oppressed by past results, but hopeful for the future, began to struggle for a competency.

"During the last year, many of them reached the crisis of their pecuniary obligations, to find the proceeds of a year's labour, inadequate to give relief. Many of our most beloved and distinguished brethren, who have staggered under their burdens, are stooping to receive more, while others have shaken off the debris of former prosperity, and girded themselves for a new career. Brethren, it is a time to trust in God. In seasons of prosperity, and in times of political harmony and good fellowship, it was delightful to assemble once a year in Grand Lodge, and counsel together and enjoy for a few brief days, that charming Fraternal communion known only among Masons. It was sweet then. How much more so now? How much does even the anticipation of a re-union soften the rigour of our cares, during the passing year? How much more than heretofore does it suggest itself to us, as a special blessing, to assemble and commune with each other?

"I congratulate you, my brethren, on our present re-union, and trust that our deliberations may be seasoned with that wisdom which adversity affords. The great Father of us all has some wise purpose underlying the present situation in which our individual well-being is not ignored. Our inability to see that purpose can by no means operate as a bar to the Masons' trust. One of our humanity has beautifully said:—

'Sweet are the uses of adversity.'

We may live to speak experimentally, and declare the poet right.

"It is an evidence of the solid foundation and proper organization of our Masonic Institution, to see it flourish in seasons like the present, and the conviction is forced upon us that conformity to the traditions and symbolic teachings of Masonry will secure to us, as individuals, as to itself as an order, a genuine, unostentatious, and lasting suc-

cess. Let us, dear brethren, draw near to our altars, and find a sanctuary while dangers impend. Let us declare our continued trust in God, and announce to all the world our gratitude to Him for so clear a manifestation of His supreme administration, as our journey through the past year, and our present convention afford. Then let us apply ourselves to a review of the working of our Order since we last met, and to the consideration of such needful legislation as the interests of the Craft may seem to demand."

The Grand Master then states in his address a number of occurrences within his jurisdiction during the year, not interesting to those residing without it; reports a few of his decisions on questions brought before him of any local interest, and not expositions of the land-marks of the Order, a statement of his official visitations, and other local matters. We are sorry to learn that the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge "are in a very sickly state."

MISSOURI.

The Grand Master delivered the Annual Address. After an appropriate introduction he states that, "Since the last annual communication forty-two dispensations have been granted for the opening of new Lodges. In a number of cases these new Lodges will supply the places of those in existence, but which, in common with so much else that was noble and beautiful in our land, were destroyed in the fierce conflict of arms.

He also stated that many members of the fraternity deny that the work of the Grand Lecturer is that adopted by the Grand Lodge, and that known as the work of the Baltimore Convention, but has been changed by the Grand Lecturer. The subsequent proceedings show that the work of the Grand Lecturer was afterwards verified in the presence of the Grand Lodge and approved, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the work as exemplified by the Grand Lecturer during the present session be affirmed by this Grand Lodge, and that the same be required to be practised by every subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction.

The Grand Master gives several of his official decisions on matters referred to him.

1. He decides that it is inexpedient to try a brother Masonically for a crime or misdemeanour for which he is indicted until the civil tribunal has disposed of it, because the accused brother is entitled to our sympathy until his guilt is established, as it would be

wrong to do anything that might prejudice his case in any manner, either for or against him.

2. He decides that a Master Mason made in an Army Lodge, subsequently affiliated with a regular Lodge, then dimitted therefrom and desiring to affiliate with a Lodge of Missouri, must take the same steps as a profane, and pay the regular fees.

The following resolutions was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to address an official letter to the Grand Master of Iowa, directing his attention to the course pursued by the Lodges in Van Buren and Daviess countries in working up material properly belonging to Scotland county, in this State, and demanding that the evil be corrected.

Resolved, That Masons so made are clandestine, and cannot be recognized in this jurisdiction without being formally healed.

(To be Continued.)

FILIAL DUTY, OR PARENTS' CLAIMS AND CHILDREN'S LIABILITIES.

By ROBERT BOND, AUTHOR OF "EMPLOYMENT FOR FEMALES," "THE TIP GIRL," &c.

(Continued from page 467.)

"Frederick the Great, during his last illness, endured many restless nights, which he endeavoured to soothe, by conversing with the servants who sat up with him. On one of those occasions he enquired of a young Pomeranian whence he came. From a little village in Pomerania. Are your parents living? An aged mother. How does she maintain herself? By spinning. How much does she gain daily by it? Sixpence. But can she live well on that? In Pomerania it is the chief living. Did you never send anything to her? O yes I have, at different times, sent her a few dollars. That was bravely done, you are a good boy—you have a deal of trouble with me, have patience, I shall endeavour to lay something by for you, if you behave well. The monarch kept his word, he gave him several pieces of gold, and settled on his mother 100 rix dollars per annum."

The Jews have a practice which probably operates as a solitary check to perversity and undutifulness in children of that persuasion. At the great day of atonement it is customary for the children to ask forgiveness of their parents in case they have displeased them, and the latter lay their hands upon the head of each of them, and pray that life and prosperity may be allotted to them. The obedience of the Rechabites, who, for 200 years were influenced and guided by the precepts of their fathers, is commended, extolled, and rewarded by the Almighty in this gratifying announcement:—Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your Father, and kept all his precepts, and

done according to all that he hath commanded, you therefore, thus saith the Lord of Hosts, the God Israel, Jonadab, the son of Rechab, shall not want a man to stand before and for ever." Filial duty is so frequently enjoined in the Holy Scripture as to continually impress us with the conviction of the pleasure with which the Almighty regards, and the vast importance he attaches to the observance of it.

Honour thy Father and Mother (which is the first commandment with promise) that it may be well with thee, and thou may'st live long upon the Earth.—*Ephesians*.

My son keep thy Father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy Master.—*Proverbs*.

He that wasteth his father and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.—*Proverbs*.

Whoso curseth his Father and his Mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.—*Proverbs*, xx., 20.

Hearken unto thy father that kept thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.—*Proverbs*.

My son be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth thee.—*Proverbs*.

But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to show piety at home and requite their parents, for that is good and acceptable before God:—*Timothy I.*, x., 4.

"Cursed is he that mocketh his father and despiseth to obey his mother; the ravens of the valley shall pick out his eye, and the young eagles shall eat it."—*Proverbs xxx.*, 17.

"Cursed is he that setteth light by his father or mother."—*Deut.* xvii., 15.

These are a few of the many scriptural passages which bear upon this subject.

Joseph, who was an exemplary character in every virtue and duty, was a worthy type of a good son—a kind forgiving brother, who by his deeds showed he could return good for evil; a man incapable of revenge; a servant whose fidelity could not be shaken; a man whose regard for religion and principle steeled him against temptation. Throughout life he was of an estimable character. Behold him in any position, and his demeanour manifests him to be a God-loving, God-fearing man. Can we then marvel at the spirit within him prompting such emotions of tenderness, such promise of succour, such a charitable construction of a brother's malignity, such sympathy, and such gracious words of comfort as are contained in the history of this wise and highly honoured ruler. "Haste ye (said he to his erring brethren), go to my father and say unto him, thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me Lord of all Egypt, come down to me and tarry not, and thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks and thy herds, all that thou hast, and there will I nourish thee (for

yet there are five years of famine,) lest thou and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty."—*Genesis* xlv., 9, 10, and 11. And Joseph made ready his chariot and went up to meet Israel, his father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him, and he fell on his neck and wept on his neck a good while.—*Genesis* xlv. And Joseph nourished his father and his brethren, and all his father's household with bread.—*Genesis* xlvii., 12. Jacob yielded up the ghost, and Joseph fell on his father's face and wept upon him and kissed him.—*Genesis* l., 1.

Here is a son, of whom it may be truly said 'He honoured his Father.' Timothy strongly inculcates the doctrine so eminently taught by Joseph. "If, he observes," any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own household, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." Instances have occurred in which persons have been conspicuous for their public gifts, notoriety being their aim, but who have cared so little for their parents and other relatives, as to have denied a recognition of their claims upon their country. Happily, however, the number is not large.

There is something delightful, something so pleasing to the conscience, in the retrospect that is not marred, the recollection that is not embittered by remorse, by self-accusing reflection, induced by a contravention of the Divine ordinance which requires us to honour our parents. After death has deprived us of our earthly parents, incidents which were till then forgotten, every ill-natured word or thought, every disobedient act, every unkind deed, appear in bold relief to the mind's eye. Death, like heat to sympathetic ink, revives impressions which time appeared to have obliterated, thereby administering a stinging reproof. As reproof assails us, as such unpleasant thoughts haunt us, we are constrained to sigh for a return of bye-past time, or that we could unsay expressions and undo acts which must for ever be occasion of grief to us. We recollect reading a childish narrative, which for its simplicity, the admonition and moral it conveys, may be appropriately transcribed to these pages. The delinquent, who may also be described the penitent, was a minister of the Gospel. He narrates the facts himself, "I had," remarked he, "one of the kindest and best of fathers, and when I was a little white-headed boy he used to place me before him on horseback, and thus convey me to school, and assisted me in my little plans, and always appeared to be trying to make me happy; indeed, he never seemed so happy himself as when making me happy. I recollect that when I was about six years old, he came home one day ill, my mother being at the time ill, thus there was nobody besides my two sisters to take care of my father. In a few days he was worse, very ill, and all the doctors near us were called in to see him. The next

Sabbath morning he was evidently much worse. As I entered the room he stretched out his hand to me and said 'My little boy I am very sick, I wish you to take that paper on the stand and run to Mr. Canton's and get me the medicine written on it. I took the paper and went to the apothecary's shop, as I had often done before. It was about half-a-mile off, but when I got there I found it shut, and as Mr. Canton lived a quarter of a mile further off, I concluded I would not go to find him. I then set out for home. On my way back I contrived what to say. I knew how wicked it was to tell a lie, but one sin always leads to another. On going into where father lay, I saw that he was in great pain, and though pale and weak, I could see great drops of sweat standing on his forehead forced out by the pain. Oh, then I was sorry I had not gone and found the apothecary. At length he said to me 'My son has got the medicine, I hope, for I am in great pain.' I hung down my head and muttered, for my conscience smote me, 'No father, Mr. Carter says he has got none,' 'Has got none, is this possible?' He then cast a keen eye upon me, and seeing my head hang, and probably suspecting my falsehood, said in the mildest, kindest tone, 'My little boy will see his father suffer great pain for the want of that medicine.' I went out of the room alone and cried, I was soon called back, my brothers and sister were standing round his bed, and he was committing my poor mother to their care, and giving them his last advice. I was the youngest, and when he laid his hand on my head, and told me that in a few hours I should have no father, that he would in a day or two be buried, that I must now make God my father, love him, obey him, and always do right and speak the truth, because the eye of God is always upon me, it seemed as if I should sink, and when he laid his hand on my head, again and prayed for the blessing of God the Redeemer to rest upon me, 'soon to be a fatherless child,' I dared not look at him, I felt so guilty. Sobbing, I rushed from the bedside and wished I could die, they told me he could not speak. Oh, how much would I have given to go and tell him that I had told a lie, and once more lay his hand on my head and forgive me. I crept in once more and heard the minister pray for 'the dying man.' Oh, how my heart ached, I snatched my hat and ran to the apothecary's house and got the medicine. I ran home with all my might, and ran up to my father's bedside to confess my sin, crying 'here father,' but I was hushed. I then saw he was pale, and that all were weeping. My poor father was dead, and in my last act was disobedience, and my last word to him a lie. His kindnesses his tender looks, and my own sin, all rushed upon my mind, and as I gazed upon his cold pale face, and saw his eyes shut, and his lips closed, could I help thinking of his last words, 'My little boy will see

his father die for the want of that medicine.' It was twelve years after this that I went alone to the grave of my father; it took me some time to find it, but there it was, with its humble tombstone, and as I stood over it I seemed to be back at his bedside, to see his pale face, and hear his voice. Oh! the thought of that sin and wickedness cut me to the heart, it seemed that the world would not be too much to give, could I have called loud enough for him to hear me ask his forgiveness, but it was too late, and I must live and die, weeping over that falsehood, that act of disobedience. May God forgive me. The offence seemed at the time but a trivial matter, but what enduring pangs of conscience did it involve." We thus learn how pitiable is the state, and how great and lasting is the punishment which the disobedient child inflicts upon himself. Turn we now to the other picture, where no qualms of conscience are portrayed, no bitter self-reproach, are indicated in the features, but instead thereof, the complacent smile of him who can review the past with the conviction that the golden precept has been faithfully observed. The Athenians of old attached great importance to its observance. Indeed filial piety may be denominated as one of their national characteristics. Unmindfulness of parental claims, disqualified a candidate, who was otherwise eligible, for the office of Archon or chief magistrate, and it operated as a bar to the exercise of the calling of an Orator. Laws were enacted to enforce due regard of the sacred obligation, whilst rewards in the shape of preferments conduced to a like object. Let him (says one of their clauses) be infamous who beats his parents, or who does not provide for them. Another is to this effect. 'If any man be found guilty of abusing his parents, the eleven shall fetch him, and bring him to trial at the Helian Court, where any who is empowered thereto may accuse him. If he be here cast, the Helian judges shall inflict upon him what punishment they please, and if they fine him, let him be clapped in prison till he pays the whole.' It is evident that the erudite nation fully understood the true meaning of the commandment "Honour thy Father and thy Mother," one of their ordinances is "Let no man be a public orator, who has struck his parent, denied their maintainance, or shut them out of doors, or who hath run out of his father's estate.

(To be continued.)

MASONIC SAYINGS AND DOINGS ABROAD.

The following incident illustrates in a small degree some of the good effects produced by the teachings of Masonry, when properly understood and practised, and shows how it conciliates true friendship among

those who might have otherwise remained at a perpetual distance.

"Two men had been fast friends. In an evil hour they quarrelled. They did not speak, and had not spoken for years. Mutual friends tried the art of reconciliation in vain. They were avowed enemies for life. One of them became a Mason after the estrangement, and it happened that the other remained ignorant of this fact. One evening he too was admitted into a lodge. Almost the first voice he heard, and certainly the first face he saw, was that of his enemy, who presided over the ceremony of initiation, and was obliged, according to usage, to address him by the title of 'brother.' This was a peculiar situation, and a severe ordeal for both. After the lodge was closed the Apprentice sought the Master, and without any preliminaries, the following colloquy ensued, commenced by the newly-made Mason:—

"Are you a member of this lodge?"

"The answer was 'I am.'

"Were you present when I was elected?"

"I was."

"May I ask if you voted?"

"I did."

"Now will you tell me how many votes it requires to reject a candidate on ballot for admission?" The Worshipful Master answered 'One.'

"There was nothing more to say. The initiated extended his hand, which was warmly grasped by the other, and uttered with thrilling accents, deep emotion mellowing his voice, 'Friend! Brother! You have taught me a lesson I shall never forget. This is a little ray of Masonic light. No language is so eloquent as the silent throbbing of a heart full of joyful tears.' While this kind of cement is used in our moral edifice, should it not be enduring? Who can wonder that it is so strong."—*Masonic Mirror*, San Francisco.

Of the Order of the Eastern Star the "Masonic Mirror of San Francisco," says:—"We are glad to notice the increasing prospect of the auxiliary organization for the dispensing of Masonic charity among the needy in our midst. It is a noble institution, and deserves the encouragement of every brother of the Craft, wherever found. Our beautiful Masonic Temple in this city has an ornamental niche in the front of the building, with the statue of Charity throwing her arms for protection around the orphans, whom she has taken under her charge; but that is only a cold and stony representation of charity, and is on the outside, while only members of the male persuasion are admitted within its walls, and whose

aim it is to disseminate the principles of charity, while the women are kept outside. But the Order of the Eastern Star is composed of statues, not of stone, but of flesh and blood, the living personification of charity, continually multiplying itself and scattering her blessings among the needy and suffering, wherever found.

"New Chapters are being organized at various points on this coast, and its success is secured beyond peradventure. We visited Golden Gate Chapter No. 1, in this city, on last Monday evening, and enjoyed one of the most pleasant meetings that we have ever attended. A cordial welcome home, was the greeting extended to Bro. George Hobe, the Worthy Patron, who has just returned from his visit to the Atlantic States. Bro. Hobe may well be proud of his reception by the members of Golden Gate Chapter at their last meeting. Their numbers are constantly increasing, and a bright future is before them; and for the success of the Order in this State thus far, great credit is due to Bro. William S. Moses, the Deputy Grand Patron for California.

Rev. D. D. Roach, was taken a prisoner from his field in Georgia during the late Civil War in the United States, and was expecting immediate death. While subjected to very rough treatment from the soldiers he made some sign to a gentleman near by, connected with the service, who immediately came and requested that he might have some conversation with our brother, and upon a full statement of his case he was released, and came north. He was initiated in Blue Mountain Lodge and raised in Allegany Lodge, Georgia.

The Grand Lodge of Illinois has decided that candidates for the second or third degrees may be ballotted for at every regular communication. This is permissible, not mandatory; and is entirely in the control of the Worshipful Master, who may order the ballot spread when in his opinion the good of Masonry requires it.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Vermont met at Burlington on June 16. Bro. E. S. Dana, Middlebury, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. John B. Hollenbeck, Burlington, Grand Recorder. Of fourteen councils, eleven were represented. The Grand Body was formed in 1854. Comps. N. B. Haswell, Henry Ruggles, G. Washburn, Squire Marcy, and Edward S. Dana, have presided; the latter is in his seventh term. Comp. Hollenbeck has served as Grand Recorder from the first. The 14 councils have 638 members; average, 48.

MASONIC JOTTINGS.—No. 48.

BY A PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

A PARTICULAR FREEMASONRY BECOMING A UNIVERSAL FREEMASONRY ALSO.

The result of a particular Freemasonry becoming a Universal Freemasonry also, is the modification of the character of a Particular Freemasonry, when only, and to the extent only, that the additional character of Universal Freemasonry may require.

DISPLACEMENT AT THE UNION OF THE ANCIENT PATRONS OF OUR FREEMASONRY.

"A Correspondent" is altogether mistaken respecting what our late Bro. Dr. Oliver has written on this subject, as my correspondent will find if he will take the trouble of turning to page 450 of Dr. Oliver's edition of "Preston's Illustrations."*

ACTS OF TOLERATION.

Acts of Toleration make invaluable parts of the English Constitution, and they make invaluable parts of English Freemasonry. The acts of Toleration, making parts of English Freemasonry are the Charges of 1723, and the expanded Charges of 1738.

PARTICULAR FREEMASONRY.

There is no Craft law against the establishment of Particular Freemasonry, English Masonry was a Particular Freemasonry until 1738. It is still a Particular Freemasonry—it is a vast Particular Freemasonry with the adjunct of a Universal Freemasonry.

UNIVERSALITY OF THE ENGLISH LODGE.

Practically, in the English Lodge, universality

* The ensuing are Dr. Oliver's words:—"It is true that the Lodge of Reconciliation at the Union, in 1813, displaced the Ancient Patrons and parallels of Masonry who were Christian Saints, and exalted two eminent Jews to the vacant seat of honour. This was done professedly to establish the doctrine of Universality as an essential attribute of the Craft. But it will scarcely be asserted that the Levitical dispensation was either permanent or Universal; or that the sectarian character of Masonry is more transparent under the presidency of Christians than of Jews. It was, doubtless, this change in the landmarks of Masonry that afforded certain individuals a vantage ground to assail the Institution, and affix to our Lodges the disreputable imputation of ignoring our holy religion.

is not discernable unless by the presence of a Jew, Parsee, Mahomedan, or Natural Theist.

WITH AND WITHOUT TOLERATION.

The National Religion is now Christianity, with Toleration; it was formerly Christianity, without Toleration. The National Religion is not less Christianity, now that it is Christianity with Toleration, than it was formerly when it was Christianity without Toleration*

"OUR ENDS."

Brother—, "The Great Architect of the Universe, shapes our ends, rough-hew them how we will"!—For "Great Architect of the Universe," substitute "there's a Divinity that," and you have the words of Shakespeare.

MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

A CERTAIN CONTRIBUTOR, No. 3.

The ensuing is an extract from No. 3 of the papers coming from Oxford entitled "A Certain Contributor."—AN INAPPLICABLE APPLICATION—A Master of Arts announces that Brothers continuing to apply the term "Revival" to our 1717 Masonry, will assuredly be looked upon by "A Certain Contributor" to our periodical as abettors and promoters of mystification, pretension, and misrepresentation, and of false and groundless theories.

The Master of Arts refers to a contribution headed "Pseudo-Revival, A.D. 1717," page 368 of the present volume, but which from a phrase found in it is, it seems, known to the University Craft by the appellation of the "Inapplicable Application."—A PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

PSYCHOLOGY OF FREEMASONRY.

"At a time like this present, when Freemasonry is spreading over the whole habitable surface of the globe, when its principles of truth, equity, and justice, are at length forcing themselves upon the notice, not merely of the uninitiated friend, but of those who are its enemies, it behoves all true and careful brethren to have a wary eye upon the future prosperity of the Craft.

To not many is it given to understand the hidden mysteries of the Craft; to comprehend what may be called the *Psychology of true Freemasonry*, for much time and study are most necessary to acquire the enviable knowledge. But to conform our words and deeds to the admirable rules of our "Book of Constitutions," to rigidly obey the bye-laws, and endeavour to promote the unanimity, which should ever distinguish the Order, and to be a working, and not a playing Mason, is within the attainment of every Brother." From a bundle of Masonic Excerpts.—CHARLES PURTON COOPER.

* This jotting comes from the same source as a jotting with a similar heading, page 427 of the present volume, and seems meant to be an illustration of it.

WHAT IS TRACEABLE TO OPERATIVE MASONRY.

"To Operative Masonry undoubtedly is traceable, the discovery and study of geometry, astronomy, and all the branches of architecture; and from these would necessarily grow up that spirit of inquiry and investigation, which, amongst the Egyptians, Persians, Greeks, &c., produced their systems of philosophy—the vain attempts of the infinite to answer the questions of the finite. From a bundle of Masonic Excerpts.—CHARLES PURTON COOPER.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CLERGY, AND GOTHIC ARCHITECTURE.

At page 328 of the Magazine for April 23rd., I stated it as my opinion that it was to the clergy of the Roman Catholic Church that we were indebted for the rise and progress of Gothic Architecture; now in the "Building News," for Dec. 9th of this present year, page 428, in the prize essay, compiled by Mr. J. Slater, B.A., for the Architectural Association, we read as follows:—"for there can be no doubt that it is to the wide-spreading resources of the Church of Rome we owe some—nay, most—of the noblest specimens of Mediæval architecture, which, without her aid, would never have been erected."—W. P. Buchan.

DECORATIVE ORNAMENTS.

"The application of decorative ornament, in order to be successful—suitable in fitness for the purposea it is used for; appropriate in having a purpose and a meaning in accordance with its use; and proportionate in size to the space it has to occupy,"—W. P. B.

THE INSTRUCTED, THE UNINSTRUCTED.

A novel proposition is received by the Instructed with silent attention, followed by incipient reflection. But it is received by the Uninstructed with unmeaning exclamation, followed by misplaced banter.—A PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

OPENING PRAYER FOR LODGE MEETINGS.

"Thou great and glorious Almighty, who art 'the same yesterday, to-day, and forever;' from whose designing mind and will the beautiful fabric of creation arose—and by whose superintending care Thy creatures have been preserved; we offer Thee our grateful homage 'for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life,'—blessings which have met all the wants of our bodies and our souls, and scattered beatitudes innumerable over all the intelligent and moral members of Thy universal family.

"We thank Thee for the healthful preservation of our beloved Order, in all the harmony and prosperity that our fraternity can desire; and for the favourable auspices under which we are at present convened,

"We pray for a dispensation of Thy divine wisdom on this occasion, that our deliberations may harmonize with Thy will, and be promotive of our welfare as an Order,

"Help us to carry out the holy principles that are the basis of our teachings and profession, and are symbolically set forth in our work. Keep the members in full enjoyment of Thy gracious assistance, that all may worthily magnify Thy glorious name, in the world below, and be ultimately admitted to the brotherhood of saints above; and to Thy great name shall be all the glory ascribed by us, and all Thy Israel, forever.—AMEN, SO MOTE IT BE."

THE MASONIC MIRROR.

* All communications to be addressed to the EDITOR, at No 19, Salisbury-street, Strand, London, W.C.

THE NEW POSTAL ARRANGEMENT.—On the 1st of October the new postal arrangement came into operation, by which the postage of the MAGAZINE is reduced one-half, of which our subscribers will receive the full benefit. In future, those of our subscribers who pay one year in advance will receive the MAGAZINE post-free. The price of the MAGAZINE will thus be reduced from 17s. 4d. to 13s. per annum. Under this arrangement the following be the terms of subscription:—One year, paid in advance, 13s.; six months, 7s. 9d.; single numbers, by post, 3½d. We hope that by thus giving the advantage to our subscribers they will, in return, use their best endeavours to increase our circulation, by inducing their friends to become subscribers. Anticipating a large increase in our circulation, arrangements are in progress for special new features in the MAGAZINE.

SCOTLAND.—NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.—The Freemasons' Magazine Company having changed their agent in Scotland, any subscriber not receiving the Magazine as usual will please notify the fact in writing to the Company's Manager, directed to the Office, 19 Salisbury Street, London, W.C.

MASONIC MEMS.

Colonel Charles Lyne, of Brynhyfryd House, Newport, has received an official notification from the Grand Secretary, Bro. J. Hervey, that he is appointed Provincial Grand Master for Monmouthshire, the vacancy being caused by the death of the R.W. Bro. John Etherington Welsh Rolls, Esq., of the Hendre, near Monmouth.

The next meeting of the Stewards for the Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on 4th January, 1871, at 6 p.m.

It is intended to make application for a warrant for a new Lodge, to be called "the Western Star," to be held at the Erin Hotel, Notting Hill.

His Royal Highness Brother the Prince of Wales, M.W.P.G.M., has consented to preside at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on a Wednesday in May 1871.

It is announced that Col. F. Burdett, Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, will take the chair at the Annual Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, and the Widows of Freemasons, on the 25th of January.

THE ROBERT BURNS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 25) has commenced its winter session, and now meets every Friday evening at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at half-past seven o'clock.

THE ROYAL UNION LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (382), now meets every Wednesday evening at 8 precisely, at Bro. Duddy's New Rooms, Winsley Street, Oxford Street (opposite the Pantheon).

A Lodge of Instruction under the sanction of the warrant of the St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1306, is held at Bro. Hayward's, the Gun Tavern and Hotel, High Street, Wapping, every Monday evening. Bro. Thomas S. Mortlock, P.M. 186, acts as Preceptor.

The Chapter of Improvement, held under the auspices of Prudent Brethren Chapter, (No. 145) meets at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on Thursdays at seven o'clock for ceremonies, lectures, explanations, and Illustrations. There will be a change of work every evening. We recommend all companions who desire to advance themselves in Capitular Masonry to attend.

Bro. T. Adam's, P.M. Prov. G.P., Annual Subscription Masonic Ball, for the members of the Craft and their friends only, will be held at the new Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn-fields, in February next. The tickets can be obtained of Bro. T. Adam, 55, Whitfield Street, Tottenham Court Road, at one guinea each, to admit a lady and gentleman, to include supper and refreshment during the evening. The brethren are expected to appear in full Masonic clothing.

STANHOPE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1,269).—A new Lodge of Instruction for the Sydenham, Norwood, Dulwich, and Forest Hill district, has been established under the name of the Stanhope Lodge of Instruction (No. 269), at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, close to the Railway Station of the Crystal Palace. Bro. Lassam, the proprietor of the hotel, has been elected Treas.; Bro. Baker, Sec.; and Bro. H. W. Lindus, the first Master of the parent Lodge, Preceptor. The Lodge will meet at the Thicket Hotel every Wednesday evening in the session at half-past seven o'clock.

A Committee has been formed for the purpose of getting subscriptions from members of the Craft in aid of Bro. Geo. Tedder, of the Enoch Lodge, No. 11; Yarborough Chapter, 554; Thistle Lodge of Mark Masons, and K. T. Mount Calvary Encampment. Bro. Tedder was known for many years as an eminent vocalist, but for the last seven years has been afflicted with deafness and nervous affection of the brain, and he is pronounced incurable. In consequence of this calamity, he cannot exercise his profession or contribute to the support of his wife and four young children, the eldest being nine years and the youngest three years old. The object of the committee, is to provide a sum sufficient to clear some debts he has incurred during the last two or three years. Bro. Tedder has been elected to an annuity, but until a sum be raised sufficient to clear off these debts, it will be impossible for him to realise any benefit from it. Subscriptions will be thankfully received by the following brethren, viz:—Bros. C. T. Sutton, P.M., P. Prov. G.A.D.C.; J. Owens, Hon. Sec., 861; F. Binckes, P.M., 11 Secretary of the Boys' School; G. Moultrie, P.M., 11; H. G. Buss, P.M., 27, P.G.T. Middlesex; J. Coutts, P.M., 27, A.G.P.; C. B. Payne, P.M., 27; D. G. Berrie, P.M., 27; D. H. Jacobs, P.M., 27; H. E. Hoare, P.M., 27; J. May, 27; H. S. Friend, P.M., 9; C. Swan, P. Prov. G.D., Herts; O. F. Vallentin, P.M., 869; E. Farthing, P.M., 118, and P. Prov. G.S., Herts; H. Newton, 157; T. Roberts, 205; R. Paget, J.W., 228; J. N. Frost, P.M. 704, and Preceptor, of United Strength Lodge of Instruction; C. H. Fielder, P.M., 715; S. G. Myers, P.M., 715; J. Paddle, P.M., 715; T. Green, Pammure, 720; W. Gregory, S.W., 754; E. M. Davey, P.M., 861; F. Walters P.M. 871; Knight, S.W., 1,107; C. Braid, S.W., 1,196, F. G. Harrison, F. Collinwood, W. Beattie, T. Jepson, G. Nicholls, A. Baddeley.

The Southwark Masonic Charitable Association, held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, is founded to obtain for its Members a Life Governorship in one of the Royal Masonic Charitable Institutions. The subscriptions are one shilling per week, payable on or before the last Tuesday in each month. When the sum of ten guineas is in the Treasurer's hands, a chance for a Life

Governorship will be drawn for by the members. Any lady or gentleman may be proposed as a member, but members of the Craft only will have a voice in the management. Further information may be obtained on application to Bro. M. A. Loewenstark, Hon. Sec., 1 Devereux Court, Essex Street, Strand, W.C. The first ballot will take place on the last Tuesday in January, 1871.

A lodge of instruction, in connection with the Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1,288 has been formed, and meets on Wednesday evenings at the Finsbury Park Tavern, near the Green Lanes, Islington.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction is held at Bro. Dee's, the Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate street, every Tuesday evening at half-past seven, where good Masonic instruction can be obtained as several excellent working Masons regularly attend.

Craft Masonry.

ENGLISH CONSTITUTION.

METROPOLITAN.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday evening, the 9th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, and was very numerously attended by members and visitors; and amongst the latter were Bros. R. Roberts, W.M., 192; A. Cameron, 972; J. Pratt, 907; J. Boyd, P.M., 145; W. H. Anderson, 862; H. Bale, P.M., 185; L. Pristell, 55; W. G. Scott, 91; Huggett, 896; W. Pugh, P.G., Purs., and P.M., 794; besides several Past Masters, amongst whom were Bros. Smith, W. Carpenter, Haydon, Simpson, Elves, Thompson, Simpson, Brett, and J. Smith. Bro. J. R. Foulger presided as W.M.; Bros. Walford, S.W.; and Ferguson, J.W. The Lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bros. Hughes, Needham, and Hancock, were examined as to their proficiency in the science. They were entrusted and retired, and the Lodge having been opened in the third degree, these brethren were respectively raised to the sublime degree in a most able manner by the W.M. The Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and Bros. Russell, Lawrence, and Swinyard were passed to the degree of F.C. The next business was the initiation of Mr. Charles Cruchley, and Mr. Joseph Acason, who were severally balloted for and approved. Being in attendance they were severally instructed into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. This being the usual election night a ballot took place for W.M. for the ensuing year, which resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Walford, S.W. Bro. Joseph Smith was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Daley, Tyler. A jewel was voted to Bro. Foulger, the retiring Master, as a testimony of respect from the brethren towards him, for the manner in which he had discharged his duties during the year. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. On the withdrawal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the formal toasts, after which Bro. Joseph Smith proposed the health of the W.M., and enlarged on his qualities, and the efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties. The W.M. replied, and said if he had given them satisfaction he was amply repaid. The next toasts were "The Initiates" and "The Visitors," which were severally responded to. On the health of the Past Masters being drunk, Bro. H. Thompson took occasion to congratulate the W. Master on the successful year he had passed, and felt assured that he would leave the chair with the good feeling and sincere regard of every member, and though he had followed some ancient Masons who had filled the chair, he was sure what he had done would not suffer by the comparison. He would have a worthy successor, and he (Bro. Thompson) had no doubt would perform his duty, and emulate his brilliant example. He wished to offer a few words to their younger brethren on a subject which was at that time a popular one, as it was the question of education. They

had lately had elections under an Act of Parliament to carry out the great principle of education, but he wished to remind them that for many years past they had schools of instruction open to them which were quite independent of any such power, but were of equal importance to them to attend if they trusted to qualify themselves at the same period to fill the exalted position then occupied by their W.M. Lodges of instruction were always open to them, where experienced Masons were always ready to give them any instruction, without cost and without price, and all they had to do was to go and receive it. If they did not, than they could not be surprised if they did not attain those honours which Freemasonry threw open to them, and which it was in the power of every industrious Mason to obtain. Several other toasts were given, and the evening was spent in complete harmony.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE (No. 534).—The regular meeting was held on Thursday 8th inst. Bro. John Boyd, P.M., and Treasurer, officiated as W.M.; A. H. Williams, J.W.; Videly, S.D.; Szulcowski, P.M.; Merceek, P.M.; Bagster, P.M.; Bros. Cohen, 151, and F. Cherry, 999, were present as visitors; Mr. Weatherhog was initiated.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—The brethren of this lodge held their regular meeting at the Royal Sussex Hotel, Broadway, Hammersmith, on Tuesday, 14th inst. Bros. Thompson Bean Lines, Andrew, P.M.s; Wm. James Anderson, W.M.; J. W. Worthington, S.W.; A. C. Alias, J.W.; and several other brethren were present. Bros. Stiles, Stephens, and Capt. Borlase were present as visitors. Bro. Peters was raised. Bros. McEwen and Middleton were passed. Bro. Knowles was admitted as a joining member. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation.

PERFECT ASILAR LODGE (No. 1178).—A regular meeting was held at the Gregorian Arms Tavern, Bermondsey, E., on Thursday 3rd inst, present:—Bros. Josiah Green, W.M.; W. Avery, F. Ebsworth, P.M.s; Grace, S.W.; Dudley, J.W.; J. Harmsworth, S.D.; J. Fudge, J.D.; Cox, I.G.; J. Ruse, W.S.; F. Walters, Sec.; also Bros. W. May, J. Axtell, G. Mabbs, A. Collins, S. Butcher, P. Fry, J. A. Smith, G. Drapper, and several others. The visitors present were P. P. Carter, 753; E. H. Tipson, S.W. and W.M. elect. 49; J. E. Bowles, P.M. 160. Bros. C. D. Dustin, T. Jones, F. Cox, J. Swinyard, and J. Wootton were passed to the second degree by the W.M. The Deacons, Bros. Harmsworth and Fudge presented the lodge with a pair of wands. 23 sat down to banquet, after which several songs and recitations were most admirably rendered.

MONTEFIORE LODGE (No. 1,017).—The brethren of this lodge met at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, December 14. The chair was occupied by Bro. S. Pollitzer, W.M., supported by his officers:—Bro. F. Phillips, S.W.; N. Abraham, J.W.; E. P. Albert, P.M. Sec.; L. Jacobs, Treas.; G. Blum, S.D.; J. L. Rosenthal, J.D.; B. Ehrman, I.G.; Rev. M. B. Levy, P.M.; S. V. Abrahams, P.M.; H. Eskell, P.M.; G. Brandow, P.M.; J. Lee Solla, P.M., and the following members of the lodge: Bros. Meyer A. Loewenstark, Dantzger, Dalton, Van Vollen, Grunebaum, Churchill, Spiers, Beck, Moore, Knight, Trillut, Carlbach, and many others. The visitors were Bros. John Horvey, G. Sec.; H. G. Buss, Prov. G.T., Middlesex; J. Emanuel, W.M. 205; B. W. Aarons, W.M. 188; M. Isaacs, 185; M. Davis, P.M. 12; P. E. Van Morden, 183; E. T. Loewe, 189; and S. Godfrey. Messrs. F. Wheeler, M. Blum, A. Fox, and W. Klugenstein were initiated, and Bros. Milner Blum, and Pereira were passed, the ceremonies being most ably performed by the W.M. The chair was then taken by Bro. S. V. Abrahams, P.M., and Bro. S. A. Kiech, P.S.W. and W.M. Elect, was obligated and installed in a perfectly faultless manner. The officers were appointed with the addition of Bros. S. Funkenstein, D.C., and Blum, Steward. The banquet, to which about eighty brethren sat down, was presided over by the W.M., and after the usual toasts had been given and responded to the retiring W.M., Bro. Sigismund Pollitzer, was presented with a handsome Past Masters jewel of fine gold and with three brilliants on the square, which had been subscribed for by the brethren in testimony of their appreciation of his services during his year of office. Bro. Pollitzer returned thanks, and the lodge, which had been called off to banquet, was now resumed and closed. Some capital singing during the evening by Bro. E. P. Van Noorden and Frank Elmore, with lady artistes, added to the comforts and pleasure of the meeting.

PROVINCIAL.

DURHAM.

SUNDERLAND.—*Phoenix Lodge* (No. 94).—The brethren of this lodge assembled in their hall, Queen Street, Sunderland, on Wednesday, December 7, to witness the installation of Bro. Thomas Henderson as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. W. Whinham, P.M. The W.M., having been duly placed in the chair, appointed and invested the following officers, viz.:—Bros. W. H. Sharp, I.P.M.; J. S. Pearson, S.W.; R. Lutert, J. W.; J. Riseborough, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Stiles, P.M., Sec.; T. Cairns, S.D.; T. G. Garrick, J.D.; J. Todd, I.G.; J. W. Brown, Tyler; A. Burton, and R. Child, Stewards. The attendance of members and visitors was large, Lodges 80, 97, 949, and 960 being present. Among the brethren present were the W.M. of 97, Bro. M. Allison; Bros. J. Potts, P. Prov. G.J.D.; Hvistendahl P.G.P.

SUNDERLAND.—*Palatine Lodge* (No. 97).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the New Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland, on Thursday, December 8. Bro. B. Levy, P. Prov. J.G.W., ably officiated as installing Master. The following is a full list of officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. W. Skelton, W.M.; M. Allison, I.P.M.; J. J. Clay, S.W.; R. Humphrey, J.W.; B. Levy, P.M., Treas.; T. Younger, Sec.; S. P. Austin, S.D.; J. Crossby, J.D.; J. J. Saville, I.G.; W. M. Laws, Tyler; Denton, D.C.; Johnson Chambers, Coulson and Allard Auditors. The attendance of members and visitors was large, Lodges 80, 94, 240, 949, 960, and 1,017 being represented. Among the brethren present were Bros. R. Dixon, W.M. 80; T. Henderson, W.M. 94; White, W.M. 240; R. Hudson, W.M. 949; W. H. Crookes, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Potts, P. Prov. G.J.D.; P. G. Hvistendahl, Prov. G.P., and others.

ESSEX.

CHELMSFORD.—*Lodge of Good Fellowship*, (No. 276).—The members of this lodge met at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, on Thursday, the 8th inst., to witness the installation of Bro. the Rev. B. S. Barnes as W.M. for the ensuing year. There were present Bros. Andrew Meggy, D. Prov. G.M.; J. Burton, P.G. Treas.; John Wright Carr, Prov. G. Sec.; W. S. Pavitt, W.M., 276; Arthur Goodchild, W.M., 1312; Rev. F. B. Shepherd, George Wakering, Thos. H. Wood, J. P. Sarel, Wm. Butler, Andrew Durrant, and J. F. Bold, P.Ms., 276; Rev. B. S. Barnes, S.W.; Jas. Nicholls, J.W.; A. C. Veley, S.D.; Thos. Smee, J.D.; Jno. W. Hair, Sec.; Geo. F. Skill, I.G.; T. Sarel, Tyler; G. C. Matthews, F. Whitmore, and F. A. Jones, Stewards; W. Tippler, E. H. Carter, C. Toolney, Stephen Kendall, A. Clarke, C. Josling, and W. H. Luard Pattison. Visitors, Bros. Hen. Bird, M.D., P.M.; S. Chaplin, and T. J. Ralling, 51; Geo. Cooper, S.W., 214; Fred. Dawson, S.D. and Org., 211; and Joseph F. Richardson, W.M., and J. E. Wiseman, Sec., 433. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. Peter Matthews, P. Prov. G.J.W., G.D.C., and P.M., 11 and 276; and the W.M. then appointed his officers for the year as follows:—Bros. Jas. Nicholls, S.W.; A. C. Veley, J.W.; Rev. F. B. Shepherd, Chap.; Jno. W. Hair, Sec.; J. Burton, Treas.; T. Smee, S.D.; G. F. Skill, J.D.; C. Josling, I.G.; and T. Sarel, Tyler. On the proposition of the R.W.D. Prov. G.M., Bro. A. Meggy, a cordial vote of congratulation was passed to the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Bagshaw, on his recent marriage. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where an excellent banquet was partaken of. During the evening, the usual loyal and masonic toasts were given and responded to.

LANCASHIRE, (WEST.)

SOUTHPORT.—INSTALLATION MEETING OF LODGE UNITY
(No. 613).

On Monday afternoon, Dec. 5th. there was a very numerous gathering of the brethren of Lodge of Unity, 613, with several visiting brethren of other lodges, at the Masonic Hall, Wright Street, for the purpose of transacting the annual business of the lodge, and especially to pay honour to the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Dodd, who is universally and deservedly esteemed, and who had received the udanimous suffrages of the brethren as the occupant of the chair for the ensuing year. Bro. James Hamer, W. Prov.

G. Treasurer, acted as Installing Master, and most ably discharged his duties, being assisted by Bro. James Platt, P.M., 613, and W.M. 1313, as J.W. There were also present Bros. J. B. Lambert, P. Prov. G.S.D.E.L., P.M., 613, 349, 580; W. Howells, P. Prov. S.G.W. of Staffordshire and Worcestershire, P.G. Treas. Staffordshire; F. Green, P.M., 86; Rev. J. F. Goggin, 32, 314; Arthur Mayhew, W.M., 613; R. Sharrock, P.M., 613, and Prov. G. Steward; R. Jeffries, P.M., 613; W. Roberts, 1678, &c. The beautiful hall was filled with brethren, the majority of whom were connected with the two lodges, 613 and 1313, both of which are in a most flourishing condition.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes were read, the names of two candidates were ballotted for and duly elected to be initiated. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, Bro. Hamer officiating in his usual effective style. During the absence of the brethren Bro. W. Dodd was obligated, and in a Board of Installing Masters, placed in the chair of K.S. in accordance with ancient usage. On the return of the brethren the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted. Bro. J. B. Lambert most impressively delivered a charge to the W.M., and Bro. Hamer gave the usual charges to the newly-appointed officers, who were invested as follows:—Bros. J. Wainwright, S.W.; H. E. Cul-linworth, J.W.; C. H. Brown, Treas.; G. Bailey, Sec.; T. P. Griffiths, S.D.; T. S. Cory, J.D.; J. Platt, P.M., M.C.; R. Ellison, Org.; J. Witham, I.G.; F. Brown, and S. Kershaw, Stewards, and J. Hartley, Tyler. Lodge having been closed down to the first degree, the two candidates who had been ballotted for, Mr. Leith, L. Heyward, and Mr. James Heyward, were initiated into Freemasonry in a very solemn and impressive manner by the W.M., the effect of the ceremony being considerably increased by the introduction of Masonic Music, compiled by Bro. Younghusband, Liverpool, P.M., P.Z., and P. Prov. J.G.D., of which was used in the Lodge, 613 for the first time. Five candidates were proposed for initiation, and then the W.M., in an appropriate manner, presented to Bro. Arthur Mayhew, I.P.M., a P.M. Jewel, as an expression of the esteem of the brethren and in acknowledgment of the many practical manifestations of his interest in Freemasonry, and in Lodge, 613. Bro. Mayhew suitably responded, and the lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the Victoria Hotel, where the Festival of St. John was celebrated by a banquet, provided by Bro. Fred. F. Baker, in the sumptuous style for which this hotel is famed. At the close of the repast, at which Bro. Dodd, W.M., presided, the usual loyal toasts were given with much enthusiasm. The health of Earl de Grey and Ripon, M.W.G.M. of England, followed, and was most cordially received. In proposing the health of Sir Thomas G. Fermor-Hesketh, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. and the Prov. G. Officers, the chairman referred to the great interest the R.W. Prov. G.M. took in the Craft, and his earnest desire for its promotion.

Bro. James Hamer, W. Prov. G. Treas, in responding, said that he had spent many happy hours in the company of the R.W. Prov. G.M., who manifested the greatest affability and friendship towards his brethren, and who, with the whole of the officers, exerted themselves very heartily for the advancement of the Craft.

Bro. Robert Sharrock, Prov. G. Steward, felt proud in having been selected out of the lodge 613 to hold office in the Prov. G.L., and would do his utmost to hand down unsullied to his successor the collar and badge he then wore.

Bro. Mayhew, I.P.M., then proposed the health of Bro. Dodd, W.M., who, he said, was justly entitled to the honour that day conferred upon him as a proper return for the time, the energy, and patience, the brotherly kindness, and various other good qualities he had displayed ever since his introduction into Masonry. He, (the speaker) hoped that it would not be long before such an earnest and sanguine Mason would hold a Provincial position, which his devotedness to Masonry richly merited.

The toast was enthusiastically received.

The W.M., in responding, acknowledged thankfully the very cordial expression of the esteem manifested by his brother Masons. He must admit that since the day of his initiation he had been increasingly delighted with the principles of the Craft, and had done his utmost to understand the why and the wherefore of its mysteries. Masonry must commend itself to every intelligent person, who, without prejudice, enquired into its tenets, and influence. It was, in his opinion, the most glorious system for the guidance of human conduct of the face of the earth,

except religion itself. If the principles of Masonry had pervaded the nations dwelling upon the Continent, the frightful scourge of war would be unknown, and peace and amity would prevail. The longer he lived the more he was impressed with the beauty of the system, and he would use all the influence connected with the honourable position they had so kindly given to him for the extension of the pure and elevating doctrine it inculcated. In this high endeavour he felt sure that he should be very materially assisted by the officers, who had that day been invested, and who had been selected, not from personal motives, but on account of their efficient discharge of the duties of other offices they had previously held. If they went on as they had begun, the ensuing year would be one of hard work. Of this he should not complain, and he should spare no effort to make his period of office happy for themselves and successful for Masonry.

The W.M. then said he had great pleasure in giving them the health of one of his Masonic schoolmasters, Bro. James Hamer, W. Prov. G. Treasurer, who had so ably officiated as Installing Master. Bro. Hamer was always ready to aid them on every occasion, he hoped he would live long and often favour them with his presence.

Bro. Hamer in responding said he had only done his duty. When he was initiated he was told to make progress in Masonry every day, always provided that attention to it did not interfere with his business, or other important duties. He had tried to practise this advice, and he was still progressing, for new lights were continually springing up, and the more he studied the more he discovered fresh beauties. Though he had been connected with Masonry for many years he was not tired of it, and was very glad to be of any service to his Southport brethren, for whom he had a high regard. What he had witnessed that day of the love and harmony which prevailed had greatly pleased him, and he hoped it would long continue, and, if possible, increase.

The W.M. in giving the "I.P.M. of Lodge 613," referred to many proofs of good feeling exhibited by Bro. Arthur Mayhew in the prosperity of the lodge. Among those he might mention the gift of new collars, and his handsome donation towards the debt fund.

Bro. Mayhew said he was very sensible of their great kindness to him that day, especially in the gift of the beautiful jewel which had been presented to him as a token of their respect. He had a high regard for Masonry, which he looked upon as a most powerful agent in diffusing genuine and hearty brotherly love. He could not class Freemasonry with religion, but it ranks next to it, for just as religion introduced into a district permeates the whole and produces the highest good, so in a lesser degree does Freemasonry, with its sublime and beautiful ceremonies, tend to make them better men. It was a mistake to suppose that Freemasonry taught or encouraged revelry or impropriety of any kind; it inculcated the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth; the hand of fellowship was ever to be outstretched, especially to brethren in need, their feet were always to be ready to run for the relief of distress, and their heart quick to feel for and sympathise with those in trouble.

The W.M. then gave "The Past Masters of Lodge 613," whom he described as true and noble friends of Masonry, who in past years had well and worthily served its interests. He would specially mention Bro. Lambert, who in 1854 was the father and founder of the Lodge 613, and whom the G.A. of the U. had spared to be amongst them on this happy occasion.

Bro. Lambert, who was very heartily received, referred in an interesting manner to the origin of the Lodge 613, which at its commencement was very prosperous, no fewer than thirty-five members having been admitted during the first year, but nearly all had been taken from them; some had left their good names and characters behind them, and would be over thought upon with love and regard. Among these he specially mentioned the late Bro. Thomas Ridgway Bridson, who was an honour to our society and the Craft in general—a man of high purposes and generous impulses, who was so unostentatious in his kindness that his left hand ne'er knew what his right had done. Bro. Ralph Holding must also be remembered as a good and valued brother. These and other friends and brethren were gone before them for a short time. Might it be the privilege of all, when they stood before the bar of the Almighty, to receive the reward of a well-spent life. He hoped the harmony which now prevailed would long continue.

Bros. George Woods, P.M.; G. B. Scholes, P.M.; and Robert Jeffries, P.M., also responded.

The W.M. next gave "The newly-invested Officers of Lodge 613."

Bro. Wainwright, S.W., respu ded, and spoke in the highest terms of the admirable features of Masonry. Its preferences were not distributed from partiality, but according to merit and ability, and he hoped he and his brother officers would evince their gratitude for the honours conferred upon them by zeal and fidelity in the future.

Bro. Griffiths, S.D., in acknowledging the toast, said one of the pleasing characteristics of Masonry was that it knocked off all superfluous knobs and excrescences. It was a most beautiful system, and the more they became acquainted with its mysteries, and the better they knew themselves, the better would they be able to work for the advantage of their fellow men.

The next toast was "The Retiring Officers of Lodge, 613," which was heartily received.

The W.M. then said he was very happy to give a new toast on such occasions. Freemasonry had progressed so rapidly that it had been thought desirable to have another lodge in Southport, and he was specially pleased to refer to their daughter, the Fernor Lodge, and give "The Health of Bro. James Platt, P.M. of 613, and W.M. of 1313."

The toast was most heartily received.

Bro. Platt responded, stating that the daughter had great respect for her mother, and had shown it in several ways. If 17 years ago, when Southport was but a village, it was thought desirable to found a lodge, surely now, that it contained four times the population, there ought to be two prosperous lodges.

"The Auditors" was then given, and responded to by Bros. Walton and Green.

"The Visiting Brethren" followed, and was responded to by Bro. Rev. J. F. Goggin, who said that the proceedings of the evening had done him much good. He thought that clergymen required an evening of that kind to cheer them. He regretted that the reverend gentleman who had spoken at a banquet the other evening was not present on that occasion, as he (the speaker) would have assured him that whenever he met Non-conformist ministers he had always found them what such gentlemen should be, and he entertained a high regard for them. If they and clergymen knew more of Freemasonry they would be better fitted for their work, for it elevated the mind and improved the heart. He wished for the W.M. and his officers strength for their duties, and happiness in the discharge of them, and when at last their work on earth was over, they would all receive the "well-done" and the reward "Come ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you."

Bro. Howells, P. Prov. S.G.W. of Staffordshire and Worcestershire, Prov. G. Treas., of Staffordshire, also responded, saying how greatly pleased he had been with the working of the lodge that afternoon, when the W.M. just installed gave ample proof of his Masonic ability. "What one can do another can imitate," and he recommended all to strive to ascend the Masonic ladder, and so attain the high honour the W.M. had secured, and thus live respected, and die regretted.

Bro. Newett, 1313, in further response to the toast, said that having been for some time a member of a Liverpool lodge, he had been thoroughly delighted at the working of the lodges in Southport, and expressed his high regard for the brethren generally.

"The Newly Initiated Brethren" was the next toast, and was responded to by Bro. Leigh Leyland Heyward, and Bro. James Heyward.

Bro. Hartley, Tyler, then gave "Poor and Distressed Masons, and speedy relief," which brought the toasts to an end, about eleven o'clock.

The proceedings were most pleasantly diversified with songs rendered by several of the brethren in most admirable style; the contributions of this kind being given by Bros. Turvey, Marchbank, C. H. Brown, Howell, Kershaw, Walton, Chadwick, Ellison, Jefferies, and Beckett. Bros. Turvey and Ellison presided at the pianoforte. The evening was most agreeably spent, several of the older brethren saying that they did not remember a more delightful gathering in the history of Freemasonry in Southport.

ULVERSTONE.—*Lodge of Furness* (No. 995).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. Present:—Bros. John Case, W.M.; R. Pearson, S.W.; T. Dodgson, as J.W.; G. Butcher, Treas.; Robert James, Sec.; R. Dodgson, S.D.; James Paxton, J.D.; R. Cusson, Org.

M. Wilson, I.G.; Crook and Blacklock, Stewards; Barber, P.M.; Kennington, P.M., and Dir. of Cers.; and upwards of forty-five members. The visitors present were Bros. John Mills Lewis, 872; James Bradshaw, J.D. 150; and J.F. Poole, Concord, 343. The lodge having been duly opened and the minutes confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. B. P. Parker, which was unanimous, and he was initiated by the W.M. Bro. Hudson was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. Barber, P.M. The election of the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. Bro. Dodgson was elected W.M.; Bro. Crook, Treas.; and Bro. Robinson, Tyler. An Audit Committee was appointed, and arrangements made for banquet, and it was unanimously decided to ask Bro. Moore, P. Prov. G.S. of Works, to act as Installing Master. Other business was also transacted and the lodge closed at 10:30 p.m.

LANCASHIRE (EAST).

LANCASTER.—*Rowley Lodge, No. 1051.*—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 5th instant, at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., the chair was occupied by W. Bro. Dr. Moore, P.M., P. Prov. G.S. of W., who was supported by Bro. W. Bagnall, as I.P.M.; Bro. N. G. Mercer, S.W.; Bro. John Hatch, W.M., 281, as J.W.; Bros. C. E. Dodson; Wilson Barker, Treas.; J. Conlon, R. Taylor, and J. Watson. Visitors, W. Bros. E. Simpson, P.M. and Sec. 281; and B. Mills, 281. The Lodge was opened, minutes read and confirmed, and other business transacted. The ballot was taken for the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, which resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. Niel Gray Mercer, M.D., the present Senior Warden of the Lodge, to that office. Bro. Wilson Barker was re-elected Treasurer, and a vote of thanks awarded to him for his past services. Bro. R. Taylor was elected Tyler. The Installation of the W.M. elect was fixed for Friday, the 23rd inst. sub-committee for various purposes were appointed; and votes for the Royal Albert Asylum resolved upon for seven of the candidates. This concluding the business of the Lodge, it was closed in due form.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

LEICESTER.—*St. John's Lodge, No. 279.*—The last regular monthly meeting of this Lodge for the year was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 7th inst, when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. Amongst the brethren present, in addition to the W.M., Bro. Stanley, M.R.C.S.; were P.M.'s Kelly, R.W. Prov. G.M., Clarke, and Weare; Crow, J.W.; Palmer, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; Widdowson, I.G.; Gosling, Thorpe, Porter, Capt. Goodchild, Halford, McAllister, Rowbotham, Gurdon, Barber, as Sec.; Statham, Blankley, Hart, Shuttlewood, Pye, Beeton, and C. Bembridge, Tyler. Visitors, Bros. John Messent, P.M., and Treas., 281; H. Wheeler (Paris), late of No. 279, and Buzzard, W.M.; Toller, Johnson, and Capt. Millican, P.M.'s; Sculthorpe, S.W.; Rev. Dr. Haycroft, J.W. (who officiated as Chaplain); Partridge, S.D.; Baines, Sec., Mace, I.G.; Whitaker, A. Wood and Lange, of No. 523. The first business after the formal opening of the Lodge and reading the minutes, and the receipt of apologies for unavoidable absence from Bro. Stretton, S.W. (who came later); and Dr. Pearce, Sec., was to ballot for Mr. W. Tye, and Mr. W. Beeton, as candidates for Freemasonry, who were unanimously elected. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bros. Shuttlewood and Statham having passed an examination therein, a Lodge of M.M.'s was then opened, and they were raised to that sublime degree. The Lodge having been lowered to the first degree, Messrs. Pye and Beeton were initiated into our mysteries. During the ceremonies of the evening Bro. C. Johnson, P. Prov. G.O.; presided at the organ, and, assisted by other brethren, gave the musical chants, &c. This being the period for the election of W.M., a ballot took place, which resulted in the election of the S.W., Bro. Clement Stretton, P. Prov. G. Reg. A proposition having been made, and agreed to *nem. con.* (as had already been done in the John of Gaunt Lodge), that a full dress Masonic ball should take place in Leicester in the course of the winter, a committee of this Lodge, with power to add to their number, was appointed, to act with a similar committee of the sister lodge, to make the necessary arrangements. The festival of the Lodge, and the

installation of the W.M. having been fixed to take place on St. John's Day, Tuesday, the 27th instant, the Prov. G.M. announced that the brethren of the Lodge at Hinckley had arranged to celebrate their annual festival by a Masonic Ball at the Town Hall on the following day. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

MARKET HARBOUROUGH.—*St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1830.*—A monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Assembly Room, Three Swans Hotel, on Friday, the 9th instant, when, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. (Bro. Kelly, Prov. G.M.), Bro. Toller, P.M., No. 523, and Prov. G. Sec., presided and conducted the ceremonies of the evening in his usual efficient manner. The other brethren present were Sir H. St. John Halford, Bart., S.W.; Rev. J. F. Halford, J.W.; Marris, P.M. Sec.; Kemp, S.D.; Douglass, Macaulay, M.R.C.S.; Dr. Grant, Freestone, Martin, Whitehead, Fuller, Lawrence, Symington, Newton, Platford, and Clarke and Bembridge, Tylers. Visitors, Bro. Buzzard, W.M., No. 523; Crow, J.W., No. 279, and Prov. G.O. (who most ably conducted the musical part of the ceremonies); Fentiman, No. 607; and Harrison, No. 712. The Lodge having been opened, a telegram addressed to the S.W. was read from the W.M. expressing regret at his unavoidable absence, and requesting that Bro. Toller would kindly fill his place. The Treasurer, Bro. Waite, P.M., was also absent from severe indisposition. A ballot was taken for the Rev. Francis Morgan Beaumont, M.A., vicar of Farndon, who was duly elected as a candidate for Masonry. Bros. Newton and Platford were passed as Fellow Crafts, and four candidates out of twelve, viz., Bros. Douglass, Macaulay, Freestone, and Martin, were most impressively raised to the third degree. Bro. J. J. Harrison, of the Lindsay Lodge, No. 712, having been proposed as a joining member, the Lodge was closed for refreshment.

SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION).

SWANSEA.—CONSECRATION OF TALBOT LODGE.

Perhaps the largest assemblage of Freemasons that has ever been held in Swansea gathered together on Thursday, the 8th inst., to assist in the opening, consecration, and dedication of a new Masonic Lodge.

The lodge is named the "Talbot" Lodge, after the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Theodore Mansel Talbot, son of the Lord Lieutenant of the county, who performed the ceremony of Consecration, assisted by Bro. Clement S. C. Gardner, W.M. of the Cambrian Lodge, Neath; Bro. T. Jenkin Jones, W.M. of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, Merthyr Tydfil; Bro. Edward Daniel, W.M. of the Afan Lodge, Aberavon; and Bro. Wm. Morris, P.M. of St. David's Lodge, Aberdare.

The whole of the lodges in the province were represented, and there were visitors from Aberystwyth, Tenby, Llanelly, Pontypool, Chester, Highbridge, Clonmel, Londonderry, New York, and other distant places, the whole of those present numbering upwards of 150.

The lodge was opened by the W.M. of the Cambrian Lodge, Neath, assisted by the P.M.'s of his lodge as officers. The R.W. the Prov. G.M., the W.D. Prov. G.M., and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, entered the lodge in procession, marshalled by the Prov. G. Dir. or Cers. The chair of the lodge was then taken by the R.W. the Prov. G.M., who proceeded to consecrate and dedicate the lodge, in conformity with ancient custom—a most solemn and impressive ceremony—which can only be appreciated by those who are privileged to take part in it. The Master of the new lodge was then installed by the R.W. Prov. G.M., the honour falling to the lot of the D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Edward J. Morris, whose perfect knowledge of Masonry especially fits him for the onerous office. Other ceremonials incidental to the occasion were then gone through, together with some formal business, after which the officers of the new lodge were appointed and invested as follows:—Bros. Chas. Bath, P. Prov. S.G.W., as S.W.; George Brown Brock, P. Prov. G.J.W., as J.W.; Charles Tebbotts Heartley, Prov. G. Chap., as Chaplain; Samuel Browning Power, as Treas.; William Cox, P. Prov. G. Treas., as Sec.; Richard Aubrey Essery, as S.D.; John Jones Hewson, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers., as J.D.; James Griffith Hall, Prov. S.G.W., as Dir. of Cers.; George Allen, P. Prov. G. Sec., as Organist; Howel Walters Williams, P. Prov. G. Purs., as I.G.; and Henry Simons, Tyler.

The jewels of the officers are all of massive silver, and have

been presented by the officers of the lodge, being of the most chaste and beautiful description. We also understand that further costly presentations are in course of being made by members.

At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony, and after the business of the lodge was over, a grand banquet took place in the banqueting-hall, to which upwards of 126 sat down. The catering of Bro. William Stone, of the Mackworth Hotel, was all that could be desired, and gave entire satisfaction. An official list of toasts was gone through, and met with a suitable response. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Leonard Middleton, P. Prov. G. Organist, whose efforts were ably supplemented by Bros. John Jones-Hewson, Henry Green, Wm. Cox, T. Smith (Aberystwith); Henry Davies, and other brethren of well known musical ability.

The list of toasts was as follows:—"The Queen and the Craft;" "the M.W. The Grand Master;" "The R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon;" "The R.W., the Prov. Grand Master," who responded; "The W., the Deputy Prov. Grand Master," who also responded; "The Provincial Grand Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. E. G. Thomas of the Glamorgan Lodge, who responded; "The Lodges of the Province," coupled with the name of Bro. Gardiner, of the Neath Lodge, who responded; "Success to the Talbot Lodge, 1323," coupled with the name of the W.M., who responded; "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bro. W. Harris, of the Tenby Lodge, and Bro. T. Smith, of the Aberystwith Lodge, both of whom responded; "The Officers of the Lodge," coupled with the names of Bro. Chas. Bath, S.W., and Bro. G. B. Brock, J.W., both of whom responded; and "The Candidates," coupled with the names of two brethren who were initiated on that occasion—Bro. John Jones Jenkins, ex-Mayor, of Swansea, and Bro. Walter Mills, Castle Street, both of whom responded in suitable terms.

The following is a complete list of brethren who took part in the consecration, the great majority of whom also sat down to the banquet:—The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Theodore Mansell Talbot; The Worshipful the D. Prov. Grand Master, Edward J. Morris; Bros. J. G. Hall, Prov. S.G.W.; Charles Bath, P. Prov. S.G.W.; F. D. Michael, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Lieut-Col. E. S. Hill, Prov. J.G.W.; P. H. Rowland, P. Prov. J.G.W.; Rowland Thomas, P. Prov. J.G.W.; G. B. Brock, P. Prov. J.G.W.; the Rev. C. T. Heartley, Prov. G. Chap.; the Rev. J. D. Davies, P. Prov. G. Chap.; the Rev. David Thomas, P. Prov. G. Chap.; Clement S. B. Gardiner, Prov. G. Treas.; William Cox, P. Prov. G. Treas.; W.M. Rees, P. Prov. G. Treas.; J. T. D. Llewellyn, P. Prov. G. Reg.; M. Tennant, P. Prov. G. Reg.; W. Whittington, Prov. G. Sec.; G. Allen, P. Prov. G. Sec.; John Jones, jun., P. Prov. G. Sec.; S. Nash, P. Prov. S.G.D.; Thomas Hodge, P. Prov. S.G.D.; H. Cuthbertson, P. Prov. S.G.D.; Edward Daniel, Prov. J.G.D.; J. D. Williams, D. Prov. J.G.D.; T. Jenkin Jones, Prov. G. Sup. Works; J. Jones-Hewson, Prov. G.D.C.; Evan Jones Thomas, P. Prov. G.D.C.; Peter Donaldson, P. Prov. G.D.C.; S. Weichart, P. Prov. G.D.C.; Leonard Middleton, P. Prov. G. Org.; T. Carlyle, P. Prov. G. Org.; Laurence Tulloch, P. Prov. G.S.B.; Henry Green, P. Prov. G. Purst.; H. Davies, Prov. G. Steward; W. E. Chalinder, P. Prov. G. Steward; R. W. Thomas, P. Prov. G. Steward; Edwin Pole, P. Prov. G. Steward; George Bradford, P. Prov. G. Steward; Dominick Watson, P. Prov. G. Steward; G. T. Smith, P.M., Aberystwith Lodge, and Prov. G. Sec. of Western Division of South Wales; W. Vaughan, Prov. G. Sup. Works, Aberystwith Lodge, and Prov. G. Sec. of Western Division of South Wales; Signor Quaglieni, Jonathan Pell; W. Harris, W.M. Tenby Lodge, 1177; W. Humphreys; E. L. Heath; E. Prosser, Kennard Lodge 1258; G. J. Jacob; W. Williams, Philanthropic Lodge, 88; J. C. Sladen; Edward Preece; A. Stone, Prince of Wales Lodge, 671; G. A. Drysdale, Londonderry, 196; E. Williams, Chester, 721; C. Ffennell, Clonmell, 44; W. Crook, Antiquity, New York; Edward A. Moore, P.M., 631; G. E. Robinson, J. T. Jenkin, Charles Thomas Wilson, Samuel B. Power, R. A. Essery, W. H. Essery, G. B. Haynes, J. C. Manning, "Western Mail," correspondent to the "Freemasons' Magazine," J. V. Spencer, Alfred Baker, James Rogers, James Harris, E. F. Daniel, W. T. Canton, J. Goodall, G. Bullerwell, John Lewis, (St. Thomas), A. Hall, J. Rogers, W. R. Tremellen, T. W. R. Mason, J. M. Curnow, Charles Moore, (Sketty). E. M. Castle, D. Evans, Rev. G. P. Evans, D. W. Johns, W. Levy, G. Shaddick, J. H. Burgess, S. Goldberg, J. Jones, T. Walters, W. Griffiths, D. B. Turberville, F. C. Chubb, A. Harris,

H. D. Pearce, J. Bowen, R. Thomas, W. G. Davies, W. Randall, James Gosden, J. Westren, C. Harris, Geo. Tweedy, W. Powell, T. D. Daniel, W. Whitelaw, D. Jones, W. Morris, G. H. White, A. Young, H. Williams, and C. H. Chubb.

The banquet being over, and the usual official toasts having been given,

The President, Bro. E. J. Morris, rose to propose "The R.W. the Prov. G.M., Bro. Talbot." He said it afforded him the greatest possible pleasure to propose the toast, for the first time, in the Talbot Lodge, and he hoped, amongst the many other good qualities which he trusted the lodge would be able to boast, loyalty to their chief would be most prominent. The toast had been often proposed in the province, often received with the greatest cordiality, and often drunk with the greatest enthusiasm. He was quite sure the Talbot Lodge would in no way be different from any other lodge in the province. Associated as he himself was with the work,—the hard work,—and the important duties of a province like this, it was only to visit other lodges and to return home and see how the work was done there, to give them every encouragement. It was with special pride that he said it, but he did, and he did it proudly—he challenged any province to produce such a Right Worshipful and worthy Provincial Grand Master as they had in the Eastern Division of South Wales. The toast was received with the usual honours.

Bro. Talbot responded, and paid a very high compliment to Bro. E. J. Morris's great Masonic efficiency. He also added that he should take especial interest in the Talbot Lodge, as it was the only lodge he had consecrated since he came into office, and an additional incentive existed in the fact that the lodge was associated with his name. He concluded by proposing the health of the Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, to whom he largely attributed the excellent work of Masonry in the provinces, and who had taken a deep interest in the formation of the Talbot Lodge.

Bro. Morris briefly responded, and proposed "The Provincial Grand Officers," coupling with the toast the names of Bro. E. J. Thomas, of the Glamorgan Lodge, Cardiff, who responded.

The President next proposed "The Lodges of the Province," coupled with the name of Bro. Gardiner, of the Neath Lodge.

Bro. Gardiner responded to the toast in suitable terms.

Bro. Talbot next proposed "The Talbot Lodge, and success to the W.M." He said he had watched the progress of the Talbot Lodge from the hour it was projected up to the present moment, and he had now to express his very sincere approbation of all that had been done to establish it. He was quite sure it must prosper. It was presided over by one of the most perfect Masons in the country, and supported by officers of known skill and ability; and he felt certain that it would become one of the first lodges of which the Craft could boast.

The President responded in an eloquent speech, expressive of the great love which he had for Masonry, and if the desire on the part of himself and the officers of the lodge, to make it what it ought to be.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. W. Harris, of the Tenby Lodge, and by Bro. T. Smith, of the Aberystwith Lodge.

The President then proposed "The Officers of the Talbot Lodge," coupling with the toast the names of Bro. Chas. Bath, S.W., and G. B. Brock, J.W.

Bro. Bath responded, and expressed the pleasure he felt in being privileged to take office in the new lodge. It was extremely gratifying for them to know that what they had done in forming the Talbot had met with the unqualified approbation of the R.W. the Prov. G.M. This would be a great encouragement for them to persevere, and to discharge their duties to his still further satisfaction.

Bro. Brock also briefly responded. He believed that the consecration of the Talbot Lodge was the commencement of a new epoch in Masonry in that province. He felt it to be something to take part in so impressive, so solemn a ceremony. They had a Master who possessed an entire knowledge of Masonry, both artistically and scientifically, theoretically and practically, and who worked it efficiently, ably, satisfactorily, and successfully. Under such auspices, they could not do other than prosper.

Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, which brought a most harmonious and agreeable gathering to a conclusion.

SOUTH WALES, (EASTERN DIVISION.)

CARDIFF.—*Bute Lodge*, (No. 960.—At the regular meeting of this flourishing lodge on Tuesday, there was a very large attendance of the brethren, and the altogether inadequate accommodation of the Lodge Room in Consulate Chambers was sorely tried by the addition of an unusual number of visitors, including the W.M. of the Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36, the W.M. of the Isca Lodge, No. 683, Newport, and the W.M. of the Silurian Lodge, No. 471, Newport, who, together with his past Masters, Officers and brethren to the number of thirty, paid a special visit to Bro. Ware, upon this his last night of office as W.M. Lodge was opened punctually at 6 o'clock, by the W.M., supported by Bro. P. Bird, as I.P.M. Bros. Jas. Hurman, S.W.; S. Weichert, J.W.; Rev. N. Jacobs, Chap.; W. H. Martin, P.M., Treas.; D. Blleloch, Sec.; W. J. Yorath, Assist. Sec.; T. C. Shelper, S.D.; W. E. Vaughan, J.D.; F. Atkins, Org.; T. W. Jacobs, I.G.; T. B. Bell, P.M.; P. Prov. G.S.W.; and other members of the lodge to the number of over thirty. Visitors, Bros. S. Fox, P. Prov. G. Chap., W.M., 471; R. J. Chambers, W.M., 683; Geo. Robertson, Prov. G.S.D., W.M. 36; R. J. Fisher, P. Prov. G. O., P.M. 36; Edw. Wells, P. Prov. G.S.W., P.M. 471; Wm. Pickford, P. Prov. G. Treas., P.M. 471; Wm. Williams, P. Prov. G. Sec., P.M. 471; B. Thomas, P. Prov. G.S.D., P.M. 471; H. S. Gratte, S.W. (and W.M. elect,) 471; W. Randall, J.W. 471; W. Wade, S.D. 471; W. Watkins, J.D. 471; Chas. Rowe, I.G., 471; Alfd. Tayler; F. Orders; W. Oliver; C. W. Ingram; C. P. Evans; G. B. Passadaro; Jno. James; A. Isaacs; S. Has-kin; A. P. Williams; W. E. Raymond; Geo. Tweedy; A. Judd; W. Sines; J. Horner; W. Wade; B. Briggs; H. Bailey; Jos. Davis; H. Fletcher; all of 471; J. H. Cohen, 188; R. A. Luther, 120; C. Johnson, 320; H. Doherty, 374; &c. The minutes of the last lodge and of a Lodge of Emergency having been confirmed, a ballot was taken for two candidates; one of the gentlemen was in attendance, but the lodge was deprived of the interest of an initiation ceremony from the unusual circumstance of the candidate demanding time to study the declaration before signing it. This being the night appointed for the election of Master, the voting papers were distributed, and having been deposited upon the pedestal for examination by the W.M., he declared the result to be for the Senior Warden 29 votes, and for a P.M. (evidently in mistake) 1 vote, whereupon an irrepressible brother, to the evident amusement of the visitors, but slightly to the annoyance of the lodge, with a much greater amount of zeal than judgment, insisted that "scrutineers" be appointed in accordance with a Bye-Law framed in view of a contest for the chair, and voted a bore in a case where perfect unanimity was known to exist. Bro. Hurman suitably acknowledged the honour conferred upon him. Upon the proposition of the W.M., Bro. W. H. Martin, P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Davies, Prov. G. Tyler. The banquet in connection with the Annual Festival of the lodge, on Friday 30th inst., was fixed to be held at the Royal Hotel. The W.M. now requested that in accordance with the undeviating custom of the lodge, a cordial welcome might be given to the numerous visiting brethren, and particularly to the W.M. and members of the Lodge, 471, who had done him the honour of paying an official visit on this occasion. He reminded the brethren that the most cordial, and intimate relations had always existed between the Silurian and Bute Lodges, and felt sure they would not soon forget the truly fraternal and hospitable manner in which they were received when they paid a similar visit to the former lodge a few months since. Bro. Fox, W.M., in reply, expressed the gratification it afforded him, to receive and to return such friendly and truly Masonic visits, and also spoke in very flattering terms of the abilities of the W.M. Having been present at his Installation, nearly a twelvemonth since he then felt satisfied that the Bute Lodge had made the best possible selection, and was therefore by no means surprised to find that the honour, usefulness, and reputation of the lodge had been fully sustained by the skill and ability with which he had managed its affairs, and the happiness of the brethren generally, promoted by the zeal and assiduity with which he had promulgated the general tenets and principles of the order. The brethren were then called off to refreshment, when the

W.M. in suitable terms proposed "Prosperity to the Silurian Lodge, and the health of the W.M., Rev. Bro. Fox, "to which Bro. Fox responded in an eloquent manner, and afterwards proposed "Prosperity to the Bute Lodge, and the health of Bro. Ware, W.M." This compliment having been duly acknowledged, the lodge was again called on to labour, and the business of a most delightful meeting was closed in ample time for the comfortable return of the Newport brethren by the 9 o'clock train. The next meeting of the Lodge will take place on Friday 30th inst., when the Installation ceremony, preceded by initiations will be performed by the retiring W.M.

GLAMORGAN.—*Glamorgan Lodge* (No. 36).—An interesting meeting of this ancient lodge was held on Friday evening, 9th inst. when, according to previous announcement, the W.M. of the Bute Lodge, No. 960, paid an official visit, together with his officers, and a large number of the brethren. The officers present were: Bros. Geo. Robertson, Prov. G.S.D., W.M.; R. J. Fisher, P. Prov. G. Org., P.M.; S. Cooper, S.W.; Rees Jones, J.W., P.M.; Roberts, P. Prov. G.J.W., P.M., Treas., and Sec.; R. Fisher, S.D.; F. C. Hill, J.D.; Dr. Taylor, &c. Amongst the visitors were Bros. F. Ware, Prov. G. Registrar, W.M. 960; J. Hurman, S.W., and W.M. elect 960; S. Weichert, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers., and J.W. 960; W. H. Martin, P. Prov. G.S.D., and P.M. and Treas. 960; D. Roberts, P.M. 960; W. H. Davies, 960; Thos. Haynes, 960; Dr. Richards, 963; T. W. Jacob, 960; H. Fothergill, 960; H. E. Allen, 960; S. Roberts, 960; and R. Fisher, 960. Lodge was opened in due form at half-past seven o'clock, when the minutes of the last regular lodge were confirmed. The W.M. then accorded to the W.M. and brethren of the Bute Lodge a most fraternal greeting. He regretted that there was not a fuller attendance of members of his own lodge, but explained that several of the Past Masters and Officers had not returned from Swansea, whither they had been attracted by the interesting and important ceremony which had then just taken place. He alluded, in the most feeling manner, to the very intimate and cordial relationship which now existed between the Sister Lodges, and amidst the plaudits of his brethren, expressed his determination by every means in his power, both in and out of office, to promote that good feeling, and to cement the bond of union. Bro. Ware, W.M. 960, thanked the brethren of the Glamorgan Lodge most sincerely for the truly fraternal and in every way Masonic manner in which he, the officers, and members of his lodge had been received during the evening. Having been much accustomed to a frequent interchange of these friendly lodge visits in his native province (Bristol), he has felt rather disappointed upon settling in the province to find them of such rare occurrence. In addition to the mutual instruction which the lodges might by this means receive in their ritual observances, and in addition to the fact that such visits were strictly enjoined by their ancient constitutions, he (Bro. Ware) from long experience, could affirm that nothing so much tended to foster and nourish that spirit of harmony and that kind of brotherly love which ought to exist between all lodges, more particularly between lodges of the same province, still more between lodges in the same town, and most of all between such as stood in the close relationship as are the Bute and the Glamorgan, viz. that of mother and daughter lodges. During his tenure of the chair it had been his pleasure and privilege to visit every lodge in the province, and not long since, accompanied by about thirty members of his lodge, he had paid an official visit to the W.M. of the Silurian Lodge, Newport, which visit had been returned at the last meeting of the Bute Lodge, when nearly forty brethren paid him the compliment of travelling from Newport to attend his lodge. He (Bro. Ware) had been told by some brethren, he supposed a little more ceremonious than himself, that it would be something like a "breach of Masonic Etiquette" on the part of the 'Bute' at this time to visit the 'Glamorgan,' inasmuch as there was already a visit due by the latter to the former, but he had not allowed any such 'crotchet' as that to influence him one moment, in regard to that which he considered his Masonic duty. He felt satisfied that any such omission had been purely of accident, and by no means of design, and it had afforded him the greatest pleasure to embrace the only remaining opportunity his expiring year of office, admitted to pay that mark of respect which he trusted would never be neglected by any succeeding W.M. of the Bute Lodge. Bro. Sherman, W.M. elect (by request of his W.M.), followed with an invitation to the brethren to attend his installation ceremony

on 30th inst., and Bro Martin, P.M., as an old member of both lodges, having made a few suitable remarks, the regular business was continued, and the lodge closed at nine o'clock.

SUFFOLK.

IPSWICH.—*British Union Lodge* (No. 114).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday, December 8, when there were present the following:—W. Bro. E. J. Lockwood, *M.A.*, D. Prov. G.M., Suffolk; Bros. A. J. Barber, W.M., Prov. G. Organist, 18; Philip Cornell, W.M. Elect. S.W.; Charles Schulen, P.M. and J.W.; C. F. Long, S.D.; J. Fosdick, J.D.; W. Spalding, Sec.; W. Boby, P.M. 114; F. Gull, P.M. 114; Emma Holmes, P.M. 531; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, *M.A.*, P.M. 959, P. Prov. G.C.; W. A. Elliston, *M.D.*, P.M. 376; W. A. Smith, W.M. elect, 376, Prov. G.D.C.; G. S. Golding, W.M. Elect, 225; W. H. Lucie, P.M. 1,008, Prov. G. Sec.; H. G. Moore, P.M. 114; W. P. Mills, *M.D.*, P.M. 376; J. W. Sheridan, P.M., Phoenix Lodge, Stowmarket; W. P. Lewis, W.M. 51; G. A. Turner, P.M. 114; P. Prov. G.D.; U. Tracey, P.M. 114; W. T. Westgate, W.M. 959, P. Prov. G.D.C.; C. Davey, P.M. 225; The lodge having been opened in ancient form by Bro. Barber, W.M., he resigned the gavel to W. Bro. Rev. E. J. Lockwood, D. Prov. G.M., Suffolk, who performed the ceremony of installation and inducted Bro. P. Cornell into the chair of K.S. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year; A. J. Barber, I.P.M.; C. F. Long, S.W.; W. Boby, J.W.; W. Spalding, Sec.; C. Schulen, Treas.; C. Meadows, S.D.; H. Fosdick, J.D.; F. Gull, M.C.; Rev. E. J. Lockwood, Chap.; G. Spalding, Tyler. After the other business of the evening had been transacted the lodge adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, and the brethren did ample justice to the repast provided by Bro. Spalding, who excelled himself as a caterer for the Masonic meetings held at the Hall. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair. The health of the W.D. Prov. G.M. was responded to by Bro. Lucia, Prov. G. Sec., in the absence of the R.W. Brother. Bro. Sanderson responded to the toast of the P. Prov. G. Officers in a characteristic speech. Bro. Lucia replied on behalf of the present P.G. officers. Bro. Gull proposed the I.P.M. in complimentary terms; and Bro. Barber responded and proposed the health of the W.M., Bro. Cornell, who replied in appropriate language. Several brethren contributed to the harmony of the meeting, and a most agreeable evening was spent.

YORKSHIRE (WEST.)

HAWORTH.—*Lodge of Three Graces*, (No. 408).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the private Masonic Rooms, Haworth. The following brethren of the lodge were present: Bro. J. Preston, W.M.; Bro. W. J. Laidler, S.W.; Bro. E. Pawson, J.W.; Bro. W. Hemingway, S.D.; Bro. Clough, J.D.; and the other officers. There were also present, Bro. J. Brown, P.M.; Bro. Whitham, P.M.; Bro. W. Brown, P.M.; Bro. W. Wood, P.M.; Bro. Charnock, P.M.; and Bro. E. Taylor, P.M.; Bro. Booth, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.; and other members. The visitors were Bro. Isaac Booth, P.M., 61; P. Prov. G.S. of W.; Bro. Summerscales, W.M., 265; Bro. Emmot, P.M., 265; The Rev. Bro. Room; and several other brethren of that lodge. Visitors:—Bro. C. J. Walsham, P.M., 448; Bro. E. Walsham, 448; and a large number of brethren from that Lodge. The ceremony of installing into the chair Bro. W. J. Laidler, S.W. and W.M. elect, took place at half-past 3 o'clock, and was most ably and impressively performed by Bro. J. Booth, P.M., P. Prov. G.S. of W., after which the newly installed Master appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing twelve months, who were as follows: Bro. Joseph Preston, I.P.M.; Bro. E. Pawson, S.W.; Bro. W. Hemingway, J.W.; Bro. W. Brown, P.M., Sec.; Bro. W. Wood, Treas.; Bro. J. Clough, S.D.; Bro. J. Leach, J.D.; Bro. Whitham, I.G.; Bro. J. Brown, O.G. The other officers of the lodge were also duly filled up. After two candidates for initiation and a joining brother had been proposed, and other business transacted, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Black Bull Hotel, where an excellent banquet was

served up in capital style, and at which about 40 brethren sat down. The chair was occupied by Bro. Laidler, the newly installed W.M. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were appropriately given by the chairman, and received by the brethren with true loyal and Masonic enthusiasm, who next proposed the health of the M.W. the Grand Master, Lord de Grey and Ripon, K.G., together with all the officers of Grand Lodge, past and present. The chairman remarked that although his Lordship had only recently been elevated to that high office, yet, from his long experience, and the zeal and ability which he displayed in all Masonic matters with which he had been, and is now connected, there could be no doubt that a very judicious selection had been made when his lordship was appointed to fill the dignified position of ruler over the craft. The W.M. next proposed the D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Bentley Shaw, and officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, past and present, which was responded to by Bro. Booth of Keighley, P. Prov. G.S., in some well chosen remarks. Bro. E. Taylor, P.M., then proposed the toast of the evening, the health of Bro. Laidler, the newly installed W.M., which was most heartily received; Bro. Taylor spoke of the Masonic and other qualifications of Bro. Laidler in the highest terms, and congratulated the lodge on having elected him as their chief for the ensuing year. The toast was drunk with Masonic honours. Bro. Laidler, on rising to respond, was received with the greatest enthusiasm. After thanking the brethren in feeling terms he said that ever since he had joined the lodge he had taken the greatest interest in its welfare, and since they had been pleased to elect him as their W.M. that interest would, if possible, be increased. It would ever be his study, both in the lodge and out of it to uphold the dignity, and preserve the harmony of the Lodge of Three Graces, of which he was proud to be a member. The W.M. next proposed the health of the installing officer, Bro. J. Booth, and paid a high compliment to Bro. Booth as an eminent and zealous Mason, an able, professional man, and a thorough gentleman. The toast was very warmly received. Bro. Booth was unavoidably absent owing to an important engagement, but his brother, from Keighley, responded in an appropriate speech. The "Officers" was neatly proposed by Bro. Charnock, P.M., and responded to in well chosen remarks by Bros. Pawson, and Hemingway, S. and J. Wardens. The "Visiting" Brethren was next proposed and eloquently responded to by Bro. Summerscales, W.M.; Bro. Emmot, P.M.; and the Rev. Bro. Room, of 265, Keighley; Bros. C. Walsham, P.M.; E. Walsham, P.M.; Ibberson, 448, Halifax. The Toast "Speedy relief to all poor and distressed Masons," brought a most agreeable evening's entertainment to a close. The enjoyment during the evening was greatly enhanced by the excellent singing of Bros. Merrick, Summerscales, Schofield and Davis. The well rendered recitations of Bros. Room and Walsham were also most pleasing. The masterly manner in which Bro. Hemingway presided at the pianoforte, was also a theme for admiration. Too much praise cannot be awarded to Mrs. Sugden for the excellent banquet which she had provided, and the faultless manner in which it was put upon the table.

SCOTLAND.

GLASGOW.

LODGE UNION. (No. 332).—At the regular monthly meeting of Lodge Union, 332, held in their Hall, 170, Buchanan Street, the following brethren were unanimously elected as Office Bearers:—Robert Mitchell, R.W.M.; James Balfour, P.M.; William Gibson, D.M.; David Sommerville, S.M.; James McNair, S.W.; W. H. Johnson, J.W.; W. Dempster, Treas.; Robert Johnston, Sec.; John Stack, S.D.; James Halley, J.D.; Robt. Johnston, P.G.S.; D. A. Birrell, S.S.; James Jamieson, J.S.; James L. Graham, Chap.; James Gillillan, B.B.; M. Gray, Architect; R. Craig, Standard B.; Thomas Hall, D.C.; Isaac Stalker, Sword B.; Hugh Brown, I.G.; F. P. Mullin, Tyler. The lodge has been very successful this past year, having made about 50 members, and also started a Benevolent Fund in connection with the lodge to assist poor and worthy brethren. A very pleasant evening was afterwards concluded by song and sentiment, the brethren all leaving highly satisfied.

ROYAL ARCH.

METROPOLITAN.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—A regular convocation of this Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, 13th inst. Present:—Comps. F. R. Stevens, M.E.Z.; R. Watts, P.Z.; T. Shepherd, P.Z.; E. H. Patten, P.G.S.P., P.Z. Treas.; A. Overdoerffer, P.S.; A. D. Loewenstark, P.Z.; R. Sheen, P.Z. and S.E.; Holbrook, S.W.; and several visiting companions whose names we were unable to obtain. Bros. Jacob Cohen, 173, and G. W. Martin, P.M. 201, were exalted to the R.A. degree, after being duly balloted for. The Chapter opened, and the minutes of previous convocation confirmed. Ten Guineas were voted to the Boys' School, to complete the amount of fifty guineas, making the Chapter a Vice-President.

ANDREW CHAPTER, (No. 834).—This new Chapter met last Thursday at Hammersmith for the first time since its consecration, all its members with one exception being present. Three brethren were exalted to the R.A. degree by Comp. Lines, the new M.E.Z., in a most admirable manner, ably assisted by his officers, among whom may be particularly mentioned the P.S. It is not often that a new lodge or chapter is able at first to perform all its work, but the manner in which the ceremony was performed on this occasion proved how much may be accomplished by industry and perseverance. It was proposed by Comp. Worthington, and carried, to establish a "P.P." Jewell to be awarded to those past principals who may discharge the duties of the chair. After some further propositions the chapter adjourned.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

GRAND CONCLAVE.

The Grand Conclave of the Order of the Temple and Hospital took place on Friday, the 9th December, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London. The meeting was originally intended to have been held at Freemasons' Hall, and the reason for the change in the place of meeting is explained in the Report of the Committee.

Among others, the following principal members of the Order were present:—The G.M. Sir K. W. Stuart; the D.G.M. the Rev. J. Hayshe; Col. Vernon, P.D.G.M.; C. J. Vigne, P.G.C., Dorsetshire; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.C., Suffolk and Cambridge; Lord Eliot, P.G.C., Cornwall; Capt. Clerke, P. Prov. G.C., West Indies; A. C. Crookshank, P. Prov. G.C., Ceylon; the Earl of Limerick, Grand Prior; the Hon. A. W. A. N. Hood, M.P., Somersetshire, and Major H. T. Duncan, British Burmah, (the two newly-appointed Prov. G.C.'s; and R. J. Spiers, D. Prov. G.C., Oxford.

The Grand Conclave was opened by the M.E.S.G.M. in ample form, the Master Roll being called by the Grand Registrar.

The P.G.C. for Somerset; the Hon. A. W. A. N. Hood, M.P., and the P.G.C. for British Burmah, Major Harvey Tuckett Duncan were then severally introduced, and performed their charge.

The minutes of the last Grand Conclave were read and confirmed.

The G. Chancellor then read the following Report of the Committee:—

Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master:

The Committee of Grand Conclave has the honour to report that the numerical force of the Order has steadily increased since the date of the last meeting.

The change in the place of meeting is an important event which has taken place since the last Conclave. The premises at Bedford Row having been sold, and it having been found impossible to come to any arrangement with the purchaser in any respect advantageous to, or within the means of the Order, the Committee appointed *ad hoc* was reluctantly obliged to recommend the abandonment of that locality. The Board of General Purposes of the Craft kindly offered the Order the use of the De Grey and Ripon Room, at Freemasons' Hall, but it being found not only too small, but so inconveniently situated with regard to those auxiliary rooms requisite for the performance of the Ceremonies and the convenience of the Officers, the Grand

Director of Ceremonies, to whose discretion the Committee had remitted the matter, saw no other solution of the difficulty than to fix on the room we now occupy, and which, with those adjacent, offers greater convenience. Your Committee will, however, not lose sight of the matter, should a more suitable arrangement be subsequently found possible.

Since the Grand Conclave holden in May, a new warrant has been granted to the Moore Encampment, at Peterborough, Ontario, in the Dominion of Canada.

The Very Eminent Dr. Falconer, the old and valued Grand Commander Somersetshire, having, from the great increase of his professional business as a physician, found his time too fully occupied to allow him any longer to perform the office intrusted to him, resigned it into your hands, and you have been graciously pleased to appoint as his successor, the Honourable A. W. A. N. Hood, Member for West Somersetshire, eldest son of Viscount Bridport, a Captain in H.M. 25th Regiment. The Committee has to report that Captain Hood has accepted the appointment and announced his intention of presenting himself to perform his homage at this Conclave.

A vacancy in the Committee having thus occurred, you have been pleased, in exercise of the power conferred by the Statutes, to appoint the Right Honourable the Lord Skelmersdale to supply his place during the remainder of the year.

The Very Eminent Grand Commander, Colonel Greenlaw having been removed, in the course of his military duty, from Burmah, he resigned his charge, and you have been pleased to appoint to the vacancy, Major Harvey Tuckett, Duncan, who has accepted the appointment, and signified his intention to attend and perform his homage at this conclave. Your Committee regrets to report that Colonel Greenlaw, who was acting on behalf of the Grand Commander of Madras, the Very Eminent Sir Knight Arthur Macdonald Ritchie, during his absence on leave, has since departed this life.

The United Province of Northumberland and Berwick, and that of West Yorkshire, are still *in commendam*, no appropriate person having yet been found to assume their command.

In consequence of a deputation from the Province of Lancashire, urging on your Committee the advisability of issuing an Agenda Paper a week previous to the meeting of the Grand Conclave, for the purpose of keeping the Order in general, and the absentees in particular, better informed as to the business to be brought before it, and of any change contemplated in the Statutes, Rules, or Ordinances of the Order, your Committee decided, in conformity with the above representation, to present and recommend for the consideration of Grand Conclave a motion to carry out the views expressed by the deputation, which will be formerly moved, for altering the Statute regulating the distribution of the Agenda Paper.

Your Committee directed the Grand Vice-Chancellor to anticipate the decision of Grand Conclave by issuing the Agenda Paper of the business at the present meeting, according to the terms of the motion referred to, and before the same could be submitted to Grand Conclave for adoption; and such Agenda Paper has been distributed accordingly.

Your Committee has decided to recommend the following grants from the fund of Benevolence:—Sir Knight D—£10, and Sir Knight W—£25. The particulars of these cases will be stated to you orally by the Grand Treasurer, by whom they will be moved.

At the suggestion of the Melita Encampment, subscriptions have been solicited for the sick and wounded in the present Continental war. Thus challenged to carry out one of the original objects of the Order of the Knights Hospitaller of St. John, those administrative officers with whom communication could be conveniently had at that season of the year, when the summoning of a Committee would have been futile, though it would not be easy to reject such a suggestion; and, in consequence, issued a circular, which has produced no very considerable result.

It is now suggested by your Committee that, inasmuch as the general fund subscribed for the sick and wounded amounts to so very large a sum, and in an indirect way may be considered as tending to nurture the war, the sum subscribed by members of the Order would be better applied to the relief of those unfortunate persons who have, by the calamity of war, been rendered destitute, without any fault of their own, and who will starve should they not receive a temporary assistance. Your Committee, therefore, recommends that the Subscribers should be communicated with, with the view of obtaining their assent to

the proposed change in the destination of the fund, and that its administration be entrusted to a Sub-Committee, specially appointed for such purpose.

The Grand Treasurer reports the gross balance				
on the general account to be ...	£104	12	10	
Less to the credit of the Almoner's Fund ...	261	9	9	
	£143	3	1	

Which will be materially increased by May next, when the higher rate of fees, granted by the Grand Conclave, shall have come into the Exchequer.

It is in contemplation to keep the General Roll of Members of the Order, in future, on parchment, to ensure greater durability.

By Order of the Committee of Grand Conclave,

† P. MAC C. DE COLQUHOUN,

GRAND CHANCELLOR.

A motion for carrying out the recommendation of the Committee with respect to the issuing of the Agenda Paper, by altering and adding to the Statutes, was then made by Sir K. C. Chaudos Pole of the United Encampment and Second Grand Captain, and seconded by Sir Knight Chorlton, as follows:—

At page 11 of the Statutes, paragraph 20, for the words, "given to each Knight attending," substitute the words, "sent at least a week before the Meeting of Grand Conclave to each Grand Officer, and to each Private Encampment in England and Wales, through the Grand Registrars of the respective Provinces."

The motion was agreed to *nem. con.*

The D.G.M., the Rev. J. Huyshe then proposed the following resolution with respect to the fund subscribed by Encampments and members of the Order for the sick and wounded during the present war; prefacing the motion by the remarks that he thought the change suggested, was not unadvisable, provided the subscribers consented, and that Lord Eliot was one of the Vice-Presidents of the Fund to which it was now proposed to be given:—"That on the subscribers being communicated with, and consenting thereto, the money collected, in answer to an appeal from the Grand Chancellor of the Order be handed over to the Refugee's Benevolent Fund, through the P.G.C. for Cornwall, the Right Hon. Lord Eliot."

The motion was seconded by S. Rawson, P. Prov. G.S. for China, and after some discussion, and an explanation from Sir Knight Lord Eliot was carried *nem. con.*

The G. Treasurer then formally moved the Benevolences to the Knights D. and W., recommended in the Report, which were respectively seconded by Sir Knight Capt. Clerke, Past Prov. G.C., West Indies, and Sir Knight C. J. Vigne, P.G.C., Dorsetshire, and passed.

On the motion of the D.G.M., the Rev. J. Huyshe, seconded by Col. Vernon, Past D.G.M., the Report of the Committee was received and adopted.

The Grand Almoner collected the alms and the conclave was then closed in ample form.

Upon the retirement of those Knights who were not members of the Order of Malta, and the alteration in the arrangements, &c., being made by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Sir Knight J. Lambert Sim, and the Assistant Sir Knight J. Starkey, the Grand Prior, the Rev. J. Huyshe, opened a Grand Priory of the Order of Malta.

The minutes of the last Grand Priory were read and confirmed, and the report of the Committee was read as follows:—

Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master,

Your Committee has no special observations to make with respect to this Order, on this occasion.

The Grand Prior held in May last a Priory, under the Banner of the Observance Encampment, at which twelve members presented themselves, and were admitted into the Order; but inasmuch as, pursuant to the notice that he would hold a Priory, under the Banner of the St. George's Encampment (London), should a sufficient number of Knights signify their desire to be received into the Order, and such sufficient number of Knights not having sent in their names, the Grand Prior has not thought it necessary to detain you for the somewhat lengthy ceremony on this occasion. The Knights in question will, however, be able to receive the degree in May next.

The stock of Certificates on paper being exhausted, your Committee has ordered them to be printed for the future on parchment.

By Order of the Committee of Grand Priory,
† P. MAC C. DE COLQUHOUN,
Grand Chancellor.

The Report was received and adopted.

The Grand Priory was then closed in ample form, and the G. Master presided at the banquet, supported by the D.G.M., the Rev. J. Huyshe, the P.D.G.M. Col. Vernon, many of the Grand Officers, and other Knights.

LANCASHIRE.

PRESTON.—*The William de la More Encampment.*—An assembly of this Conclave was held at the "New Court House," Prescott, on Friday, the 9th inst., under the presidency of Sir Knt. W. H. Wright, V.E., D. Prov. G. C., supported by Sir Knt. G. P. Brockbank, Prov. G. Chancellor; F. H. Winder, Prov. G. Chancellor; J. N. Porter, Prelate; J. T. Hall, Prov. G., First Expert; W. H. Hopkins, Prov. G.A.D.C.; S. Morris, P.E. &c. The Conclave having been duly opened, and the minutes confirmed, the following approved candidates were regularly installed in due form, as Knights of the Order, viz., Comps. Geo. Turner, Reginald Young, Arthur Field, and Phillip Whittaker, Chapter of Lebanon, No. 86, also Comp. Jos. Kellett Smith, Templar Chapter, No. 1094. The Conclave then proceeded to install the eminent commander elect, Sir Knight James Turner Hall; after which the E.C. made the following appointments for the ensuing year:—J. W. J. Fowler, 1st Capt.; S. Morris, 2nd Capt.; G. Turner, Reg.; P. Whittaker, Almoner; R. Young, Expert; A. Field, Standard Bearer; and J. K. Smith, Capt. of Lines. The V.E.D. Prov. G.C. then stated he had been instructed to inform the Sir Knights that the V.E. Prov. G.C., Albert Hudson Roys, proposed presenting them with a complete set of Books, and that he himself should at all times be most happy to do all in his power to forward the interests of the William de la More Encampment. Hearty congratulations for the prosperity of the Conclave from various encampments having been given. The encampment was closed in due form, and with prayer, at 6 o'clock. The Sir Knights adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a banquet was provided which did credit to the worthy host. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

PROVINCIAL.

SUFFOLK.—*Victoria Chapter*—A convocation of Sov. Princes of the Rose ✠ Victoria Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Monday, December 12, when there were present M.E. Bro. C. T. Townsend, M.W.S.; Ill. Bro. Rev. R. N. Sanderson, 30, P.M.W.S.; Ex. Bros. W. T. Westgate, First General; G. S. Golding, Second General; W. Cuckow, R.; J. Townsend; J. J. Barber, Organist; George Cresswell; E.J. Robertson; Ill. Bro. Emma Holmes, 31st, Recorder; Bro. Spalding, Janitor. The chapter was opened with the usual solemnities, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the brethren proceeded to ballot for Bros. William Partidge Mills, M.D., of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, No. 376, Robert Whichcord Beaumont, Staff-Surgeon, H.M.S. Penelope, of St. John and St. Paul Lodge, Malta; and Henry Skey Muir, M.D., Staff-Surgeon, Landguard Fort, P.M. of St. John's Lodge, Halifax, N.S., who being elected, and having taken the obligation of allegiance to the Supreme Grand Council, Ill. Bro. Sanderson opened a Lodge of Perfection and the degrees up to the fourteenth were communicated to them. A Council of Princes of Jerusalem was then opened, and the degrees of ✠ Knight of the East and Prince of Jerusalem were conferred upon the candidates, and the brethren were then admitted to the Chapter of Princes Rose ✠, and received the accolade as Knights of the East and West and Sov. Princes Rose ✠. This most august ceremony was performed by Ill. Bro. Sanderson, P.M.W.S. Ill. Bro. Sanderson proposed, and Ill. Bro. Emma Holmes seconded the motion, that in consideration of their services as founders of the Chapter, Ex. Bros. E. Dorling, P.M.W.S., and

Capt. Whitbread be elected Honorary Members of the Victori Chapter. The Recorder gave notice that at the next regular meeting of the chapter he should move an amendment in the bye-laws so far as regarded the annual subscription of non-resident members. The Recorder then read the letter from the Supreme Grand Council expelling Bro. John Yarker, of Manchester, from the Order, also the suspension of the Antiquity Chapter, Bath, and its members individually and collectively. A telegram was received from Ill. Bro. Capt. Phillips, 33°, Grand Treasurer General, announcing his inability to attend through indisposition; and universal regret was expressed at the gallant brother's absence. A telegram from Capt. Whitbread was also received excusing non-attendance from the same cause. After partaking of refreshment the chapter was resumed, when the Sov. Princes proceeded to the election of M.W.S. and Treasurer, for the ensuing year, and Ill. Bro. Sanderson was re-elected to the former dignified office, and ex. Bro. Golding re-elected as Treasurer. The other business of the chapter having been transacted it was closed in love and harmony.

Obituary.

BRO. THOMAS BRASSEY.

About three years ago, Bro. Brassey suffered from a paralytic stroke, but he did not take this as a warning, and notwithstanding the representations of his family, he continued to engage in old undertakings and new. For the Mont Cenis Railway he underwent a fatiguing journey, mostly on foot; in fact he would not keep quiet, nor cease to believe in the innate strength of his constitution, hence his premature demise on the 8th instant. One of his last undertakings is the Callao Docks for the Peruvian Government.

Bro. Brassey was unobtrusive in society, and unfrequently a quiet attendant at charity dinners, when he was a liberal, but not ostentatious giver. His largest works in this way were those least known, his largesses to distressed partners and their families, even in cases where he was himself a loser in the transactions, and also to the members of bankrupt firms.

Bro. Brassey's Masonry was visible, in his fraternal regard for its precepts, and many further proofs of his esteem for its institutions; his many avocations debarred him from active participation in technical meetings.

BRO. W. E. WALMSLEY.

We regret to notice the death of Bro. W. Ellyard Walmsley, K.H. 30th degree, a distinguished Mason. Bro. Walmsley held for many years the important appointment of Principal Clerk for Bills to the House of Lords, and was justly esteemed. He was a man of scholarly habits and attainments, and had formed some fine collections. As a Mason, he was attached to the Ancient and Accepted Rite, because the association of men of learning and education promised him the gratification of his love of research in ancient history and science, and he consequently engaged the friendship of many distinguished men. Being a man of independent habits, he did not receive any especial patronage or promotion. As a Craft-Mason, he participated in the esteem of his brethren, for he possessed personal qualifications which secured for him warm attachment.

Bro. Walmsley had been suffering from indifferent health for some time, and was not unprepared for the close of his mortal career.

His relative, being Assistant Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, Bro. Walmsley was not unknown to the Irish members of the Craft; who have visited the metropolis.

His death will be a loss to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of England at this period.

Died, Nov. 17, in London, Phoebe, wife of our much esteemed Brother, J. H. Younghusband, (late of Liverpool) P. Prov. J. G. W. West Lancashire, P.M., P.Z., E.C., and G. onstable, K.T.

THE SYMBOLISM OF THE SPIRE.—The spire or steeple is the silent finger that points to heaven; it is an upward aspiration of the soul—a prayer from the depths of a troubled heart—a *suspirium de profundis*—a hymn of thanksgiving—a pure life, throwing off the worldly, and approaching the ethereal—a finite mind searching, till lost in vastness of the unknown and unapproachable—a beautiful attempt—a voice of praise sent up from the earth, till, like the soaring lark, it “becomes a sightless song. Indeed, our unbidden thoughts, that wild ivy of the mind, are trained upward by the spire, till it is hung round by the tenderest associations and recollection of all that is sweet and softening in our natures. Thus when the painter has represented on his canvas some wild phase of scenery, where the gadding vine, the tangled underwood, the troubled brook, the black, frowning rock, the untamed growth of the forest,

“Old plash of rains and refuse patched with moss.”

impress us with awe and a sad, homeless feeling, as if we were lost children. How eloquent is that last touch of his pencil that shows us a simple spire peeping over the tree tops! How it comforts us! How it brings us home again and bestows an air

“Of sweet civility on rustics wild.”

Poetry.

TRUE CHARITY.

Lines suggested to the mind of the writer from reading the beautiful article, bearing the above title, in No. 591 of the “Freemason's Magazine”:

Night kiss'd the young rose, and it sank to repose,
And the stars that shone forth watch'd its rest,
And the pure dew-drops hung on its beautiful stem;
Like jewels on a fair maiden's breast.
Then the bright morning came with its cool dancing breeze;
And whispered unto the sweet flower.
And it woke in its beauty and innocent joy,
Diffusing perfume o'er the bower.

But the fiery sun-God came with the noon.
And his rays smote the delicate rose;
And it fainted away, 'neath the ardent breath,
Which each wearied traveller knows,
Fading and lovely it drooped to the dust;
But a tender consoler was nigh.
The breeze whilst engaged in her ariel flight.
Came tripping with joyousness by.

The breeze had been gamboling over the sea,
Had pushed on the homeward-bound bark,
She had turn'd the old mill, she had found the tired brow;
Of the sufferer whose lips seem'd so dark,
She had swept by the side of the cottage, and brook.
O'er the hill, and the flower-spangled dale.
She had sung thro' the foliage that wav'd on the trees,
Encircling that beautiful vale.

She had frisked in the bright curls of th' innocent child
As she pass'd on her joy-giving round;
And now as she tripp'd on her way she beheld
The poor rose lying faint on the ground.
She hastened to kiss it, and tenderly bathed
Its forehead in soft cooling showers;

And her kind heart was glad, as she saw she had saved
The life of the sweetest of flowers.

The young rose revived, and in gratitude smiled;
But the breeze hurried quickly away—
Her love-task accomplished, she went on her course
Refreshing the still summer's day.
But soon she perceived a delicious perfume
Had been poured on her wings by the rose,
And she felt the delight which a generous heart
In performing a kind action knows.

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Thus Charity, e'en whilst we dwell upon earth
Unconsciously wins a reward—
We feel—as we strive in each labour of love,
'Tis a duty we owe to the Lord.
Like the fragrant perfume of the delicate rose
Each gift the benevolent have given,
Will bring them the joy of a conscience at rest,
And call down the blessing of Heaven.

A. C. S.

LIST OF LODGE MEETINGS &c., FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 23RD, 1870.

METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS.

Monday, December 19th.

LODGES.—Grand Masters' Lodge, Freemasons' Hall; British, Freemasons' Hall; Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street; Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street; Tranquillity, Radley's Hotel, Bridge Street, Blackfriars; Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham; Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street; Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall; Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.

Tuesday, December 20th.

Board of General Purposes at 3.

LODGES.—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark; Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street; Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.—CHAPTERS.—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street; Industry, Freemasons' Hall.

Wednesday, December 21st.

Lodge of Benevolence at 7 precisely.

LODGES.—United Mariners', George Hotel, Aldermanbury; St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich; Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street; Nelson, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich; Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.

Thursday, December 22nd.

House Committee Girl's School at 4.

LODGES.—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall; Prosperity, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham Street.

Friday, December 23rd.

House Committee Boy's School.

METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Monday, December 19th.

LODGES.—Temple, Old George, St. Mary Axe, E.C.; Justice, Royal Albert, New Cross-rd, Deptford; St. James's Union, Swan Tav. Mount-st., Grosvenor-sq.; Industry, Dick's Coffee House, Fleet-st.; Crystal Palace, City Arms Tav., West-sq., Southwark; High Cross, White Hart Ho., Tottenham; Eastern Star, Royal Ho., Burdett-rd., Mile-end-rd.; Camden, Adelaide Tav., Haverstock Hill; Tower Hamlets' Engineers, Duke of Clarence, Commercial Road, E.; Union Waterloo, King's Arms, Woolwich; Old Concord, Turk's Head, Montecombe Street, Belgrave Square; Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch Street.

Tuesday, December 20th.

LODGES.—Faith, Fisher's Restaurant, Metrop. Dist. Rail., Victoria Station; Domatic, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell; Jordan, Alwyne Castle, Canonbury; Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney; Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John's Tav., St. John's-wood; Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney; Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-lane; Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich; City of London, Shepherd and Flock Tav., Bell-alley, Moorgate-st.; New Wandsworth, Freemasons' Ho., New Wandsworth; British Oak, Silver Lion Tavern, Pennyfield, Poplar.—CHAPTER.—Metropolitan, Price's Portugal Ho., Fleet-st. Mount Sion, White Hart, Bishopsgate-st.; Robert Burns Sussex Stores, Upper St. Martin's Lane.

Wednesday, December 21st.

LODGES.—Confidence, Railway Tav., London-st.; United Strength Bull and Gate, Kentish Town; New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton; St. Mark's, Mawby Arms, Mawby-st., S. Lambeth; Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham-Rye, Temperance in the East, George the Fourth, Catherine-st., Poplar; Prosperity, Gladstone Tav., Bishopsgate-street; Royal Union, Bro. Duddy's, Winsley-st., Oxford-street.—CHAPTER.—St. James's Union, Swan Tav., Mount-street, Grosvenor-square; Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.

Thursday, December 22nd.

LODGES.—Fidelity, Goat and Compasses, Euston-road; Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark; United Mariners, Three Cranes, Mile-end-rd.; Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth; St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich; Manchester, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Berkeley-square; Tranquillity, Sugar Loaf Tav., Great St. Helen's, E.C.; Whittington, Crown Hotel, 41, High Holborn; Royal Oak, Royal Oak Tavern, Deptford; Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria-park, at 7; City of London, Shephard and Flock Tav., Bell Alley; St. John's, Hollybush Tav., Hampstead; Merchant Navy, Jamaica Tav., W. India Dock Road, Poplar.—CHAPTER.—Joppa, Prospect of Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping-wall.

Friday, December 23rd.

LODGES.—St. Luke's, Pier Hotel, Cheyne-walk, Chelsea Temperance, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, Unions (Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.); F.M.H.; United Pilgrims, Horns' Tavern, Kennington; Westbourne, the Grapes, Duke-st., Manchester-square; Wellington, Lord Duncan Tavern, Broadway, Deptford; Florence Nightingale, Freemasons' Tav., Woolwich; Ranelagh, Royal Sussex Hotel, Broadway, Hammersmith; Belgrave, Duke of Wellington, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-row, Bermondsey; Doric, Three Cranes, Mile End-rd.; Victoria, Andertons' Ho., Fleet-st.; Hervey, Britannia, Wallham-green; Metropolitan, Price's Portugal Ho., Fleet-st.; Charter House, Hat and Feathers Tavern, 27, Goswell-rd.; Robert Burns, Union Tav.; Air-street, Regent-st.; Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes; Lily, Greyhound, Ho., Richmond; Stability, Guildhall Tav., 33, Gresham Street.—CHAPTERS.—Domatic, Fisher's Restaurant, Victoria Station.

Saturday, December 24th.

CHAPTERS.—Mount Sinai, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street; Domatic, Horns, Kennington.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

* * All Communications to be addressed to 19, Salisbury-street, Strand, W.C.

ERRATUM.—In the report of the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge, the name of Bro. F. H. Gottlieb, P.M. 508 and 1152, S.G.W. Eastern Archipelago, was erroneously spelt.

We shall be glad to receive from brethren any proceedings of Masonic meetings, which shall be duly inserted. Communications should be forwarded so as to reach us as early in the week as convenient—not later than Wednesday if possible. We have to request our correspondents to be particular in writing names distinctly.