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A Special Edition of the *Freemason* will be ready early on Saturday Morning, containing a full report of the Committee Meeting and Election of Candidates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).**—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 9th inst., at Brother Hillier's house, the Marine Hotel, Tidal Basin, Victoria Docks, and the attendance of both the brethren of the lodge and visitors must have been very gratifying to the esteemed W.M., Bro. John White, who has as much by his excellent working, as by his genial and hospitable demeanour gained for himself and the lodge a prestige second to none in the district. He has with excellent taste done away with the "Summer Banquet" and substituted in place of it a slight extension of refreshments in the shape of a plain collation after labour, thereby saving the funds of the lodge materially, affording greater facilities for carrying out the charities of it in their legitimate course, an innovation which has given great satisfaction to a large majority of its members, and promises well as an institution. He has as well met the wants of many of the members, by procuring at his own expense a handsome portfolio suitable for the reception of the *Freemason*, with the name of the lodge upon it in gold letters, which, containing the weekly copies of that journal, lies on the table in the ante-room of the lodge open for the perusal of the brethren during the evening, and we were pleased on the occasion under notice to see it so much appreciated by them. The only work before the lodge was the passing of Bro. Still to the Second Degree, which was happily effected. The officers present assisting the W.M. were Bros. J. Dorton, I.P.M.; J. Gaskill, P.M.; H. B. Holliday, P.M.; T. G. Day, P.M., and P.G.S. of Works Essex; F. Brian, S. W.; P. McCarthy, J.W.; B. Brayshaw, P.M. and Treas., an I.P.S.B., Essex; Jas. Mitchell, Sec.; J. T. K. Jobb, J. D.; W. Dorton, I.G.; W. Nevins, W.S.; A. W. Mason, A.W.S.; M. Sherwin, Org.; and B. Norman, O.G. Resolutions affecting the Henderson Testimonial were then passed, and it was resolved that it should be kept open for some time yet. The meeting was then adjourned to the second Thursday in September next, lodges of emergencies excepted, and the lodge was closed in due form. Among the visitors present were Bros. W. Gamble, W.M. 706; S. Etheridge, W.M. 829; H. Bickerstaff, P.M. 1329; G. Davies, P.M. 13; H. Ball, 77; T. H. Goodman, 87; T. Carey, 1472; C. Jolly, 913, (*Freemason*), &c. After supper the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Sherwin singing a verse of the "National Anthem" and "God bless the Prince of Wales" after the two first. Bro. Dorton, I.P.M., then rose to propose the toast of the W.M., and in so doing expressed the pleasure it gave him to have that honour, more especially as it was a toast they could all join in heartily, and without reserve. (Cheers.) The members of the Capper Lodge were proud to have such a Master as they had that year. It was not only inside the lodge and in his chair that his excellence was manifested, but outside in his private capacity, there were qualifications evinced by him, that made them esteem and respect him. His genial and hearty manner to all who came within the sphere of his influence, his capacity for work, more particularly if there were wanted any good done for a brother, and last, but not least, his earnest endeavours to promote their welfare and comfort, made them look up to and admire him. (Loud cheers.) He should not have the opportunity of again proposing that toast for the next three months, and he should like this one to be taken advantage of to show their W.M. how much they respected him. He asked them to give him "good fire." (Applause.) Bro. White in reply thanked them for the warmth with which they had received the toast, and especially were his thanks due to Bro. Dorton for the kind and graceful expressions made use of by him in proposing it. He always had and should do all he could to compass their good and perfect

enjoyment, commensurate with the benefit and constitution of the lodge. So long as he had the hearty support and suffrages of the brethren, he should not cease to strive to carry out those principles to the end. (Cheers.) In proposing the toast of "The Visitors" the W.M. said they had among their visitors three distinguished ones, he referred to Bros. Gamble, Etheridge, and Davies, who had attended as representatives of their several lodges for the Henderson Testimonial. Bro. Davis, who was a P.M. of their deceased brother's mother lodge, had brought them the sum of ten guineas, and all were welcome to the Capper Lodge. (Cheers.) Bro. Gamble thanked them for their kind and hospitable reception of the visitors. He esteemed it an honour to come among them, and see the splendid working of the lodge. It was the first time he had had the pleasure, and with the permission of the W.M. it should not be the last. Bro. Etheridge briefly responded on behalf of the Sydney Lodge. Bro. Davies said he came as the representative of the W.M. of the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, and so anxious was Bro. Reed that he had sent a special messenger to his (Bro. Davis's) house asking him to come in his (Bro. Reed's) stead and bring £10 to the fund. The desire of Mrs. Henderson was, if possible, to be placed upon the annuity fund, and many distinguished Masons, both in the district and in the Province of Kent, had kindly promised their assistance, so that they had every reason to hope for its success. (Hear, hear.) The toast of the "Past Masters" followed, and it was matter of congratulation for the W.M. to have five present, two of whom were Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. Dorton briefly replied. Bro. Gaskill in the course of a fervid address referred to his 14 years' connection with the lodge, and of the efforts he had made for its welfare. Bro. Braytham, Holliday, and Day as well replied. "The Officers" were next toasted, and Bro. Bryan responded to a flattering reception of the toast. "The Health of Bro. Hillier," as the host, was then drank most cordially, and the W.M. complimented him upon his efforts for the comfort of the brethren, and after a short reply from that brother, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

**ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 7th inst., at the Wellington Club, Islington, when there were present Bros. W. H. Cohen, W.M.; Gladwell, S.W.; Hunter, J.W.; Allison, Treasurer; Bigley, Secretary; and the rest of the officers, supported by the members. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for Mr. Charles Bogler, and proving unanimous that gentleman was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed in that careful and impressive manner for which this lodge is celebrated, and which we believe is a great deal due to the lodge of instruction attached to this lodge. After some further business the lodge adjourned for the recess, emergencies excepted.

**WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).**—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the F.M. Hall, William-street, Bro. G. W. Reed, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers: J. P. Moore, S.W.; T. Hutton, J.W.; G. Davies, P.M., and Treas. pro tem.; H. Syer, Sec.; N. Brown, S.D.; G. H. Masters, J.D.; T. Hosgood, I.G.; T. E. Hassell, W.S.; and B. Norman, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. H. J. Wetherhill, P.M. 166; R. Hodgkinson, P.M. 358; G. H. Hill, 700; W. B. Marsh, 1437; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*), and others. The lodge was opened in due form, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been passed, Bro. Hodgkinson was unanimously elected a joining member of the lodge, and took his place on the left of the chair. Bro. Duffin was then passed to the Second Degree. That being the only work before the lodge, it was closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, Bro. Past Master Davies briefly proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in response Bro. Reed, after thanking them, advocated, in the course of an eloquent speech, unity and forbearance among the brethren. The Book of the Sacred Law told them to forgive a brother seven times, and seven times seven, and the only way to show that they had the fundamental principles of Freemasonry in their hearts was to carry out the beautiful teachings of its ritual. He trusted that during the remainder of his year of office nothing between the brethren would occur to mar the excellent feeling that had hitherto existed between them, and concluded by thanking them for their support of him under the many arduous duties appertaining to the position of W.M. (applause). On account of their last meeting being one of mourning for the loss of the late Bro. J. Henderson, the W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Duffin" as the Initiate upon that occasion, and that brother in a most appropriate speech returned thanks. To the toast of the Past Masters of and belonging to the lodge Bros. Davies and Hodgkinson returned thanks, and Bros. Wetherhill, Hill, Marsh, and Jolly severally returned thanks for the visitors. The officers were then toasted, and Bro. Moore suitably replied, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

**WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge (No. 119).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, 6th inst., Bro. J. L. Paitson, W.M., in the chair. After the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed the lodge proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year. No fewer than four candidates submitted their claims to the ballot, namely, Bros. Edward Tyson, J. S. Wilson, Geo. Ryrie, and J. W. Montgomery, S.W. The first time round 30 votes were recorded in favour of Bro. Tyson, 16 for Bro. Ryrie, 11 for Bro. Montgomery, and 4 for Bro. Wilson. The second ballot showed 34 in favour of Bro. Tyson, 17 for Bro. Ryrie, and 10 for Bro. Montgomery. Bro. Tyson was thereupon declared elected to the chair, and well he deserves the honour, having for some years past been one of the most indefatigable workers in the

several degrees existing in Cumberland and Westmorland; indeed, he has faced the ballot for W.M. on three successive occasions, the last time being elected by a sweeping majority. After the lodge was closed, the brethren, of whom a strong number were present, as will be perceived by the voting, adjourned to the banquetting hall, when "The Health of the W.M. elect" was proposed by Bro. W. B. Gibson P.M. 119, P.G. Sec., and drank with every mark of approval. Bro. Tyson, having replied, he fittingly gave "The Unsuccessful Candidates for the Master's Chair," which was acknowledged by Bro. Montgomery, the other two aspirants having left after lodge business. The festival of St. John the Baptist will be observed next month, when Bro. Tyson will be installed.

**NORTHAMPTON.—Pomfret Lodge (No. 360).**—The brethren of this lodge had a very successful meeting on Thursday, the 9th inst. There was a good attendance, and the working of the lodge was excellent. Bro. Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M. Norths and Hunts (in the absence of the W.M.), raised Bros. E. Haynes and Sadler to the Sublime Degree, and Bros. J. T. Green, P.M., passed Bro. T. Chapman to the Second Degree. Bros. Wilkins, Green, F. Gadsby, S.W.; H. W. Parker, J.W.; and T. R. Wood, Deacon, performed their various duties in a manner that gained the commendations of the brethren present. Amongst the visitors were Bro. Wykes, W.M. of the John O'Gaunt Lodge, and Bros. Johnstone and Morris, and others.

**WISBEACH.—Lodge of United Good Fellowship (No. 809).**—A meeting of this lodge was held last week, when Bro. Carrick, I.P.M., was again installed W.M. for the ensuing year. Additional interest was given to the occasion by the holding of a Provincial Grand Lodge at the same time. The use of the Town Hall was kindly granted by the Mayor, and the Council chamber metamorphosed into an imposing lodge-room. At four o'clock the Craft Lodge was opened and various Masonic business transacted, after which the R.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. Deighton, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire were received in ancient form and saluted in the customary manner. The Provincial Grand Lodge was duly opened with prayer, the roll of lodges called over, and other business transacted. The D.P.G.M. (in the unavoidable absence of the P.G.M., the Earl of Hardwicke, who is still suffering from the effects of his late accident), then appointed and invested his officers. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the Craft Lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Carrick was regularly installed as W. M. The W.M. next appointed and invested his officers, and a hearty vote of thanks having been accorded to the Installing Master, and a handsome Past Master's jewel having been presented to Bro. Carrick, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Rose and Crown Hotel, where a first-class banquet was provided.

**PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).**—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at Bro. Tucker's house, the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, the W.M., Bro. H. W. Butter, presiding, supported by the following officers: Past Masters W. T. Vincent, C. Coupland, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; C. A. Ellis, J. McDougall, and A. Penfold; T. D. Hayes, S.W.; W. B. Lloyd, J.W.; E. Denton, P.M. and Secretary; C. Cooke, Organist; and R. Lester, Tyler. Among the visitors and company were E. West, P.M. 1076, 1327, 1472, and P.P.G. Officer of Herts.; T. H. Field, W.M. 588 and 1436; C. J. Munroe, 1331; Jas. Ellis, 700; J. Holland, 1585; A. Weiss, 1076; C. Jolly (*Freemason*), and others. The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, Bro. W. Agate and Bro. R. Turrell were, after the usual observances, raised to the Sublime Degree. The ceremony was worked most impressively. The resolutions passed at Grand Lodge respecting the Grand Orient of France were then read, and the lodge was duly closed. After supper the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were loyally accepted, and in proposing the provincial ones, the W.M. paid a tribute of respect to Lord Holmesdale, G.M., Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the G. Officers, of whom there were three present, Bros. Coupland, Denton, and Hastings. The former they esteemed as being of the brightest ornaments of their lodge, and with his name the toast was coupled. Bro. Coupland in reply said, while he thanked them heartily for their kindly reception of the toast, and the honour paid him in having his name coupled with it, he begged to draw the W.M.'s attention to the fact that while he was only a Past, there was a Present Provincial Officer present, namely, their good Bro. Hastings, and it was only right that name should be coupled with the toast, instead of his own. He, however, thanked them, and was pleased to think the time was coming when they all would have the opportunity of seeing the Grand Officers face to face, and then they would find that they were not "miths." The Provincial Grand Meeting this year would be held in the Grand Chapter room of the magnificent cathedral of Canterbury, and he trusted many of them would be present to see both the beautiful building and the Grand Master and his officers. After a graceful apology from the W.M. for not coupling Bro. Hastings' name with the toast, that brother returned thanks, and said as far as he was concerned he felt it a great personal honour to hold rank in the province, and trusted to see more of the honours come to this part of the province than had hitherto done so. He regretted that he could not visit the lodges so often as he should have liked to have done that year, but should have greater opportunities in the next. As Bro. Coupland had so well said, Lord Holmesdale was the right man in the right place, and he trusted their G.M. might long be spared to rule and direct them in Masonry. Bro. Denton said it was many years since he had anything to do with P.G. Lodge, yet he

felt sure Bro. Eastes would be pleased to hear that his name, as well as that of their G.M., was respected and honoured in the Pattison Lodge. He had seen Bro. Eastes once in that lodge, and Lord Holmesdale had been twice with them, and he hoped the time would soon come when they would see them here again. Bro. Vincent then rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and said he wanted to wake a little of their enthusiasm, the object of which was that they might drink the health of their W.M. in a way that would be worthy of themselves and him. He was not going to praise him more that night than he had done before, nothing he could say would add to the honour and esteem they held him in, or one item to the lustre that his abilities had shed upon the lodge. As they knew, Bro. Butters had faithfully and zealously worked his way from the lowest to the highest office of it. He was an example for those who were following in his path, not only to the officer following him, but to those desirous of office. If they worked as faithfully, as earnestly, and were as courteous in their demeanour as Bro. Butters had done and been, he felt sure they would receive in their turn the same honour and distinction they now felt pleased to accord him. The toast was drank with the true Pattison "fire." Brother Butters in reply said he had responded to that toast several times, and each time with increased pleasure. It seemed to him that now they were getting towards the close of their year, they were getting to understand one another better, there was growing up among them an institution of such forbearance and brotherly love that made the position he occupied doubly pleasant and endeared to him, but that tie would soon be broken. He meant that it would be broken in this respect, that he should have to leave it and pass to the left, but even there the remembrance of their many kindnesses would be among the happiest of his life. There was a peculiarity in Freemasonry, a something that knitted them together in one bond of brotherly love, truth, and charity. It taught them and strengthened their belief in the immortality of the soul, and in the existence of a God, a Father, and a Ruler and Architect of the Universe. It had been brought before them prominently that night in the resolutions passed at Grand Lodge, and read to them by their Secretary. Those resolutions were the feelings and faith of every true Mason, and were the expressions of some thousands who made their faith in God the standpoint and foundation of their Masonry, and it was this peculiar bond of belief and faith that knitted them together in one bond of love and trust. He could not exist with Masons who expunged the name of T.G.A.O.T.U. from their ritual; if they did that they must expunge from it all love, truth, and charity, for they were the beneficent attributes of God, and implanted by him in their hearts so that they might live together in peace and unity. Nor could they forget that they were accountable to him. It was by this they made themselves happy in this world, and hopeful for the next. These were the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, without which they could not exist as a body. He then spoke of the good feeling existing in the lodge, saying it was by that good feeling alone the lodge could prosper, and likened it to a father who wanted to send his son to a good school, but first he enquired what was the feeling existing in it. Was there a union between master and scholars? Did there exist a spirit of accord and forbearance among them? Because if they did not, the education of that son would be a failure in its most important points, and so it was with a lodge—let them so work together that when enquiries were made about their school, the lodge, the reply might be that the Pattison Lodgeworked together on the purest and firmest principles of brotherly love, truth, and charity with one another and with all men. The W.M. then, in an eloquent manner, proposed "The Past Masters," coupled with the names of Bros. Vincent and Ellis. Bro. Vincent said it was his privilege to respond for the Past Masters, and he did not want to resign any of his privileges at present. He was, however, only a baby in the Past Masters' school at present, and he must leave the toast in the hands of those who were older scholars than himself. In reference to a remark of the W.M., that many Past Masters left the lodge to itself as soon as they had passed the chair, he trusted he should not do so. Bro. Ellis, of whose eloquent and excellent reply we can only afford space for the outlines, said there were duties to perform in the position of a P.M. which he, at present, did not feel inclined to shake off. To him it was always a great pleasure to be present and see the W.M. do the work of the lodge in the same manner that it had been done for many years. As he looked at the book he now held in his hand, it showed his name upon its list for the last twenty years, and during that time, almost a lifetime, and life was sadly chequered, there had been many a chequered year in the life of the Pattison Lodge, but as in life there were many battles to be fought and many fields to be won, and those battles could only be fought and won by a strict and impartial course of duty, so had the Pattison Lodge fought and conquered by the strict, impartial, earnest, and honourable manner with which it had grappled with its difficulties and surmounted its danger. Man he knew was mortal and liable to err, "it was mortal to err, to forgive divine," and it was only by forgiving and forgetting injuries they could make life pleasant and worth having. There had been a speech from the chair that he had heard with pleasure, because the subject was one that gave expression to the great principles of "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth." It struck him at the time that those principles had their emblems in the three positions taken up by the three principal officers of the lodge, the J.W., the S.W., and the chair itself. When they went into the J.W. chair they had in front of them the Rough Ashlar, which grew into perfect form at the next step. The S.W. chair there, along-side that stone, was a very important emblem; it showed them that Masonry was an advancing position. The advancement went on step by step and inch by inch to the altitude of

progression. That height was only to be obtained by going into it with a good and earnest spirit. They there found a ladder, and a ladder was an emblem of climbing up, and the highest position any one could take was the position of W.M., with the unanimous consent of the whole of the lodge. There were three things that bound them together, the first was Faith, which was the first ring of the ladder; Hope was the centre; the last was Charity, and that was represented by the Master of the lodge. He then concluded by thanking the W.M. and brethren for their reception of the toast, and resumed his seat amid applause. "The Visitors" followed, and Bros. Holland, Field, and Munroe responded. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and Bro. Penfold, whose name has been especially coupled with it, and Bro. Hayes, in response, said he was at a loss to understand why his name was associated with it. However it was a great pleasure to do anything, however slight, in the service of the lodge. It was a great pleasure to be present and hear the W.M. work the ritual, more especially that which had been done that night—to him it was one of the most beautiful things in the English language. Their W.M. did not take enough credit to himself for the success of the lodge. Bro. Col. Hughes would tell them that with a good leader the men would go anywhere, whether it was to take a Redan or face the enemies' columns, and so in this lodge under the happy auspices of their W.M. the officers were, like the rest of the brethren, only too happy to follow him. Bro. Hayes was afraid they did not do so well as they ought to do. He regretted the absence of Bro. Chapman, who through ill health was unable to attend. He hoped the whole of them would work together to keep the lodge in its present efficient state. A special toast—that of "Our Absent Members," coupled with the name of Bro. Colonel Hughes, gave that brother an opportunity of expressing his regret at having so few opportunities of visiting it, and of the pleasure it gave him now and then to pass an hour with them at their social board. The host was then complimented upon his catering, and then the Tyler's toast concluded an unusually brilliant and successful gathering.

**COCKERMOUTH.**—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, 7th inst. There were present Bros. J. S. Black, W.M.; W. Shilton, F.M.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M., and Org.; W. F. Lambony, P.M. (Freemason); Capt. Sewell, S.W.; T. Bird, J.W.; T. C. Robinson, Sec.; H. Peacock, I.G.; F. Armstrong, R. Harrison, J. Evening, J. Faron, J. Towers, R. Bailey, S. Ferguson, J. Borrowdale, and J. Hewson. There was also an excellent attendance of visiting brethren from two lodges in the province, namely, Bros. T. Carey, W.M.; J. W. Robinson, S.W.; E. G. Mitchell, Sec.; John Elliot, S.D.; W. Stoddart, J.D.; and T. Weatherston, all from Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371; together with Bros. Jas Cook, P.M. and Sec., and A. Taylor, P.M., Bective Lodge, 1532. The minutes of the preceding meeting being read and confirmed, and Bros. Borrowdale and Hewson having proved their proficiency, they were entrusted and retired, when the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. On re-admission of the brothers named, they were passed to the degree of F.C. by Bro. Black, W.M. Subsequently Bro. R. Robinson, P.M., delivered the introduction to the second lecture, which was followed by the charge of the degree by Bro. Capt. Sewell, S.W. The lodge was then reduced to the First Degree, when Bro. Lambony, P.M., in accordance with notice of motion, moved that the lodge proceed to the election of a Tyler for the remainder of the current year, in the place of Bro. Potts, deceased. He proposed Bro. Hewson to fill the office, which was seconded by Bro. Bailey, and agreed to unanimously. Bro. Hewson was then invested as Tyler of the lodge. On the proclamations being submitted, Bro. Bailey proposed, and Bro. Lambony seconded, Bro. C. H. McCall as an affiliating member, from Fidelity Lodge, No. 289, Leeds. Bro. Lambony next proposed, Bro. Capt. Sewell seconded, and it was agreed, that the permanent committee be appointed to revise the lodge bye-laws, many of them having become obsolete, and others, though in black and white, never having had any existence in point of fact. After hearty good wishes had been tendered from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in form. An emergency meeting was held on Thursday following, when most of the members before mentioned were present, in addition being Bro. Rev. Canon, Hoskins, M.A., Chaplain. After the W.M. had opened the lodge in form, Mr. Edward Lamb Waugh, who had been previously balloted for, was admitted, and initiated into Masonry. On re-admission, the S.W. delivered the E.A.'s charge, which was followed by the explanation of the First Tracing Board by Bro. R. Robinson, P.M. The lodge was then closed in form.

**HAMPTON.**—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This lodge held an emergency meeting on the 7th inst. There were present Bros. John Hammond, P.M., Jordan, W.M.; Fox, W.M. Lebanon, S.W. and W.M. elect; Jessett, J.W.; Hopwood, Treas.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Sec.; Secretary; Ockenden, S.D.; Wall, P.G.O. Middlesex, J.D. (Freemason); Kent, I.G.; Hunt, D.C.; J. Hurst, I.P.M., J.D. 1856. The ballot was taken for Mr. T. Cox as a candidate for initiation, and declared to be unanimous. The W.M. then with the assistance of his officers initiated Mr. J. Patey into Craft mysteries, passed Bros. J. Cole, R. Bray, and W. Beauchamp, and raised Bro. R. H. Crunden; the whole of the three arduous and impressive ceremonies being carried out by the W.M. with that care and attention to detail which has characterised his performance of the "working" responsibilities of his position throughout his year of office. In compliance with the notice on the agenda, a vote of condolence to the widow of the late deeply lamented Brother Robert Wentworth Little, P.M., Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, and

honorary member of the lodge, was unanimously passed, and ordered to be drawn up by the Secretary and forwarded to Mrs. Little. There being no other business before the lodge it was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to a collation, served by the caterer, Bro. Murphy, and assistants. The only toasts honoured were "The Queen" and "The Initiate". The remainder of the evening having been agreeably spent, the brethren separated until the third Thursday in October next.

**HALLIFORD.**—The Thames Valley Lodge (No. 1640).—A regular meeting of this popular lodge was held on Saturday, the 4th inst., at the Ship Hotel, Halliford, Middlesex, under the Mastership of Bro. W. T. Howe, G.P., and P.P.G.P., W.M. The remaining officers present were Bros. T. Burdett Yeoman, S.W.; W. Sweetland, J.W.; W. Paas, P.M., Treas.; J. G. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; J. H. R. Gowan, S.D.; W. Alcock, J.D.; E. C. Hislop, I.G.; Major the Hon. O. G. Lambert, D.C. The lodge having been duly opened, the W.M., Bro. Howe, proceeded with the ceremony of the installation of Bro. T. B. Yeoman, S.W., and Master elect, which was unavoidably adjourned at the last meeting in March, in consequence of Bro. Yeoman's inability to attend through indisposition. We are glad to say the Master elect was enabled to attend the adjourned meeting, although far from being restored to his usual good health, and was duly installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony of installation being most impressively rendered by the retiring Master. Bro. Yeoman received the most hearty congratulations of all present, with the expression of sincere hope that he might be restored to better health and enjoy a happy and prosperous year of office. The newly installed Master invested his predecessor, Bro. Howe, as his I.P.M., and appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. Sweetland, S.W.; J. H. R. Gowan, J.W.; the Rev. W. W. Martin, P.M., P.G.C. Somerset, Rector of Shepperton, Chaplain; W. Paas, P.M., Treas.; J. G. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; W. Alcock, S.D.; E. C. Hislop, J.D.; Major the Hon. O. G. Lambart, I.G.; J. S. Tylers, D.C.; J. Woodstock, Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. the Right Worshipful Colonel Francis Burtett, P.G. Warden, and Provincial Grand Master; Colonel James Peters, P.M., P.G.D.; J. L. Jones, P.M.; the Rev. Dr. E. H. Brette, P.M., P.G. Chaplain; Geo. Townsend, P.M.; P. Dunn; Mark N. Davis; R. Stone; S. A. Beaumont; H. Barrowes; J. R. Boon, P.M., P.G.S.B. Surrey; and E. F. Thomas. The following distinguished visitors were present:—Bros. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary of England and P.G. Treas.; J. H. Southwood, W.M. 1260; A. J. Altman, P.M. 159, and J.W. 1657; J. Seaton, P.M. 157; E. F. Barlow, P.M. 15; C. L. Anderson, 654; F. Calrow, 197. Bros. Southwood and Altman were proposed as joining members. The business agenda of the lodge having been disposed of, and the lodge duly closed, the brethren repaired to a well served banquet, under the able catering of Bro. Stone, for which the Ship is in good repute. Bro. Yeoman, the new W.M., presided over the lodge, at the banquet table, in the most able manner, and to the satisfaction of all the brethren present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were most amply proposed and responded to. In consequence of the lamented decease of Bro. R. W. Little, D.G.M. of the province, the lodge summonses appeared in mourning, and nearly all present appeared in Masonic mourning. The Tyler's toast concluded a most agreeable meeting.

**RHYL.**—Caradoc Lodge (No. 1674).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, at the Town Hall, Rhyl. Bro. J. Salmon, W.M., P.M. 425 and 1477, P.Z. 771, and P.P.J.G.W. of North Wales and Shropshire, presided, and there was a numerous attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. Mr. S. W. Croston was initiated, and Bros. W. Williams, J. R. Jones, and J. Guest were passed to the Second Degree. On the motion of the Worshipful Master, a vote of condolence was passed to the family of the late esteemed Senior Warden of the lodge, Bro. Gilbank, whose death took place a short time back. The W.M. appointed Bro. W. H. Foulkes to the vacant chair, which gave satisfaction to all the members, Bro. Foulkes having performed the duties of Secretary with efficiency and zeal. Bro. W. H. Keating was appointed Secretary.

### Royal Arch.

**LEICESTER.**—Chapter of Fortitude (No. 279).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, the 9th of May, 1878, at which a large number of members and visitors were present, amongst whom may be mentioned Comps. William Kelly, P.G. Supt.; S. S. Partridge, Z.; Robert Waite, Z. elect; George Toller, P.Z.; Clement Stretton, P.Z.; George Hodges, P.Z.; John T. Thorp, H.; R. Boughton-Smith, H. 1130; J. M. Kew, J. 1130; Clement E. Stretton, E.; T. Worthington, N.; T. A. Wykes, as. P.S.; Thomas, Colman, Treas.; H. Meadows, D.C.; also Dr. Hunt, C. S. Preston, W. B. Smith, E. Newton, T. Macaulay, R. A. Barber, J. E. Hodges, Dr. Clifton, J. C. Clarke, R. S. Toller, T. R. Pickering, T. Dunn, Jan., and others. The chapter was opened in ancient form by Comp. Partridge, Z. A dispensation having been read and ordered to be entered upon the minutes, the Prov. G. Supt., Comp. Kelly, installed Comp. R. Waite in the Second and First Chairs, also Comp. J. M. Kew as H., and Comp. R. Boughton-Smith as Z. of the De Mowbray Chapter, No. 1130. The other companions having been admitted, Bro. R. J. Clarke was exalted to this degree, the ceremony being most impressively performed by Comp. Partridge, P.Z., assisted by the Prov. G. Supt. The ordinary routine business having been concluded, the chapter was closed in due form. The annual banquet was then served, after which the loyal and Ma-

sonic toasts followed in their usual order. The toast of the evening, "The M. E. Z." was proposed and received in the most hearty manner. The Masonic zeal of Comp. Waite is so well known that the brethren have no doubt that the present prosperous state of the chapter will be maintained. In proposing the next toast a well-merited eulogium was passed by Comp. Stretton, P.Z., upon Comp. Partridge for his valuable services as First Principal during the past year; his working of all the ceremonies has been characterised by great exactness and dignity; to which Comp. Partridge suitably responded, and at the same time took the opportunity to advocate the claims of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, for which he was representing the province as Steward at the anniversary festival, to take place the following day, the result of his appeal being to raise the amount of that brother's already large list of subscriptions to the handsome sum of £223 6s.

### Mark Masonry.

**CHESTER.**—Earl of Chester Lodge (No. 196).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, on Monday, the 6th inst., under the presidency of Bro. W. Matthews, W.M.M., and Prov. J.G.W. of Cheshire and North Wales. Bro. C. W. Duncan, 426, was advanced to the Degree of a Mark Master Mason. At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

### TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. HENRY MUGGERIDGE.

The Testimonial which during the last few months has been in progress for presentation to Bro. Henry Muggeridge was presented on Wednesday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern. It consisted of a purse and £300, and the following record of the fact, splendidly inscribed in illuminated character on vellum, and framed and glazed.

"This address together with a purse containing three hundred sovereigns was presented to Bro. Henry Muggeridge, P.M., P.Z., etc., at a dinner held in his honour at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Wednesday, the 15th of May, 1878, by a large number of the Fraternity as a token of their esteem and regard for his great services to Freemasonry as a Preceptor, and in testimony of their high appreciation of his great zeal and ability on behalf of Masonic charity and Freemasonry in general.—Chairman, S. G. Myers; Treasurer, E. M. Hubbuck; Secretary, F. Fellows."

The following is the list of subscribers to the testimonial with the amount contributed by each:—

	£	s.	d.
The Members of the Nine Muses Lodge	17	17	0
Lion and Lamb Lodge ... ..	10	10	0
Lion and Lamb Chapter ... ..	10	10	0
Pannure Lodge ... ..	10	10	0
Neptune Lodge ... ..	10	0	0
Felicity Lodge ... ..	5	5	0
Emulation Lodge ... ..	5	5	0
Several Old Members Gihon Lodge	5	5	0
Old King's Arms Lodge ... ..	3	3	0
Gresham Lodge ... ..	2	2	0
Cestrian Lodge ... ..	2	2	0
Cestrian Chapter ... ..	2	2	0
Unions Lodge ... ..	2	2	0
Welshpool Lodge ... ..	2	2	0
Cannon Street Hotel, pro Bro. Rand	2	2	0
Bro. E. M. Hubbuck, P.G. Std. ...	10	10	0
" J. Bagot Scriven, P.G. Std. ...	10	10	0
" Lord de T'abley, R.W.G.M. Cheshire	5	5	0
" R. Gray, P.G.D. ... ..	5	5	0
" J. T. C. Winkfield, P.P.G.W. Berks	5	5	0
" George Kenning, P.G.D. Middlesex	5	5	0
" B. Head, P.G.D. ... ..	4	4	0
" E. J. Snell, P.G.D. ... ..	3	3	0
" James Casey, No. 715 ... ..	3	3	0
" J. Tomkins, P.G. Treasurer ...	2	2	0
" F. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R. ...	2	2	0
" J. C. Havers, P.G.D. ... ..	2	2	0
" Geo. Plucknett, P.G.D. ... ..	2	2	0
" F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D. ...	2	2	0
" B. Baker, P.G.D. ... ..	2	2	0
" D. Law, P.G. Std. ... ..	2	2	0
" W. F. Larkins, P.G. Std. ...	2	2	0
" W. S. Gover, P.G. Std. ... ..	2	2	0
" F. D. R. Copestick, P.G.S.B. Herts	2	2	0
" Watkin Williams, Q.C. No. 715 ...	2	2	0
" S. G. Myers, P.M. 715 ... ..	2	2	0
" W. J. Crossfield, P.M. 715 ...	2	2	0
" Henry Birdseye, P.M. 715 ... ..	2	2	0
" J. H. Townend, P.M. 715 and 1426	2	2	0
" William Birdseye, W.M. 715 ...	2	2	0
" E. Phillips, S.W. 715 ... ..	2	2	0
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" M. Bennett, P.M. 715 ... ..	2	2	0
" A. J. Lilwall, P.M. 715 ... ..	2	2	0
" C. W. Gray, P.M. 22 ... ..	2	2	0
" E. F. Storr, P.M. 22 ... ..	2	2	0
" E. Jones, P.M. 192 ... ..	2	2	0
" F. Fellows, S.W. 192, 1679 ...	2	2	0
" F. M. Newton ... ..	2	2	0
" T. Reynolds ... ..	2	2	0
" F. Bamford ... ..	2	2	0
" J. E. Grocot ... ..	2	2	0
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" G. Hunt ... ..	2	2	0
" J. F. Jackson ... ..	2	2	0
" C. Jacomb ... ..	2	0	0
" C. Barclay ... ..	2	0	0
" Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.	1	1	0
" Col. Creaton, P.G.D. ... ..	1	1	0
" S. Leith Tomkins, P.G.D. ...	1	1	0
" H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D. ...	1	1	0
" J. M. Clabon, P.G.D. ... ..	1	1	0
" J. Hervey, G. Sec ... ..	1	1	0
" Capt. T. Davies Sewell, P.G. Std.	1	1	0
" George Cockle, P.G. Std. ...	1	1	0
" R. W. Little, D.G.M. Middlesex	1	1	0
" D. W. Pearce, G.R. Middlesex	1	1	0
" A. Partridge, P.M. 22 ... ..	1	1	0
" George Phythian, W.M. 22 ...	1	1	0
" J. Cohu, P.M. 192 ... ..	1	1	0
" C. Arkell, 192 ... ..	1	1	0
" W. Bailey, P.M. 49 ... ..	1	1	0
" C. Jardine, 140 ... ..	1	1	0
" Jas. Paddle, P.M. 715 ... ..	1	1	0
" J. Weedon, 715 ... ..	1	1	0
" E. W. Richardson, 715 ... ..	1	1	0
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" J. Burroughs ... ..	1	1	0
" W. Smithett ... ..	1	1	0
" F. W. Braine ... ..	1	1	0
" Geo. Abbott, P.M. 192 ... ..	1	1	0
" C. Magnay ... ..	1	1	0
" A. H. Tattershall ... ..	1	1	0
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" Henry James, 5 ... ..	1	1	0
" J. Canham ... ..	1	1	0
" J. Adams Acton ... ..	1	1	0
" W. F. Kibble, 1426 ... ..	1	1	0
" Alf. Sack, 1679 ... ..	1	1	0
" G. Baumann ... ..	1	1	0
" J. Waddell ... ..	1	1	0
" T. Underwood ... ..	1	1	0
" F. Smith, P.M. 201, 998 ... ..	1	1	0
" Kent ... ..	1	1	0
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" H. S. Crawford ... ..	1	1	0
" T. P. Owen, P.M. 998 and Treas.	1	1	0
" G. Knox ... ..	1	1	0
" Ritter and Clifford ... ..	1	1	0
" A. C. Cepe, J.W. 715 ... ..	1	1	0
" W. Downing ... ..	1	0	0
" C. Harcourt, P.M. 22 ... ..	1	0	0
" F. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B. ...	0	10	6
" E. Benard, 869 ... ..	0	10	6
" Rev. C. E. Mayo ... ..	0	10	6
" W. Hopekirk, Treas. 179 ...	0	10	6
" P. Wagner, P.M. ... ..	0	10	6
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" C. G. Smithers ... ..	0	10	6
" A. C. Wylie ... ..	0	10	6
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" T. S. Carter ... ..	0	10	6
" J. Salmon, P.M. 45, P.P.G.J.W. North	0	10	6
" Wales ... ..	0	10	6
" J. Copestick ... ..	0	10	6
" J. Hyde ... ..	0	10	6
" T. Fairweather ... ..	0	10	6
" R. Ward ... ..	0	10	6
" J. A. L. Barnard ... ..	0	10	6
" R. Dunthorne ... ..	0	10	6
" J. Bain ... ..	0	10	0
" H. C. Lavander, G. Sec. Middlesex	0	10	0
" A. D. Loewenstark, P.M. 548 and 733	0	10	6
" M. D. Loewenstark, W.M. 1668, J.D. 25	0	10	6
" W. H. Bowden ... ..	0	5	0
" W. T. Howe ... ..	0	5	0
" T. R. Eames, Sec. 22 ... ..	0	5	0
" E. B. Crichton ... ..	2	2	0
" C. J. Hogg ... ..	1	1	0
" W. Bennett, P.M. 715 ... ..	1	1	0
" A. H. Diaper ... ..	2	2	0
" Hyde Pullen ... ..	1	1	0
" R. Dickman ... ..	0	5	0
" H. W. Wimshurst ... ..	0	5	0
" Robt. Middleton ... ..	0	2	6
" W. Bamber ... ..	0	2	6
" E. Peart ... ..	1	1	0
" E. Hollandt ... ..	0	5	0
" Hubbard ... ..	0	5	0
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" J. Miller ... ..	0	5	0
" R. Cutting ... ..	0	5	0
" A. F. Austen ... ..	0	5	0
" J. M. Threddey ... ..	0	5	0

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The presentation was preceded by a supper, at which Bro. S. G. Myers, W.M. 715, presided, the other brethren present being Bros. Benj. Head, Hyde Pullen, J. Bagot Scriven, A. H. Diaper, J. Jonas, W. J. Crossfield, W.

Birdseye, E. Phillips, J. H. Hewett, J. H. Weeden, F. Fellows, (Hon. Sec.); E. F. Storr, J. H. Townend, W. F. Kibble, A. Sack, Walter Hopekirk, C. W. Gray, John Canham, J. R. Jones, G. H. Hoyle, Algernon Austen, Alan C. Wylie, J. Forsyth, C. J. Hogg, H. Birdseye, E. H. Hubbuck (Treasurer), H. Watts, T. R. Eames, Geo. Darnell, Geo. Phythian, and H. Massey (Freemason).

After supper the business of the evening was commenced.

The toasts of "The Queen" and "The Prince and Princess of Wales" and the other members of the Royal Family," having been duly honoured, the Chairman proposed that of "The Pro. and Deputy G. Master, and the Grand Officers," remarking, that he did not know before that evening, that he should have the opportunity of proposing the toast in the presence of any of the Grand Officers. Two of them however, have had the goodness to honour the Muggeridge Testimonial meeting, with their company.

Bro. Benj. Head, P.G.D., responded, and after acknowledging the toast on behalf of the Grand Officers, said that the greatest part of his and Bro. Pullen's pleasure that day was not their being considered Grand Officers, but their having the opportunity to do honour to their worthy friend, Bro. Muggeridge. This was a meeting of love and kindness, to a dear old friend, and it was one that he should recollect with pleasure as long as he lived.

The Chairman then rose to propose the toast of the evening, "Bro. H. Muggeridge" and was received with loud and long continued applause. He said:—Brethren,—We have met on the present occasion to perform a most interesting and pleasant duty—viz., to present to our revered and esteemed Bro. Muggeridge the testimonial which has been collected from some of his many friends and admirers. It has fallen to my happy lot to have been selected by the committee of that Testimonial Fund to have the honour, on behalf of yourselves and the other subscribers, to carry out that task, and I know of no other circumstance which could have afforded me greater gratification. My dear Bro. Muggeridge, I trust you will believe that I have a feeling far stronger even than that of pleasure in presenting to you the testimonial which, as a tribute of respect and esteem, has been collected for you, and which I am proud and happy to say has assumed the form of a purse containing £300—a sum comparatively large in amount but too small for your great deserving, and if I venture at the same time to address a few words to you, believe me I do so with all respect, and I hope with a due regard to your feelings. I wish to be permitted to say that if ever a man deserved well of his fellow men—more especially his fellow Masons—you are that man. Your life has been devoted to the good of Masonry and the welfare of your brethren, and you stand out as a bright example of disinterestedness and self-sacrifice for the glorious cause of our brotherhood. With your great talents and high attainments you might well have achieved a position bringing greater worldly profit and advantage to yourself, but you gave up all, that Masonry might be benefitted and its true lights disseminated and made clear to all who know you or came within your beneficial influence. In the cause of charity you justly occupy a high pre-eminence. You are Vice-Patron of each of our three great and noble charities. You have worked hard for many many years as Preceptor of, and have kept up, your most excellent lodge of instruction—not alone that Masons might be instructed, but that you might accumulate large funds—and you have so accumulated them, not one shilling for yourself, although you might well have so used them, but have applied all to the holy cause of charity—have devoted them to the noblest objects which the human mind can conceive—namely, the education and relief of your fellow creatures. You have been, and still are, as a fountain pure and undefiled, at which all who come for Masonic lore and knowledge were welcome, and were supplied with and received all the benefits to be derived from your great knowledge and able tuition. You have greatly aided in rescuing numberless orphans of both sexes from a state of penury and ignorance—perhaps degradation—and many widows left destitute at the time of their bereavement, and in their trouble and tribulation, have come to you, have found help and consolation, and been lifted out of their misery. These are matters, amongst others, of which you might justly be proud, if you could be so; these and your general amenity and courtesy to all are matters which have endeared you to your brethren, and all who have been so fortunate as to know you, and to all you have always readily dispensed Masonic knowledge and help to enable them to fulfil their important duties in the Craft. I am sure the brethren will agree with me when I say that these observations are not mere mouth praise but are solemn truths, and you may well look back to your past life with feelings of gratified pride. You have justly earned a world-wide fame, and your name and good reputation have travelled to and been known in every part of the globe where English Masonry is practised. Bro. Muggeridge, I ask you on behalf of the subscribers to accept this testimonial as a small token of the love and regard of your brethren, and may it help to cheer you in that partial retirement you have chosen, happy, and still creating happiness in the bosom of your family, still respected by all who know you. May the Great Architect of the Universe shower down his blessings on you, and may you be spared for many years to continue your career of usefulness and beneficence, but still to enjoy the repose you have so hardly and so justly entitled yourself to. I may mention that this handsome purse and also this beautiful inscription on vellum, commemorating the occasion, have both been most kindly presented by our excellent Bro. George Kenning. Brethren, I greatly fear that I have trespassed too long upon your time and patience; the theme, however, was one, to my mind, that might well excuse me. I will conclude by adapting a quotation, with which



I am sure you will agree, and say with me that Bro. Muggeridge is a man, take him for all and all, we ne'er shall look upon his like again. I now call upon you, brethren, to be upstanding, and sincerely and heartily drink to the health, long life, and prosperity of our dear Bro. Muggeridge, Mrs. Muggeridge, and family.

Bro. Henry Muggeridge, who, on rising to reply, was greeted with several rounds of cheering, said:—Bro. Chairman and brethren,—Ah! now comes the difficulty. Yes, it is all very pleasant for me to listen to the excellent speech our Worshipful Chairman made, and, Worshipful Chairman, if I possessed the power of speech that you do, and of which you have given such a proof in the address you have just delivered, I should be able to get out of my difficulty in acknowledging the kind manner in which my health has been proposed and received very easily indeed, but as I know I do not possess that power (and I am not fool enough to rush in where an angel would fear to tread) I shall not attempt to make a speech at all, but shall merely talk to you in my usual style. That is all I shall attempt to do, and I think you will all agree with me that I act with some degree of wisdom in pursuing that course. Let me say, Brother Chairman and brethren, that I am delighted with the very kind things that you have said, and also at seeing such an excellent meeting as this is. I know the only motives that have prompted the brethren to come are wishes and desires to do honour to me, and I assure you I highly appreciate their kindness. There are some very old friends here, and I particularly allude to our Bros. Head and Hyde Pullen. There are some more recent, but equally staunch friends of mine, I know, and I assure you, that in the first place I do thank the promoters of this testimonial, and the committee they have formed, and also the officers that committee have appointed to carry out their views; and, as I know, the whole of those officers and the committee have done their self-imposed duty in an admirable manner. I shall not mention a single individual's name; as all have done well it would be wrong to mention one name unless I mentioned the rest. I do say, however, and I say it most emphatically, that from what I have heard (and I could not help hearing of it, because the proceedings of that committee have been published in the *Freemason*, which has kept me pretty well posted up in everything the committee has been doing) all the brethren have done well what they have done and have to the utmost of their power contributed to the success of this testimonial. They have made it a success and I heartily thank them for what they have done. I also not only thank those brethren who are present who have responded to the appeal of the Committee, but I thank those who are absent who have likewise responded. I wish the brethren also to know that I most sincerely and emphatically own as much pleasure with the smaller amounts given by some of the brethren as with the larger amounts so kindly and generously given by others. I trust that those who have given the large amounts will not think that I do not fully appreciate their kindness, I do, fully and to the greatest extent, but we all know, I am sure, that the widow's mite was highly appreciated in a certain quarter. Therefore, I hope and trust that those who have given the large amounts will not feel displeased with me for making an allusion to those who have given smaller amounts. There is one thing that Bro. Hubbuck who sits next to me, reminds me of, which is, that we are deeply indebted to one brother present, and that is our brother whose initials are the same as my own, Bro. Henry Massey, who has kindly attended here for the purpose of reporting our proceedings. I am sure I am very pleased to see him here, and I am also very pleased with and grateful to the proprietor of the *Freemason* paper for what he has done in the columns of that journal, which is sent all over the world. And here, perhaps, I may make a little digression, and inform you that the beautiful testimonial on vellum, with its handsome frame, as well as the elegant purse in which your subscriptions are contained, are the gift of and have been presented by the proprietor of the *Freemason*. (Cheers.) Brethren, I scarcely know, as I mentioned before, what to say. I told you I do not possess the eloquence of Bro. Myers, but at the same time I think I have told you that I fully appreciate what you have done. Without indulging in any fulsome language I say I am pleased with the promoters of the testimonial. I am grateful to the committee, the officers, to all who are here present, and to those who are absent, who had responded to the appeal of the Committee. Well now, brethren, I want to tell you something else. This is a very beautiful purse. I have not seen it before to-day; but what do you think I am going to do with it? I am going to give Mrs. Muggeridge the purse, and I am going to keep the money myself (Laughter.) I know it is the practice of the profession of which our Worshipful Chairman is so distinguished an ornament to pursue that course; they keep the oyster themselves and give the shells to their clients. And a very proper way too, isn't it. To prove to you that I am quite right, I may tell you that by keeping the money myself and giving Mrs. Muggeridge the purse, the testimonial will be more lasting, as I have no doubt, the purse will be existence when the contents have vanished into thin air. Now, this splendid testimonial took its origin in the Stability Lodge of Instruction, at which many of you know I have been a constant attendant for 39 years. We recently had our anniversary festival at the Cannon Street Hotel, and a very great success it was. I was delighted with it. Our Brother Philbrick, Q.C., Recorder of Colchester, was our chairman, and everything went off nicely, and I was very much pleased with my staff who worked on that occasion. They worked well; and I think all the brethren who were then present must have been pleased with the whole affair, with the working, with the banquet, with the music—there was not a single hitch; and I was very much pleased indeed. I was rather disappointed with the numbers who attended—not for my

own sake (that did not matter at all), but as an act of justice to the management to the Cannon Street Hotel. I must express my regret that there were not more present. I do assure you, and I do it most truthfully, that I am deeply indebted to the Cannon Street Hotel, on many occasions. They have always behaved to me in the most liberal manner. On that occasion I had 260 names on my list. I ordered supper for 120. I did not have more than 100; and although I had ordered for 120 they only charged me 103. I merely mention that as an act of justice. No doubt the thinness in numbers there occurred from different causes. In the first place, it was Easter week. Easter is a moveable feast; ours is a settled feast always; it takes place on the last Friday in April. It might not only be Easter week, but it might be other causes which prevented a larger number being present. Perhaps it was my falling off—my prestige might be somewhat on the wane; and perhaps some of the brethren might have told me so, only they had the example of Gil Blas and the Archbishop of Toledo before their eyes; and therefore they were afraid to mention it to me. But at the same time I must tell you, getting up that meeting certainly does give me a great deal of trouble; and as the responsibility is somewhat considerable, and brethren live out of town so much now, I do not think in the future I shall get up another. I am not going to desert the Stability Lodge of Instruction. I intend to carry that on (God willing) in the future as I have done in the past; and probably at the close of the session some of my good friends, Bro. Henry Birdseye among the rest, may exert themselves to get up a small meeting. I say "small" in comparison; but I may say I do not think I shall attempt another in future. You know, brethren, all things must come to a close. Everything which is grand in nature and beautiful in art must perish—

The cloud-capp'd towers, the gorgeous palaces,  
The solemn temples, the great globe itself,  
Yea, all which it inherit, shall dissolve;  
And, like the baseless fabric of a vision,  
Leave not a rack behind.

Brethren, I do not mean to tell you that this mortal frame is getting "small by degrees and beautifully less;" I do not mean to tell you that I am particularly feeble—especially at the banquet table (laughter); but I do say this, that I am getting dreadfully lazy, and I have unmistakable signs of a desire to enjoy the otium cum dignitate, and do nothing at all. That is really my feeling; and although I shall endeavour to promote the prosperity and good working of the Stability Lodge of Instruction at its ordinary meetings I do not think I shall attempt to get up another of those big meetings at the Cannon Street Hotel again. There is one thing I should like to say before I sit down. I know I am trespassing on your time (No, no); but I do want to say what I think on this occasion. I told you, I do not want to mention any individual's name in praise, because all of them have done well; but I do want to mention the name of one lodge, and that is my mother lodge, the Lion and Lamb Lodge, 192. I am the father of that lodge, only, owing to circumstances, I have not had the pleasure of being at that lodge for the last three or four years, but yet during my absence they have had the goodness and the kindness to vote unanimously ten guineas towards this fund. You will excuse me making an exception to the rule I have laid down in mentioning that lodge. I do so because I think it is a very kind action, and I do feel that their having done that, it becomes a duty of mine to endeavour by all possible means to attend at their next regular meeting, which I believe is in October, to return them my thanks for what they have done, although from circumstances I cannot go there regularly. I am afraid I have tired you very much indeed. I have told you what I am going to do—to give Mrs. Muggeridge the purse, and keep the money myself. That is an equal distribution, and I am sure our Bro. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, if he had been here, would have said I was quite right. Excuse me for having trespassed so long on your time, and accept my sincere thanks for what you have done. As I said before, I not only thank you who are present, but I wish it to go forth that I also thank those who are absent. (Great cheering.)

Bro. Hubbuck (Treasurer of the Testimonial Fund) proposed "The Health of the Chairman." The brethren, he said, had spent a very pleasant evening, and the Chairman had done his duty most efficiently. He had explained to the brethren the beauties of Bro. Muggeridge's character in a way which they must all endorse. Although the brethren could not all explain their ideas with the same fluency as the Chairman, they were able to express their thanks to him for the trouble he had taken in coming to preside over them, and for the constancy with which he attended the meetings of the Committee. The success of the testimonial was very much, owing to the Chairman's exertions, and for that, and for his presidency over the present meeting, the brethren would express their thanks by drinking his health most heartily.

The Chairman, in reply, said: I kept you too long in the speech I delivered to you just now to trouble you much again, but still I may be allowed to say that I am very highly flattered at the manner in which Bro. Hubbuck has thought proper to speak of me. I may tell you what you probably all know that Bro. Hubbuck is not the man to say that which he does not mean, and although he seemed to deplore his want of eloquence, as he called it, I think he was very eloquent; certainly he spoke in a very flowery kind of way about me. I assure you that what I have done upon this occasion, which has been enlarged upon by Bro. Hubbuck, has been simply my duty in so worthy a cause. I have done no more than, and certainly not so much as, other members of the Committee. However, I have done that which every brother would have done at various times to further the interests of Bro. Muggeridge. I can only say again that I am pleased and grateful for

the flattering way in which I have been spoken of, and I hope all of you have been satisfied to-night.

The Chairman next said the toast which I have now the honour of bringing before you is one which I know you will be glad to honour, "The Treasurer" of this Fund. It is only necessary to know Bro. Hubbuck to respect him; but as regards the business of this Fund, I may tell all those who know him, (he said something about its success being due to me) let me tell you most emphatically the success of this matter has been very largely owing to himself, because of the respectability which his name threw around it. It is due to Bro. Hubbuck that I should ask you to drink his very good health. I was saying that he had a highly respectable name. That I can assure you had a great influence upon the success of the undertaking and upon the subscriptions which came in. Bro. Hubbuck is a good Mason, and he is one of the best friends among the very numerous friends which Bro. Muggeridge possesses. Bro. Muggeridge or any other man is fortunate in possessing a friend of such sterling qualities and such downright honesty of feeling as Bro. Hubbuck. Without his highly respectable name on the list, his having been Treasurer, his having contributed in the way he did to this fund, we certainly should not have met with the success we have.

Bro. Hubbuck in reply said: You have taken me quite by surprise. I, as you very well remarked, take a great interest in having Bro. Muggeridge as one of my friends. I may say that the success of this fund was very much due to our indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Fellows, and Bro. Birdseye, and two or three more who regularly attended the meetings of the Committee. I unfortunately had a family bereavement, which prevented me continuing my attendance on the alternate Thursday. From time to time I heard of the success of the undertaking, with which I was very much pleased. We must all appreciate the kindness that our Bro. George Kenning showed to the members of the Committee in allowing us to meet at his premises whenever we chose. He attended the meetings almost invariably, and it was only other pressing engagements which prevented his being on the Committee. He has, however, afforded us most valuable assistance by a large amount of Masonic information as to the brethren of the Craft, and we ought to thank him for the services he has rendered to us. We were rather damped at first in our energy by a want of response to our appeal for assistance, but we kept on persevering, and we arrived at the happy results which our worthy chairman has announced to you to-day. I have to thank you heartily for the very flattering terms in which you, Mr. Chairman, have proposed my health, and I hope I shall always act so as to continue to receive the same good feeling that you have expressed towards me this evening.

The Chairman, in proposing "The Health of Bro. Francis Fellows, Secretary," said, the next toast is that of "The Health of our most excellent brother, and kind-hearted Secretary to this Testimonial, Bro. Francis Fellows." It is all very well for us to talk about what we have done, and what the Secretary has done, and what this man has done and that man has done; but let me tell you that all the work of this Committee has been done by Bro. Fellows. And how, although we flatter each other in our speeches about the success being due to this or to that, I believe the real and actual success of this undertaking is due to the indefatigable exertions of our good brother, the Secretary to this Testimonial. Bro. Fellows is a man largely engaged in business, and I know that his time is nearly all occupied, and that he has scarcely any time for his own personal matters. Notwithstanding that he used every exertion, and he managed so as to leave no stone unturned, and to make this Testimonial a successful one. The number of letters he must have written, the trouble he must have taken to correspond with people about their subscriptions, entitle him to our respect and gratitude. I may tell you, above all, that what Bro. Fellows did he did for love, and the expenses which he was compelled to be out of his own pocket were so large in comparison with those taken out of the subscriptions that the amount contributed to the testimonial was scarcely lessened. If it had not been for Bro. Fellows what has been done would not have been done half so well, and it would have entailed an expense on the funds which would very much have deteriorated it and rendered it much less in the amount our dear Bro. Muggeridge would have had to receive. I, therefore, say that the substantial part of this work is due to Bro. Fellows, and I do hope the Committee will all agree with me. They must do so; but I think although I have feebly explained it, I have done so sufficiently to show the great services and the great value of the services of Bro. Fellows in the interest of Bro. Muggeridge. Bro. Fellows, I personally thank you, for the great services you have rendered to the Committee by taking this in hand, and I hope all the brethren will cordially agree with me.

Bro. Francis Fellows, (Secretary) in replying said: Most worthy chairman and brethren, to you, Bro. Myers, I have a few words to say. First of all I am exceedingly obliged to you for the very kind way in which you have put my name forward to the brethren, the subscribers present to the Henry Muggeridge Testimonial; but I certainly myself consider you have flattered me too much. I certainly undertook this as one of the promoters of the Testimonial. I was the honorary Secretary, and I have looked upon the work of the office as a labour of love from its commencement to the end. It certainly was a long time in hand; but I feel that if it had lasted 6 months longer we could have doubled the amount. I must say that in the winter season, I was somewhat troubled with it because my health failed me, and I felt when I had to be absent from Committee meetings I should have been there. However, it has been no neglect of mine that the amount has not been so much as I should have liked. I beg to thank you for the way in which you have proposed my

health, but I ought to say that if it had not been for the working Committee the honorary Secretary would have been no where. I have been materially assisted by them on all occasions, not only by their advice, but by their ready assistance.

The Chairman then said. Every one on the Committee had his heart in the undertaking; still, those who acted as officers, either permanently or temporarily, may be mentioned without any disrespect to the others, or without any other brother of the committee feeling he had been left out. I might go on for a length of time, but that might be disagreeable to you, but I really feel I should be doing injustice if I did not ask you to drink to the very good health of one brother. I very much regret, and I have no doubt I am doing wrong in adverting to it; but there was a time when by the will of providence our dear friend, Bro. Hubbuck, was unable to do the duties of Treasurer for a time, and at that time our Bro. Birdseye stepped forward and took upon himself the duties of Treasurer to relieve Bro. Hubbuck, who as soon as his feelings would allow him came back to his original position. Bro. Birdseye did all that was necessary, not only in receiving money, (that however was not a very difficult task), but in going to brethren to collect money. Bro. Birdseye is a great favourite of Bro. Muggeridge, and I believe helps to spoil him, but for the discharge of his duties as a man and a brother, in this matter I think I shall be justified and excused in bringing his name before you.

Bro. Birdseye said, I am rather disappointed that Bro. Myers has selected me, because all the members of the committee have worked so hard and so well in order to make this testimonial a success, that I think it is almost a pity he should have singled out me. When Bro. Hubbuck was unable to attend to his duties of Treasurer, I stepped forward; but any other member would have done the same as I did under the circumstances. We were drawing near to a close at the time, and we were very anxious that the money should be got in. I with a great deal of pleasure took the position of Assistant Treasurer on that occasion. If my services have been of any assistance to the fund, I am amply repaid, because most of you know that to our dear old friend Bro. Muggeridge, I owe all my knowledge in Masonry; and I have a large amount of esteem and love for him, for the kindness with which he has treated me in Masonry. Among the members who got up this committee were those who derived knowledge and instruction from Bro. Muggeridge, and therefore with these, as it was with me, it has been a labour of love. I am delighted that we have obtained the amount we have. I am perhaps a little disappointed we have not more, but still I am delighted we have got so much. For whatever services I may have rendered I am amply repaid by the gratification I feel in having the love of Bro. Muggeridge.

The Chairman then said, I have one more toast to propose to you, "The Health of Bro. George Kenning," and I should really be ashamed if we separated to-night without drinking it and without my telling you of the immense services which he has rendered to us committee men in the cause of our dear brother here, not only by his great kindness but by his great liberality. I may tell you that although Bro. Hubbuck has adverted to it in his excellent reply, this committee was greatly helped in what it had to do by having most excellent accommodation at Bro. Kenning's rooms for the purpose of the meeting, and for the purpose of having everything at hand ready to transact the business of this committee. And I may tell you more. It is not a very serious matter, that there always was a full box of cigars at every meeting, which was not so full when we left. But when I tell you that the handsome purse, and that most beautiful testimonial on vellum, elegantly framed, were the free gifts of Bro. Kenning, that Bro. Kenning also gave a most liberal subscription, that Bro. Kenning's name was also a great recommendation and threw around the subject of the testimonial a bona fides and air of its respectability which encouraged many brethren, and perhaps many lodges in the knowledge that the whole thing was right and proper, and that if it had not been, Bro. Kenning would have had nothing to do with it, you will perceive that though he is absent he ought not to be forgotten to-night. On the contrary we ought to think well of him, and to let him see that we appreciate what he has done. Although he is not here, I hope his representative will convey to him our expressions of thanks.

Bro. H. Massey promised to represent to Bro. Kenning what the worthy Chairman had said, and the brethren then separated.

**The marriage of the Earl of Lonsdale and the Lady Gladys Herbert, daughter of Lady Herbert of Lea, and sister of the Earl of Pembroke, which was originally fixed for the 18th inst., is postponed, owing to Lord Lonsdale's indisposition.**

**ZEBRAS FOR AFRICA.**—The manager of the Jardin d'Acclimatation at Paris has directed the attention of African explorers to the zebra, as a beast of burden, better suited to the climate than any of our domesticated animals, not even excepting the ass. Several zebras, now under his charge, have been successfully broken in, and M. de Semelle, whose project of crossing Africa from the mouth of the Niger to the east coast has been referred to by us, may possibly make use of this novel beast of burden.—*Athenaeum*

**MANSION HOUSE.**—The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress will entertain at the Mansion House, her Majesty's Judges, on Friday, June 28, and the Archbishops and Bishops on Wednesday, July 3. The date of the banquet to her Majesty's Ministers has not yet been fixed. A ball in honour of the Mayors and Mayoresses of the United Kingdom will be given on Tuesday, June 25.

## Reviews.

**MY HOLIDAY—WHERE SHALL I SPEND IT?** Sampson Low and Maaston, 188, Fleet-street.

This is a very useful and instructive publication, as it places before us those various seaside resorts of the British public which in July and August have such attractions for all ages and all conditions. The book also tells us of the mineral waters, (not Seltzer, Appollinaris, or Taunus), and the other resorts of our country, and is very pleasant reading, and gives a great deal of valuable information. No one can invest a shilling more to the purpose who patronises this useful handbook. We fancy that it will be much studied this year.

**BYE-LAWS OF THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY CHAPTER OF SOV. PRINCES ROSE CROIX.** Edited by Bro. HUGH H. RIACH.

This little volume, which has been kindly sent to us, is one of the most neatly printed books we have seen for some time. It is most admirably "got up," and we are greatly pleased with its most opportune appearance. It is printed in red, and is quite pleasurable to read. No one can fail to be struck and gratified with it.

**BYE-LAWS OF THE ALDERSGATE LODGE, No. 1657.**

This little collection of bye-laws of a young but distinguished lodge is also a most neat production, being admirably printed in blue. We are glad to see so much pains bestowed on bye-law printing, though we confess we think that the very small size is a mistake, and that the bye-laws had better be printed in a larger form. The printing of these last bye-laws, like the former collection, cannot be surpassed.

**SAINT NICHOLAS.** Scribner, U.S. Sampson Low and Marston, London.

This is a most charming magazine for our young people, which we heartily commend to the notice of all who cater for the youthful mind. It is full of interest, and is undoubtedly unequalled as a specimen of literature adapted to the taste and amusement of youth.

**NOTES ON THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION.** By Bro. JOHN JOSEPH LAKE. S. Tinsley, 10, Southampton-street, Strand.

The *Freemason* being purely a non-controversial paper cannot enter into subjects which may fairly impinge on denominational views.

**PLANT CATALOGUE for 1878.** Dick Radclyffe and Co., 129, High Holborn.

This taking little work is before us once more, and we hail it with pleasure and peruse it with satisfaction. To those who have the happiness of possessing a garden the help of Messrs. Dick Radclyffe is most important and invaluable, as their offers are bona fide, and their supply of garden requirements is most genuine and satisfactory. We call our readers' attention to this admirable catalogue.

**THE PANTILE PAPERS.** Stiddulph and Bellamy, Tunbridge Wells.

This is a new magazine and candidate for public favour, which has reached its third number, is well printed, and very readable. It seems to have met with success so far, and we wish it all prosperity. It is, like all our modern serials, a mixture of fiction and information, and will no doubt enlist many readers.

## THE PARIS EXHIBITION AND THE FRENCH FREEMASONS.

We are requested to publish the following:—  
**GRAND ORIENT DE FRANCE.**

O. de Paris, le 10th Mai, 1878. (v. v.)

A Monsieur le Directeur du Journal *The Freemason*, à Londres.

Monsieur et Très Cher Frère,  
Permettez-moi d'avoir recours à votre extrême obligeance pour porter à la connaissance des francs-maçons étrangers que, pendant toute la durée de l'Exposition Universelle, le Grand Orient de France mettra à leur disposition, les salons du 1er étage de son Hotel, 16, rue Cadet. Les Maçons de tous les pays y trouveront, avec l'accueil le plus empressé et le plus fraternel, tous les renseignements dont ils pourraient avoir besoin et toutes les facilités pour faire leur correspondance.

Je vous serai très reconnaissant, Monsieur et Très Cher Frère, de vouloir bien donner la publicité de votre estimable journal à cette information, et je vous prie d'agréer, avec mes remerciements anticipés, l'assurance de mes sentiments les plus distingués.

Le Chef du Secrétariat du Grand Orient de France.  
THEVENOT.

## COMMUNIQUE.

(From a Correspondent.)

Bro. Hedge's Committee met on Wednesday, when new names were given in for the Committee and fresh promises of support received. The next meeting takes place next Wednesday.—See Advertisement.

At the annual meeting of the London and Lancashire Life Assurance Company on Tuesday, the new assurances for the year 1877 were reported as £427,095, in sums assured under 1275 policies, and producing a new premium income of £13,130 7s. 10d. The net premium income amounted to £55,846 9s. 5d. and the total funds to £151,786 6s. 5d.

## NOTES ON ART, &c.

It has been definitely arranged that their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales will visit Nottingham on Wednesday, July 3, for the purpose of opening the Castle as an Industrial and Art Museum.

**Paintings of the Franco-Prussian War** are excluded from the Paris Salon, as well as from the Exhibition, so careful are the Gallic Fine Art authorities not to wound the feelings of their German visitors. French military painters are highly indignant at the prohibition, as the notice comes too late for them to send in other subjects, and many noted artists will thus not be represented either at the Champ de Mars or at the Palais de l'Industrie. They have accordingly organised a special Exhibition of the prohibited war scenes. The Salon, by the way, will not close until August 19.

**The Restoration or Destruction of the Paris Tuileries** has been referred to a special Commission; and it has been decided to restore the wing of the palace connecting the Pavillons de Flore and de Marsan, and use it as a museum of metropolitan art, at the cost of £16,000. Ancient Parisian art, the five pictures left to the State by the Comtesse Duchatel have been placed in a special room at the Paris Louvre, ornamented by a bust of the Count. The pictures are Ingres' "Sphinx" and "Source," a Virgin by Memline, and two portraits by Antonio Moro.

**Mr. Ruskin** has entirely recovered from his illness, and is now busy revising and enlarging the Notes by which he has illustrated the Exhibition of his Turner Drawings. Regarding Turner, his two paintings, "Going to the Ball" and "Returning from the Ball, San Martino, Venice," which were exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1846, were sold on Saturday for £1260 apiece. Six years ago, at the Gillott sale, the former picture brought £1785, and the latter £1575.

**MUSICAL EDUCATION OF WOMEN.**—A further experiment in this direction has been made by the Council of Trinity College, London, since that body first opened to women its higher examinations in musical theory and practice. Courses of lectures on harmony and composition have been commenced by the lecturer, Mr. Humphrey Stark, Mus.B., New College, Oxford, at the College-house in Weymouth-street, and are being continued with encouraging success. The lecturer reports that the progress of the ladies attending these lectures has been more than satisfactory, and in every respect equal to that of the male students of the college.

**An improved Telephone** has been constructed by a German postal official, which is declared by the *Berliner Tageblatt* to be a great advance on that of Dr. Bell. Galvanic electricity is employed in the new apparatus instead of induced currents, and the loudness of the sound can be so regulated as to make it audible, not only to the ear placed close to the reproducing disc, but throughout a large room.

**The School Board of London** have, on the application of the National Lifeboat Institution, decided to instruct all their scholars, now numbering 111,000, boys and girls, in its important directions for the restoration of the apparently drowned.

According to the *British Medical Journal*, Professor Gubler has discovered that a vegetable diet is a principal cause of the cretaceous degeneration of the arteries. This, he thinks, is proved by the frequency of cretaceous arteries amongst the French peasants at the early age of forty, and also amongst Trappist Monks.

**Mr. J. J. Mechi** writes to the *Times* that harvest prospects continue for all crops most promising. An ample supply of sunshine preceding and following sufficient moisture has, especially on land drained naturally or artificially, so warmed the soil that its heat has both stimulated vegetable growth and protected it from night frosts, which last year, during early May, so ruined our fruits and damaged other crops. Clover, tares, and permanent pasture promise abundant hay crops, while peas, beans, barley, oats, and wheat are in full plant and growth. Mangel-wurzel come up quickly, and seed growers look for a favourable crop. Taken as a whole, he never saw our crops look more promising and early. Many corn crops, especially where highly farmed and too thickly sown, are likely to be prematurely laid, unless flagged in good time.

**A few days ago** some children who were playing near the Old Commodore Tavern, Poplar, on ground formerly occupied by two houses, disturbed part of an old shed which had been left standing, and brought to light a number of packages. These contained what appeared to be dirty metal discs, and the children scattered them about on the ground. A boy, however, soon discovered that they were gold, and filled his pockets with them. The news got abroad, and a crowd of persons assembled to collect as much of the treasure as remained. It is said that several hundred pieces of gold, corresponding in size to six-pences, shillings, and half-crowns, were taken away. They are believed to be coins of various reigns, and the dates upon them are stated to range from 1060 to 1680.

**Numerous telegrams** have been received from different parts of the world of satisfactory observations having been made of the transit of Mercury on Monday week. At the Meudon Observatory M. Janssen was able to perceive Mercury before its entrance on to the solar disc—a phenomenon also observed in Japan in 1874—proving, it is said, the existence of a vast gaseous atmosphere round the sun, a discovery made M. Janssen in 1871, and styled by him "a coronal atmosphere." He also obtained a spectrum analysis of Mercury's atmosphere, the composition of which is still unknown, and succeeded in getting a photograph of the planet a quarter of an hour after the transit commenced. Its real diameter may, therefore, be ascertained.

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Several P.O.O.'s are now in hand, but having received no advice we cannot credit them.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

Bro. Burger's letter is too personal for our pages. He has quite misunderstood the drift of the words he quotes, which did not and could not refer to himself.

We do not think it well to publish "Querist's" letter, as the FREEMASON is officially neutral in the contest.

J. D.—In our next.

An interesting note by Comp. Hugan on the Royal Arch will appear in next FREEMASON; and also a communication from "Masonic Student," about a "Cole's List of Lodges," of 1770.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Hull Packet;" "Scottish Freemason;" "Dick Radclyffe and Co.'s Plant Catalogue for 1878;" "Broad Arrow;" "Medical Examiner;" "Pantile Papers;" "Risorgimento;" "Masonic Herald;" "Australian Freemason;" "My Holiday: Where shall I spend it?" "Advocate;" "Bye Laws of the Oxford University Rose Croix Chapter;" "Watchmaker and Jeweller;" "Hatters' Gazette;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Masonic Advocate;" "Young Folks' Budget;" "Keystone;" "Natal Witness."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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## BIRTHS.

FABIEN.—On the 15th ult., at Port of Spain, Trinidad, the wife of C. A. Fabien, of a son.

HEYWARD.—On the 8th inst., at Jerez de la Frontera, Spain, the wife of J. Heyward, of a son.

MONTGOMERY.—On the 10th inst., at Ranelagh House, Maidenhead, the wife of E. C. Montgomery, of a son.

## DEATHS.

DOUGLAS.—On the 8th inst., at Lansdowne, Bath, Louisa H. Douglas, aged 74.

LLOYD.—On the 8th inst., at Coomb, Llanstephen, Susan, wife of J. Lloyd, Esq.

PALMER.—On the 10th inst., at Anstey, near Alton, Hants, Sarah, widow of the late Capt. W. W. Palmer.

WEBSTER.—On the 9th inst., at Lansdowne-hill, Bath, Selina, widow of the late Major T. Webster, aged 78.

WHITE.—On the 12th inst., at Lansdowne-place, Blackheath, William Joseph White, Esq., in his 58th year.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1878.

## THE GIRLS' SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

The last anniversary of this excellent Institution, under the able presidency of Lord Carnarvon, has resulted in the return of £8600, in round numbers. After the large sums we have been accustomed to, there may seem to some, at first sight, a slight retrogression, a partial falling off, in our charitable efforts and receipts. But we are inclined to believe that such a view is altogether an erroneous one. We fancy that the diminution, such as it is, is easily accounted for. Firstly, the slackness of trade; secondly, the fact that the Girls' School has a large amount of funded property, which indisposes many to make exertions for so prosperous a charity, the more so as they think that the Institution has a large amount of property on which to fall back in case of emergency. But, as Lord Carnarvon well pointed out, such is not a generous or a Masonic appreciation of the real state of the case. True it is that the Girls' School has about £40,000 in funded property, but then the interest arising from the capital makes up part of its necessary income. It has £150 per annum from Grand Lodge, it has the income of the capital, and donations and subscriptions; but it has a normal expenditure of something like £10,000 to meet, and it is therefore entirely dependent, like the other Charities, on its Annual Festival for the great bulk of its absolutely required income. It has lately made some needful increase of its buildings, and some judicious purchases of adjacent property, under the skilful direction and prevision of Bro. Colonel Creton, and it has 200 girls to educate. It therefore claims, as we feel sure that it will receive, the liberal and loyal support of our most benevolent Craft. Indeed, we may be permitted to say, that the amount of Friday last, which some deem small, would, a few years ago, have been considered impossible, and when we compare the results of the last few years, (a development of the Provincial movement which commenced about 1859), we may well be astonished and proud at the contrast. And yet some reflections force themselves upon us, when we consider carefully the last return of the Stewards, for the Girls' School which we think it well to communicate in all frankness and fairness to our many readers. On the last occasion the metropolis beat the provinces by about £900 the former collecting £4784, the latter £3852. It is very remarkable that this large amount has been sent up by 85 London lodges and chapters, and 73 provincial lodges and chapters, though many lodges send up more than one Steward, and one lodge sends up 19, (74), 139 sends up 8; 276, 3; 750, 2; and No. 4, 2; and others might be named. The metropolitan lodge which remits the largest amount is 1642, which is credited with £276 5s. 8d. Bro. W. Stephens, Steward. The next is 1628, Bro. Geo. Everett, Steward, £176 8s.; and the next is No. 1388, Bro. Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, Steward, £115; and the next is No. 4, our worthy Grand Registrar and Captain Bennett being Stewards, £105. In the provinces, West Yorkshire, ever zealous, comes up with the goodly amount of £900 and twenty-four Stewards. Somersetshire follows with £318 3s., and Wiltshire succeeds with £267 5s. South Wales (Eastern Division) closely presses upon Wiltshire with £236 5s., and Leicestershire is not far behind with £233 16s. Gloucestershire is to the "fore" with £229 16s. 6d., and Berks and Bucks appear with £217 5s.; while Warwickshire, represented by one good Lodge No. 74, (let us note this), gallantly advances with £207 18s. Middlesex next appears with £177 8s. 6d., Hampshire and the Isle of Wight produce £117 12s., South Wales, East Division, £117, while Dorsetshire sends up £116 14s. from the Royal Arch Masons; and Cheshire ends the list, which we think it needful to mention, with £104 8s. There are many provinces which send up less than £100, which serve to swell the list meritoriously, but

we always think that when the amount exceeds £100, it displays alike praiseworthy and valuable exertions, and deserves remembrance accordingly, but under that amount there seems to us, though we may be quite wrong, nothing that requires at any rate special note or commendation. Two provinces are conspicuous by their absence, Cornwall and Yorkshire, North and East—our good Bro. Hugan can perhaps best tell us why Cornwall, ever zealous in a worthy cause, is not represented on the present list. We cannot fail to be struck with this one fact, and we beg to press it on the attention of all whom it may concern, that not one new lodge below 1732 is represented at all, and only five lodges from 1700 to 1732. This cannot be right, and points to a state of things easily understood by experts, and which is much to be regretted by all Freemasons, and requires to be rectified at once by the brethren of these new lodges. We have authority to state that there is every reason to believe that before the close of 1878 the returns of the Girls' School Festival will reach £9000. With these remarks we bid farewell to the recent Anniversary of 1878.

## THE EMPEROR OF GERMANY.

All English Freemasons will be deeply shocked to hear of the despicable and detestable attempt recently made to assassinate their august brother the Emperor of Germany, by a fanatic Socialist of the name of Hödel Lehmann. All will equally rejoice to hear and to know that in the good Providence of God this desperate effort of a senseless miscreant utterly failed, and a life so valuable to Germany and the world, so worthy and so honoured, has been happily preserved, let us hope, for many good years to come. The Emperor, who was returning from a drive with his only daughter, the Grand Duchess of Baden, was perfectly unmoved by the double attack of the would-be assassin. His daughter was greatly and naturally overcome with distress and agitation at so cruel and so terrible an outrage, but the good old soldier displayed the greatest "sang froid," and even transacted official business immediately after the occurrence. The Emperor was received with enthusiasm at the opera, and the innate loyalty of Berlin and Germany has since then been thoroughly roused, and countless telegraphic congratulations from all sources and countries have been received by the patriotic monarch. As Freemasons, knowing well the friendly patronage offered to our Masonic Order by the House of Brandenburg, ever since the days of Frederick the Great, and remembering that the Emperor is Grand Patron of the Order in Germany, and an honoured ruler of our Craft, while we shall grieve for the intense wickedness of such desperate high treason, we gladly hasten to express our heartfelt happiness that the protecting hand of Providence has hindered the accomplishment of so fell and so foul an act. Our Grand Lodge will no doubt send a vote of congratulation to our illustrious and Imperial brother at an early date, and we feel sure that we express the unanimous feeling of our ever loyal Order, when we repeat to-day that while we have been shocked to hear of such a reckless deed of infamy on the part of some crazy Communist, we do offer our heartfelt congratulation at the Emperor's entire and providential escape from the grave peril with which he was menaced. It is most humiliating to realize to what lengths of devilish wickedness or insane malevolence the dangerous teachings and perversity of Communism seem to be leading many just now, alike in Europe and America. All loyal Englishmen and Freemasons will say with us, "May God preserve the Emperor."

## HOW IS FREEMASONRY FREE?

We are asked this question, as our readers will note, in a letter printed elsewhere, and we venture to seek to give a reasonable answer to so simple a question. But we request our readers before running through this leader to peruse the letter in question, as they will thereby gain a better idea of the gist of the question itself and the relevancy of the reply. Freemasonry is free, not in any hackneyed technical explanation of the



word, but that it is made up of free men, their own masters, owning no interference with their individual liberty of action, admitting no serfdom or servitude. Originally the operative Mason was free of his guild, and probably we have in the word a remembrance of emancipation through honest labour in towns of those who were originally "villani, adscripti glebæ." For it is quite clear that no serf could be admitted into the guilds, and though emancipated serfs could be, that is those free by service, or free by manumission, no one could be admitted to the freedom of the guild whom the lord could reclaim from the borough under the provisions of more than one special Act of Parliament. But all that English Freemasonry now requires of a candidate is that he should be actually a free man. Again, Freemasonry is free, in that it never endeavours to force or bias any one even to enter into the Order. It requires a "perfect freedom of inclination" in all who aspire to penetrate lawfully into its mysteries, and long may we studiously guard that distinguishing badge and token of our "profession," discountenancing any attempt to "tout" for candidates, or to press the claims of Masonry on any. Its own intrinsic merits are ever sufficient to entitle it to the regard of the serious, and the admiration of the intelligent. Freemasonry is free also in that it lays down no absolute law of convivial habits, but leaves a perfect freedom of choice and procedure to the individual taste and temperament. In the case mentioned by our correspondent, the W.M., in our opinion, showed the very worst possible "form," and transgressed grievously against the great Masonic law of undoubted and perfect freedom in the social circle. It is very remarkable to note the change which has come over all social existence, no less than over the Masonic banquet, even within our own memory. The views of the W.M. complained of have long been obsolete, and would be no longer tolerated in any circle of Masonic gentlemen. To notice what a brother eats or drinks, or does not eat and drink, is a grave offence against Masonic good manners, against that courtesy, and decorum, and consideration which so entirely characterize our Masonic "symposia," and we are only sorry that any one can have so forgotten his responsibility as a Master, and his duty as a host. We meet every day some of the most distinguished brethren of our Order, among whom the greatest forbearance, friendly feeling, and gentlemanly toleration exist on all such sumptuary regulations, and we consider it one of the most charming characteristics of the Masonic inner social life that our lodge aggregation is "Liberty Hall," where all in these respects follow their own bent, and are regulated by their own sense of duty, or necessity, or health without being exposed to importunate solicitation, or brow-beaten by impertinent dictation. We trust that we have in some sort answered our correspondent, and that our reply will give him satisfaction. If there be any one point in which we fail, we shall be happy to supplement these explanations, imperfect as we feel them to be, on some future occasion.

#### THE BOYS' SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY FOR 1878.

Bro. Binckes announced at the Girls' Festival that the Anniversary of the Boys' School would take place in June or July, under the exalted presidency of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.W. We need hardly add that Bro. Binckes in his arduous labours and his zealous efforts has our "heartiest good wishes," as well as our sincere aspirations for the onward progress and efficiency of the Boys' School, which, under Bro. Morris, seem to be both most striking and most commendable to the satisfaction of us all alike.

#### THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

##### SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Lord Henniker was made a Mason in January, 1869, in the Lodge Fidelity, No. 505, at Framlingham, Suffolk. He served the office of Senior Warden, and afterwards became W.M. of that lodge. Lord Henniker has served the

office of Senior Provincial Grand Warden for Suffolk (1871-72), is a member of Lodges Westminster and Keystone, No. 10, and United, No. 1629, of which he was W.M. and is now P.M. He is now W.M. of the Hartismere Lodge at Eye, Suffolk, for the second time. He is a member of the Royal Arch Degree, a Mark Mason, and also of the Royal Order of Scotland. Lord Henniker is greatly in favour of the better organisation of Masonic Charities in the provinces. Lord Henniker was M.P. for Suffolk from 1866 to 1870, when he was called to the House of Lords. He is a Lord in Waiting to Her Majesty the Queen.

##### JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Sir Harcourt Johnstone, Bart., J.G.W., has been W.M. and is P.M. of the Globe Lodge, 200, Scarborough.

#### Original Correspondence.

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

#### PROGRESS OF FREEMASONRY IN THE PROVINCES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your impression of Saturday, May 4th., your correspondent "Statist" "much doubts the rapid progress of the Craft, except in London and perhaps Lancashire."

I am happy to say progress in the province of West Yorkshire is not rapid, but steady and satisfactory. It is quite true that the addition to our numbers is only 88, but this is after deducting from the total of 310 new members, losses by death, 58, and resignations, &c., 164, leaving still on the roll of this province on 31st December last, 3153 members.

I should not have ventured to ask you to insert this explanation had I not observed the words, "there must be something special in the case of West Yorkshire." This paragraph may leave an impression upon the minds of readers, unacquainted with our very satisfactory condition, that there is something wrong amongst us.

It would perhaps be better for writers such as "Statist" to obtain fuller information before drawing unfavourable conclusions as to the state of West Yorkshire, or any other Province.

Yours faithfully,

HENRY SMITH, P.M. 387.

#### THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE AND ITS TRACING BOARD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having read a letter in to-day's issue of the *Freemason* by our estimable and worthy Bro. K. R. H. Mackenzie, I was very much struck by a description he gave of a print in his possession relating to the above degree that I thought I must have seen the picture (or one like it), and if so, I must have in my possession a photographic copy of it. I, therefore, looked it up and compared it with the description given by him, and find that it accurately agrees with the description he gives of his picture or Tracing Board, with the exception of the parallelogram and equilateral triangle, which do not appear in the picture which my photo is taken from, but which I believe must have originally belonged to it and since been broken or torn away.

All the rest is exactly as he describes it. The original of the photograph is and has been in my brother's possession for many years. I recollect his telling me that it was presented to him by a Mason who was dying, whose great grandfather was the first possessor of it.

At the bottom of my brother's picture is printed the name and address of the publisher, as follows:—"Printed and sold by Companion Cole, No. 78, Fore-street, Cripplegate, London."

My brother had a dozen photographs taken of the picture, six of which I kept to distribute among my brother R. A. companions. I enclose you a copy, and beg you will do me the honour of accepting it. I have no doubt the date when Bro. and Comp. Cole kept a printer's shop in Cripplegate could with some little difficulty be ascertained.

I am dear Sir and Brother, yours very sincerely,

JOHN GAMBLE, P.M., R.A.,  
Prov.G. Purs. Gloucestershire.

May 11.

##### THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your number for this week will doubtless contain a report of the General Committee meeting on Saturday last, at which, in accordance with the rules of the Institution, the subscribers were to nominate candidates for the House Committee for the ensuing year; and I shall be obliged if you will afford me space to call attention to—what must surely be—a contravention of the spirit (if not on the letter) of these rules.

It was already known that two of the twelve members for this year did not seek re-election; yet, when the time arrived for nominating the new candidates, one brother (acting, it may fairly be supposed, with the knowledge of the present Committee) handed in a list of names comprising the ten old members and two new candidates, thus by a single nomination disposing of the whole of the vacancies.

If this mode of proceeding is permitted by the regulations, then it would appear that the members of the House Committee are elected for life, with power to appoint their own colleagues in cases of vacancy; and that consequently the supposed right of election by the General Committee of Subscribers is simply a farce or delusion.

This, however, it is proposed to test by the ballot on the 1st June. Bro. Alfred Durrant, a duly qualified Governor, has been also nominated as a member of the Committee, and the subscribers will be invited to protest by their votes against the assumed principle that no candidate may be elected unless he happens to be a protégé of the present members.

Yours fraternally, H. T. THOMPSON, P.M.,  
Lower Clapton, 8th May, 1878. Life Governor.

#### HOW MASONRY IS FREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As you are the only brother to whom we may direct such a question as this, with any hope of the reply being full and conclusive, I desire to have your opinion as to how Masonry is free? also whether it extends to freedom at the banquet table; whether a Mason there is as free to choose or reject edibles and drinkables as he usually does at home, or in any hotel, or at any friend's house in the kingdom?

A brother at a banquet not long since, for private reasons of his own, did not drink a single glass of wine or anything else, but as he acted like the rest of his brethren no one noticed it but the W.M., who made some remarks which must have been hurtful to the feelings of the unfortunate Mason. It will be gratifying to know what is Free Masonry, and whether the freedom extends to the banquet table.

I am, yours fraternally,

A FREE MAN.

[See leader.]

#### FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I read in your issue of the 27th ult., No. 477, a very long letter from Ill. Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, in his capacity of G.S. Gen. to the Supreme Council of England, in answer to some statements contained in another publication, that a 33° wrote on behalf of the Supreme Council of New Zealand and against that of Scotland.

I am unwilling to enter for the moment upon the merit of that question or the particulars thereof, but I cannot forbear presenting the following correction to the erroneous statement that Ill. Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke made as to the Supreme Council for Egypt and its dependencies.

It is very far from the truth that this Grand Body is, as Bro. Clerke pretends to believe, an irregular or unrecognised one. It is very true that originally it has been constituted by the Supreme Council of Palermo, but in after time the Supreme Council of Italy, having its seat at Turin, has healed and reconstituted the Egyptian Body, recognising and sanctioning all its previous acts and emanations.

As to its recognitions, the Supreme Council for Egypt may boast of possessing by far more and worthier than Ill. Bro. Clerke can fancy.

Hoping that, for the sake of truth and a Masonic fair behaviour, you will have the kindness of inserting this in your earliest issue, I have the honour to be, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

F. F. ODDY, 33°,  
Grand Secretary, G.C.S.C. 33° for Egypt  
and its Dependencies.

#### FREEMASONRY AND CIVILISATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to your notice of the painting bearing the above title, and which appeared in your columns of Saturday last, I beg to correct an error which I consider of some consequence. It was not "at a Masonic dinner that the idea of the painting was first suggested to Bro. Haigh." The conception of the painting had occupied my mind for some two or three years before I first mentioned the matter to any artist; and the original rough sketch was drawn by me at Bro. Haigh's studio only in September last. It has, of course, been elaborated by myself and other brethren in various points of detail during production, and the result is the work which you so favourably criticise. Masonic dinners, though good in their way, and not to be by any means despised, are not generally conducive to the advantageous communication of artistic conceits, and for Bro. Haigh's sake, he having been at considerable expense in producing the painting, I think it right to correct the statement which in many minds might be prejudicial.

Yours truly and fraternally, JAMES STEVENS,  
P.M., P.Z.

Clapham, May 6th, 1878.

#### PROXY VOTING FOR THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I hear of all sorts of wild proposals as to proxy voting &c., but it is sufficient to say that it is illegal by the rules of all our Charitable Institutions. Whether it might be right to concede such a privilege in the future under proper safeguards, and after due legislation, is another thing. Its use at present is simply impossible. I always think it is a great pity that redressers of grievances and proposers of reform will not in the first place study the laws of the Institution which they propose to alter or set aside.

Yours fraternally,  
A LIFE GOVERNOR OF ALL THE CHARITIES.

## THE ELECTION OF SECRETARY TO THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir, and Brother,

Will you allow me through your columns to suggest to the Committee of the Girls' School that the approaching election of Secretary should be decided by show of hands, continued until one of the candidates have a majority of those present; otherwise the successful candidate might be elected by a very small proportion of the Committee.

Yours fraternally,

ONE OF THE CANDIDATES.

## THE PRIMITIVE ILLUMINATI.

(Continued.)

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Let us now endeavour to follow our ideal candidate through the next stage of his suppositious progress. He has to be received. Hitherto he has given all and taken nothing. Now the patres conscripti have to signify their satisfaction with his profession, and to evince their recognition of him as a fellow. Any expression, however brief, of their readiness to admit him to a share of their privileges will suffice. The reader may imagine for himself any form in which this acquiescence in the propriety of his desires would probably have been communicated. An enumeration in some detail of the duties, the performance of which is expected from him in his new life, would presumably be an essential part of the ceremony. So much for Reception. But it is now the turn of the contractees to render quid pro quo. They must give him something in return for his recently pledged allegiance. There must be Communication. What shall it be? We may reasonably assume that they must, for their own security, instruct him in those technical tricks by which they would be able to recognize one another and be distinguished from the rest of the world. What then would probably be the desiderated essentials of those tricks? What would be indispensably required for recognition? A common language? But spoken language might be overheard by the exoteric—repeated. Gestures? Gestures might be seen and imitated. I take it that the devised mode would be a combination of the two—the one complementary to the other, but even that would not be all that would be necessary. No precaution could ever ensure that such gestures should not be made in presence of the uninstructed, as would not attract attention. No skill could prevent words being spoken that would not arouse the curiosity of the overhearing stranger. The occult system would be obviously faulty that did not supply a means of mutual recognition, to serve not only when choice or prudence dictated that the communication should be rendered artificially occult, but for use also when natural causes imposed latency; to be resorted to, alike when labouring in the midst of the world, in the broad light of day, and when in casual companionship, shrouded by the darkness of night. In the latter case accident, if one poor means of communication were alone relied upon, might betray the incautious brother into an involuntary and inadvertent violation of his trust, but the complementary precaution would furnish a means of protection. Whatever was done then required to be supplemented by something else, for the communication was not only to be made, but satisfactorily responded to. May we assume that the mode devised satisfied this primary requirement? Verbi sap. And to what would this occult recognition—to be employed presumably every day—every hour—in every one of the changing circumstances and vicissitudes of ordinary life be made most naturally to allude?

Again Verbi sap. sat. We must not however forget when speculating upon the *aporreta* of the primitive illuminati, and suggesting that spoken language supplemented communication by outward and visible tokens or gestures, that, at the period I am assuming as that of the possible origin of the system, there existed no such thing as language in the sense in which we now employ the term. Language formulated in grammar—its use and expression defined in moods and cases and tenses, its precision regulated by scientifically devised inflections and terminations—was yet to be. Its then prototype or germ was that oral sign or mode of expression, now commonly illustrated by allusion to an occurrence, narrated in holy writ, and the traditional of which is not unfamiliar to us in our modern Craft ceremonies—a Shibboleth. This parenthetical observation is not unimportant, inasmuch as we have, for the proper consideration of the proposition under discussion, to divest our minds not only of the notion of a lingual mode of communication "understand of the vulgar," and therefore commonly acquiesced in, but we have mentally to place ourselves in the position when the idea that such a medium could ever be visually communicated by delineated characters had not yet even dawned upon the mind of man. The primitive illuminatus could not have had even so clear a prescience of the possibility of a future mode of ocularily demonstrated intelligence as the skilled decypherer in the days of our grandfathers of an old [semaphore post with] its waving arms would have conceived of the Morse system of code signals in the then yet to be discovered electric telegraph.

I pause here for a moment to consider the hypothetical initiatory ceremony as a whole. In what light would it be regarded by the postulate and his newly acquired brethren?

I have already, albeit somewhat remotely, adverted\* to the analogy, common to speculative Freemasonry and to all systems of religion, between reception and birth: "to be born again" is the expression ordinarily employed in

all mythologies to express the resurrection from the darkness of the tomb or womb of ignorance to the world of light and life and labour; and let us, as Masons, never lose sight of the principle that labour is, as knowledge is, but another term for light and life. See how exquisitely the idea is put by way of antithesis in the words of our great Master, Solomon. Eccles. chap. ix. v. 10. To the end of his days the filius regards himself as having been born again at the moment the new light was admitted to his dazzled eyes. But it must be borne in mind how naturally the rude nomad would endeavour to enforce his meaning, for lack of ability to convey more abstract instruction by material imagery and types. Even in the present day a circumstance—a detail—of our initiatory ceremony to which I dare do no more than allude, emblematises one of the physical incidents of the phenomena of material birth which must have been, nay, which is, as familiar to the savage as to the savant. You, my brother, know what I mean. If you do not readily apprehend it, hark back upon your experience, forget the lodge room and its brilliant accessories, and recall the moment—but I must forbear. Ponder, ponder and pray. Pray for enlightenment, and, as my poor contribution to that end, I commend you again to the teachings of our Great Master in that wonderful epitome of all human wisdom to which I have just, I hope very reverently, drawn your attention. [Eccles.]

Well! then the neophyte has been "born again." Born to what? To labour? Is that all? To wait, to learn to rule and subdue our passions, a not unimportant exercise of mental discipline, whether inculcated by the primitive illuminati or insisted upon by the modern Craftsmen. Is that the whole of the curriculum? No! There is one supreme lesson the alumnus must learn in addition thereto. From the moment he has been received, nay, before he has been received into the confraternity, the possibility of being called upon at any moment, at any unexpected moment, to perform that duty, has been forced upon his attention. He has been born. He has been instructed how to live. But the trinity of humanity must be completed. Fill up for yourself, oh! beloved brother, the third factor in this awful sum. Eyes may scan these pages, I devoutly hope they will, which have not yet, as Milton sublimely says, "been unsealed at the foundation of heavenly radiance." Shall I shrink, do my obligations as a Mason demand that I shall flinch, from proclaiming what we as Masons assume to teach? To describe our *modus operandi*, to define our curriculum, would be, I hold it as sincerely as any Mason can, an act of treason so vile that no expression of animadversion I, or any man of honour, could employ, would fitly characterise it, but when I have intimated, as I have so frequently, that the motto I have supposed to be that of the early illuminati, "all for one and one for all" is still the vinculus of the Craft, I have sufficiently indicated a corollary the enunciation of which, let weak-kneed brethren shudder as they will, conscientious teachers of the tenets of the Craft cannot ignore. The illuminatus, according to my theory, had constantly before him the inculcation of the necessary duty of martyrdom and the contemplation of this ever possible, nay, not improbable, contingency, necessarily instructed him how to die!

And now I come to the consideration of that essential, and, as I believe, supreme communication, which I assume would be made to the illuminatus in the very earliest ages of an intelligent belief in an abstract, in contradistinction to a superstitious reliance upon the attributed powers of a concrete, god.

A very able lecturer in an address quoted by me in the course of these papers\* has pointed out that the tradition of death and restoration to life is common to Freemasonry and to all the ancient systems of mythology. I will give his very words, "It may be, and is, a matter for dispute, and a most interesting field for investigation it affords, as to the far remote origin of our ceremonies, but wherever we seek them, whether amongst the ancient Egyptians, the Babylonians, the Greeks, the Assyrians, the Romans, the Druids, the Essenes, the Druses, even the early Christians themselves," [I do not know why he should have limited his proposition to the "early" Christians.] "we still find the germ of the whole thing to be the death and resurrection of the founder. Had I time even to glance at the ceremonies of the various secret societies which existed amongst all nations even in the most remote antiquity, you would be surprised if you were not already aware of the facts, with the very close resemblance existing between ourselves and all of them; in point of fact we might say that the difference is in little more than nomenclature and detail." These words, as the talented author asserts, suggest a vast field for thought to depasture in. I will venture to add to the similarity to other systems in the instances adduced by him another common point of resemblance between Freemasonry and all other ancient systems of religion or mythology—the notion of a trinity. Perhaps this idea is less apparent in the Hebraic theism than in others, but some trace of a triune deity is found even there, as many of my readers will acknowledge when their minds recur to certain ceremonies, familiar to some of us, and said to be immediately derived from the ritualistic traditions and usages of the Jewish Church.

But I have arrived at the concluding considerations of my subject, and they are much too important to be introduced at the end of a letter. In my next, and I trust last epistle, I propose to discuss the connection between Masonic marks of recognition and the peculiarity referred to in the above quotation. I purpose briefly to touch upon how far our system has been affected by the early belief in a triune deity. I desire to attempt an answer to the enquiry I started at an early period of the investigation, namely, how traditions, not infrequently changed, can account for distinctive marks that presumably have never varied. If I can reply to that query satisfactorily, I hope

to conclude my dissertation by modestly summarising the argument, the thread of which I have endeavoured to preserve running on throughout the whole of this series, that the ancient mysteries and the more modern guild system presumably owe something to an Order which has hitherto been erroneously supposed to be indebted to them. Let me conclude this letter with an illustration. An ancient oak in the forest is seen overgrown with ivy, mistletoe, lichens—what not? but no man mistakes the excrescences for the tree. The core of Freemasonry may have—mind, I do not say it has—existed from the remotest ages, and we are not bound to infer the contrary because our eyes can but dimly perceive, cannot with absolute certainty identify, the simple base amid the luxuriance of its parasitic covering.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, very faithfully and fraternally yours,

S. P.,

P.M. No. 902, 1421.

Temple, 15th May, 1878.

## CURIOSITIES OF MASONIC LITERATURE.

The following letter having fallen into our hands, it matters not how, we think it well to submit it to the intelligent appreciation and critical consideration of the Masonic body.

That it is a purely Masonic document, written by one brother Mason to another, is a striking fact, and renders the letter a little gem in its way, worth perusal and worth preservation. We feel sure that all the readers of the *Freemason* will agree with our view of this remarkable composition. We have taken out the names and any clue to the writer.

We may observe that the letter refers to an application for support for the Secretaryship of the Girls' School, and is addressed to one of the candidates.

4th May, 1878.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"I know none of the applicants. The mismanagement of financial affairs through the late Grand Treasurer of the funds of two of the Institutions is such a reflection on the Managing Committees that I decline to support a candidate. I have not the honour of your acquaintance.

"Yours faithfully,

"London.

The only apparent clue is the word London, which might seem to intimate that the letter was provincial, and that the writer meant to say Mr. "So-and-so, London," though in his haste forgot it. As the learned Smellungus would remark, "That is not, however, a certain criterion as to the 'locus in quo' whence the epistle emanates. It may be so or it may not be so, though in truth it matters little."

The reasons for not voting are certainly very original, and press hardly, we think, on our late worthy Grand Treasurer and the zealous Committees of two of the Institutions, and, to say the truth, we do not understand them. We do not, however, wish to prolong our observations, but leave the letter in its "naked simplicity" to the appreciation of our intelligent Craft.

Should any of our brethren possess similar striking and original compositions, we shall be glad to publish them, as an amusing commentary on Masonic good manners and Masonic ornate sentiment.

## CONSECRATION OF THE MONTGOMERIE LODGE, NO. 1741.

A new lodge was opened at Diss on Thursday, 9th inst., it being determined by Bros. H. M. Vyall, F. W. Doubleday, and a few others of their stamp that this town should, if possible, be equal in Masonic importance to the neighbouring borough of Eye. The start has now been made, and if the same spirit manifested on Thursday is continued, there can be no doubt of the success of the movement.

The new lodge is named the Montgomerie, No. 1741, and the King's Head was the scene of the consecration.

The absence of the R.W. Grand Master (Lord Suffield) was regretted, and the ceremonies of consecration and installation were performed—and ably too—by Major Penrice, D.P.G.M. of Norfolk, assisted by several other distinguished Masons. Bro. J. C. Chittock, P.P.G.S.D., P.M. 943, was appointed W.M.; Bros. Cecil M. Montgomerie, 52, S.W.; Henry O. Lyus, 85, J.W.; J. Evans, S.D.; John Flatman, J.D.; Henry Bond, I.G.; H. Vyall, Sec.; B. J. Read, Treasurer. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Col. Boileau, W.M. 52; W. A. Tyssen-Amhurst, H. G. Barwell, Prov. G.S.; Rev. C. Howes, P.G. Chaplain; Rev. E. J. Alvis, P.G. Chaplain; Rev. C. J. Martyn, E. Orams, Dr. Adams, (W.M. Waveney, Bungay), H. J. Dunsford, P.P.G.D.C.; J. H. Ladyman, H. C. Riches, W.M. Sincerity; C. Havers, P.M.; Page (W.M. Philanthropic, Lynn), R. Thorns, P.M.; Bardell, P.P.G.S.W. Yorks, J. A. Gooch, (W.M. Perseverance), A. J. Berry (W.M. Cabell), and about 70 others.

The proceedings were commenced about half-past one o'clock, the W.D.P.G.M., Major Penrice, presiding. Bro. the Rev. C. Howes, who acted as Chaplain, said prayers in a very solemn and impressive manner; the musical arrangements, which were very efficiently carried out, being under the direction of Bro. Brittain, P.G.O., assisted by Bros. Thouless, Reeve, Alvis, and Smith. An oration was eloquently given by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., and D.P.G.M. (Suffolk), who exhorted the brethren never to forget the important and solemn ceremonies they had each in their time gone through, and to be ever mindful of the grand principles on which the Order is founded, and to carry those principles out in their lives, so that by show-

\* See "The Genesis of Speculative Freemasonry, ante, page 216.

\* "The Covering and the Core," ante page 183.



ing the world the pure life of a true Mason they might thus silence the calumnies of their enemies and the sneers of those who asserted that Masonry had nothing but mysticism in it.

At the banquet which followed the impressive ceremony of the consecration Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers Past and Present" in a humorous and telling speech.

"The Health of the newly-installed W.M." was enthusiastically received with all the honours of the Craft, and in the course of his reply he read some interesting extracts from the minute-book of a lodge formed in Diss so long ago as 1771.

It seems that a lodge, "The Royal Alfred," formerly held its meetings at Diss, and that the old warrant and minute book are in the possession of a gentleman in the neighbourhood (probably a descendant of one of the members), who is not however a Mason himself. There are several interesting entries in the minute book, which dates from Feb. 21, 1771. We find that this lodge soon found occasion to exercise that truly Masonic ornament, charity, for on March 21st (apparently only a month after its first meeting) we read as follows:—"Since the last lodge, at a convened meeting, a distressed brother, one George D'Sherinb, a native of La Lippe, Buckenbourg, in Westphalia, having been, with his nephew, shipwrecked in the Bay of Biscay, and lost all he had on board, and travelling through this town, on his way to London, was relieved with a donation of 10s. 6d., having produced his certificate of being a member of the Lodge of 'Good Faith,' Paris." "June 20th.—Bro. J. Worth was re-elected W.M., and three guineas was given to sufferers by fire at Palgrave," a parish adjoining, but in the county of Suffolk. We see by this latter entry that our ancient brethren did not confine their charity exclusively to themselves, but could, when occasion offered, spare some of their lodge funds for their distressed neighbours. In August, 1771, the following minute occurs:—"Resolved that one guinea be given to the gamekeeper of Rowland Holt, Esq., for the present of one buck for our banquet." At a time when the Grand Orient of France has just expunged from its first principles that of the belief in the immortality of the soul, it is refreshing to see that such novel and objectionable ideas did not form any part of a Freemason's creed in those days, for in a list of members, at the end of the minute book, and the quarterages due and payable, we find that opposite to the name of Alex. Stutt is the date of his death, and the very hopeful and significant sentence, "Mors Janua Vitæ." It also appears from this minute book that one of the early Masters of the Royal Alfred Lodge was the owner of the estate now the property of Bro. Cecil Molyneux Montgomerie, S.W. of this new lodge, which is named "Montgomerie" after him, while an ancestor of the Secretary, Bro. Vyall (to whose energy the getting up of this new lodge is due) was Deputy Master.

The toast of "The Officers" was next drank, coupled with the health of Bro. Montgomerie, whose name the lodge bears, and who on rising to respond was received with acclamation.

The sum of twelve guineas was subscribed during the evening for the purpose of obtaining a vote for the Boys' Masonic Institution.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

On Tuesday afternoon the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, was consecrated at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, by Bro. James Terry, Grand Director of Ceremonies for the Province of Herts, who was assisted by Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, who acted as S.W., Bro. W. Clifton Crick as J.W., Bro. Clarke, Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies Suffolk, as Director of Ceremonies, Bro. W. M. Stiles, as Secretary, and Bro. Killick as the I.G. The full list of brethren who were present was as follows, W. Clarke, P.M. 114, P.G.D.C. Suffolk; J. C. Dwarber, P.M. 55 and 1589; Jas. Willing, jun., I.P.M. 177, P.M. 1507; J. Terry, P.M. 228, P.G.D.C. Herts., Consecrating Officer; C. Kelso, P.M. 957; A. Treadwell, P.M. 170; John Greenfield, 1602; F. Johnson, 177; James Bateman, P.M. 820; A. J. Ireton, W.M. 1348; Chas. K. Killick, W.M. 1693; John Douglass, S.W., W.M. elect, 1507; J. Stock, S.W. 1178 and 1500; J. Gibbs, 1178 and 1580; John Wm. Smith, 177; George H. Deller, 177; William Barham, 177; Wm. Hicklin, 1298; Harry Hunt, 1471; F. W. Lilley, 177; T. Gilbert, jun., 1507; H. G. Buss, Ass. G. Sec.; W. Cook, 177; W. Clifton Crick, 657, P.M.; Isaac Buscall, W.M. 177; Wm. Read, M.M. 177; J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180; S. E. Hayes, 795; K. Clemow; H. Webb, P.M. 72, 193, 890; T. Lawler; F. H. Clemow, 1507; Wm. Armstrong, G.O. of Madrid, No. 8; Thos. H. Cox, 1441; William Jaques, 1441; W. H. Harwar, 1351; F. H. Tomkins, 201; P. Percy, J.W. 228; R. C. Read, W.M. 201; C. S. Foy, 201; Chas. Hudson, S.W. 315 and J.W. 1540; W. W. Stiles, S.W. 1732, Secretary 1507; H. Stiles, S.D. 1732; C. H. Stephenson, 1319; P. F. Canaghan, 177; F. H. Cozens, Org. 907; Augustus Holt, 177; C. Pierce, 65; W. Payne, 1744 and 1602; E. Payne, 1744 and 1602; C. W. Holt, 874; Morgan, 211; A. Allworth, P.M. 1261, W.M. elect 1621; W. J. Hunter, 228, W.M. elect 1677; W. Doherty, J. S. Jones, 177; F. J. Hyland, 201; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*). Bro. Dolan, was also present, and acted as Tyler.

The ceremony of consecration, frequently as we have seen it, was never better performed than on this occasion. The lodge room was commodious, and there was no hesitation or delay in any of the performances. Bro. Terry, as Consecrating Officer, delivered his oration with his customary fluency and impressiveness; Bros. Buss and Crick

performed the Wardens' duties to perfection, Bro. Clarke, acting as D.C., admirably led the brethren, and Bro. Killick, as I.G., kept the entrance to the lodge well guarded. The musical portions of the ceremony were charmingly rendered by Bros. Carter, Lawler, and Cozens, and every point of detail was as rigidly observed as any member of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement could desire.

After the lodge had been formally consecrated and dedicated to Freemasonry, Bro. James Willing, P.M. 1507 and 177, was installed as W.M., who thereupon invested his I.P.M., and the following brethren were then invested as officers for the year: Bros. John Douglass, S.W.; F. H. Clemow, J.W.; Treadwell, Treas.; W. M. Stiles, Sec.; Jones, S.D.; Hyland, J.D.; W. Cock, I.G.; George Deller, D.C.; Holt, Steward; John William Smith, W.S. and Dolan, Tyler. Bro. Terry then delivered the addresses, after which a vote of thanks was accorded to Bros. Terry, Buss, Crick, Clarke, and Killick, for consecrating the lodge. Bro. Terry returned thanks, and said that each of those brethren had endeavoured to do their best, and if their services had given gratification to the lodge and the visitors they were amply repaid. These brethren were then elected honorary members of the lodge. Bro. Buss acknowledged the compliment. A vote of thanks was also accorded to Bro. J. Douglass, S.W., for the presentation of the handsome velvet cushion, and to Bro. Cook, I.G., for the magnificent bible placed upon it, both for the use of the lodge. Bro. Douglass said he thought that the present he had made was hardly worthy of the vote of thanks, but he hoped before long to make the lodge a much more valuable present. Bro. Cook said he was very much pleased that the brethren were gratified with his present; and he trusted that in his connection with the lodge he would see it prosper. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet in the Piscatorial Society's room, overlooking Maiden Lane. Their was but one drawback to the comfort of the brethren, the crowding of the apartment, which, although capacious enough for ordinary meetings, would not conveniently accommodate the extraordinary number of brethren who assembled to do honour to the consecration of the Royal Savoy Lodge, consequently, shortly after the brethren had sat down, the heat of the room became almost overpowering.

The banquet, however, was very much enjoyed, and the W.M. and his officers were untiring in their endeavours to make their guests happy and comfortable. When the banquet was finished, the toasts were proposed, and the W.M. in giving the toast of "The Grand Officers" reminded the brethren of the courtesy which was always extended to the Craft by the officials in Grand Secretary's office, who did their best to remove any difficulty that might arise, and offered every facility to those who sought information. Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, replied, and said that though it was not for him, so much as for the other brethren who were present, to speak of the qualifications of the Grand Officers, he could, from his own personal knowledge, assure the brethren that Grand Lodge of England was never better officered than it was at the present time, from the Prov. G.M. and D.G.M. to the Grand Tyler. It was a very happy coincidence that the M.W.G.M. had always been able to select those brethren for Grand Office who were approved of by the Craft at large. What the W.M. had said of him (Bro. Buss) was certainly very flattering, and he was very sensible of the kindness which the W.M. had exhibited in mentioning to the brethren the way in which he performed his duties. If ever he found that there was a way in which he could be of service to the Craft, if he could smooth over any roughnesses or show the brethren how to surmount any difficulties, he was only too glad to do so. Bro. Terry proposed "The Health of the W.M. and Prosperity to the Royal Savoy Lodge." The W.M. having replied, and expressed his thanks to Bro. Terry, hoped that the new lodge would be the means of doing some more good to Masonry. He afterwards proposed "The Health of Bro. Terry, the Consecrating Officer," and again drew to the brethren's attention the skilful manner in which the ceremonies had been performed. Bros. Buscall and Dwarber responded for "The Visitors." Bro. Douglass replied to the toast of "The Officers," and was followed by Bros. Clemow, Jones, and Cook. The W.M. in proposing the toast of "The Masonic Charities" said that charity was the great motive in Freemasonry, and the Lodge of Benevolence had large sums in hand which it distributed to cases of distress. Besides that, Freemasons had the three charitable Institutions, the Girls' School, the Boys' School, and the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Terry, the Consecrating Officer that evening, was the Secretary of this latter Institution, and he was indefatigable in his exertions on its behalf. Bro. Terry replied, and stated that for the past four or five years this toast had been conspicuous by its absence at the Grand Festivals. He hoped, however, that it was only by inadvertence, and that in future it might resume its old position. Bro. Terry then informed the brethren of what the charities did, and after narrating the benefits conferred by the Boys' and Girls' Schools, said with regard to the Benevolent Institution, that whereas a few years ago it was paying £3200 in annuities, after Friday next [it would be giving] £10,600 in sums of £40 a year to men and £32 a year to widows. After that day there would be 285 annuitants on the books. As this was a new lodge, it was not for him to ask now for a Steward, but he hoped when they thought of sending one they would bear in mind what they had been graciously pleased already to acknowledge—his services that evening—and send a Steward for the Benevolent Institution. He did not wish to dictate in any way, for all the Institutions were worthy of support. The future of the Girls' School was at the present time in abeyance. It depended entirely on the selection of the future Secretary, and he hoped and trusted that the Life Governors would weigh well every consideration, and having made up their minds, poll for

the best man, and let the future of the Institution rest in his hands. Bro. Dolan then gave the Tyler's toast and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE No. 1745.

On Thursday, the 9th inst., the representative lodges of the City of London received an addition to their roll by the consecration of this lodge by the W. Bro. J. Terry, P.G. D.C. of Hertfordshire, and Secretary to the R.M.B.I., the officer appointed by the M.W.G.M. for that purpose. The ceremony took place at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, in the suite of rooms specially constructed and furnished by Messrs. Spiers and Pond for Masonic purposes. The brethren assembled in the ante-room, at 5 o'clock, and shortly afterwards a procession was formed, by the D.C., Bro. Clarke, P.P.G.D. of C. Suffolk, and duly conducted into the lodge room.

Amongst those present, in addition to those already mentioned were Bros. J. B. Monckton, President Board of General Purposes; Brockbank, P.P.G.D. of East Lancashire; G. King, P.M. Old' Concord; Dwarber, P.M. 551, 1589, Crick, P.M., 657; Payne, P.M.; Mallett, W.M.; 141; Worrell, P.M. 766; Butt, S.D. 907; Collier, 193; Jones, 205; Ackland, 205; W. Martin, 475; Kift, 749; Treemere, 1309; Anstey, 1158; Parkinson, Tyler. The founders present were Bros. W. H. Jackson, jun., W.M. designate; C. Jacques, S.W., designate; T. C. Walls, P. G.O. Middlesex, J.W. designate (*Freemason*); Ramsey, P.M.; Dubois, P.M.; Lardner, West Smithfield; Giscard, 1589.

Bro. Terry having appointed Bros. Monckton, as S.W.; Dwarber, as J.W.; P. Clarke, as D.C.; Brockbank, as I. G.; and Walls, as Secretary, commenced the beautiful and arduous ceremony of consecration. As it was Bro. Terry's 104th appearance in the character of Consecrating Officer, it is only necessary to state that it was in every way equal to his former efforts. The proceedings were greatly enhanced by the appropriate music, which was under the management of Bros. Kift and Treemere. The consecrating vessels were kindly lent by Grand Lodge. The installation of Bro. Jackson, jun., immediately followed, and was carried out in the same able manner as had characterised the previous ceremonial. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Jacques, S.W.; Walls, J.W.; Lardner, S.D.; Giscard, I.G. The elections of Treasurer and Tyler were unanimously in favour of Bros. Ramsey and Parkinson, and those brethren were subsequently invested by the W.M. Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the Consecrating Officer and the four distinguished brethren who had assisted him in the ceremony, and they were all unanimously elected honorary members.

Some propositions having been given, Bro. Walls, the acting Secretary, read the communications he had received from the brethren who had been invited to be present, but who were prevented from attending through prior engagements.

Amongst those who answered, and, who, in their respective replies wished the founders and the lodge every prosperity, were Bros. Col. Burdett, P.G.S.W., &c.; J. Hervey, G.S.; Allcroft, M.P. for Worcester, I.P.M. Aldersgate Lodge; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain; Buss, P.P.G.W. of Middlesex, Assistant G.S.; Rev. Dr. Brette, P.P.G.C. of Middlesex; George Kenning, P.P.G.D.C. of Middlesex; Levander, P.G. Secretary of Middlesex; and others.

The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was elegantly served by the manager, Bro. Acland, and assistants. In due course the preliminary toasts were done full justice to.

The name of Bro. Monckton being coupled with "The P.G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present,"

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed in felicitous terms by Bro. Terry, and having been most warmly received, Bro. Jackson replied. In the course of his response he stated that he was fully alive to the responsibilities of the position which he had undertaken, and that he hoped to be able to discharge its duties satisfactorily. Bro. Terry had told them to be very careful as to whom they admitted. He quite endorsed that recommendation, as he had seen most lamentable results produced by the indiscriminate admission of candidates into the Order. The lodge commenced its career under good auspices. Those who had signed the petition were well known in Masonic circles, and the majority of them held official positions in the ward. With regard to their headquarters they were especially happy, as nothing could be better than the arrangements of the lodge and banquet rooms. In conclusion, he remarked that they were also honoured in possessing upon their warrant the sign manual of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and he hoped that that warrant would be handed down unsullied from generation to generation.

The W.M. then gave "The Consecrating Officers."

Bro. Terry, in reply, made one of those interesting speeches for which he is famed. He stated that Masonry taught nothing but what was good, notwithstanding what its many detractors had said to the contrary. If the teachings and principles of Freemasonry were properly carried out no institution could be more holy, just, or benevolent. In speaking of the progress of the Order, Bro. Terry took occasion to allude to the increase in the number of the recipients of the various charities. Five years ago they found accommodation in the School for 120 girls, they had now 200; at that time there were but 115 boys receiving the benefit of the School, and there were now 200; and the recipients of the funds of the Benevolent Institution had increased from 198 to 285. The annual payments to the old men and women were then £26 and £25 per annum

but now those had been respectively increased to £40 and £32. (Hear, hear.) These gratifying results were due, no doubt, to the impetus given to Freemasonry by the acceptance of the Grand Mastership of England by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Last year was a memorable one for the Craft, inasmuch as three princes of the Blood Royal occupied the three chairs of Grand Lodge, which circumstance recalled the glorious days of the early part of the present century, when four Royal Princes held distinguished and active positions in the Craft. The practical results, after all, of Grand Lodge influence were the Charities. Some five years ago the three Institutions received in round numbers, in one year, £18,000, but last year they were fortunate in obtaining £44,000. (Applause.) In conclusion he expressed himself highly pleased with the manner in which he had been received that day, and from his knowledge of the capabilities of several of the prominent brethren belonging to the lodge, he believed that the Farrington Without had a very bright career before it.

Bro. Dwarber, in his reply, stated that although his career in the Craft did not commence so early as their Bro. Brockbank, who stated in the lodge that he had been initiated in 1846, yet he was astonished at the great strides made since he first saw the light, namely, in 1863. It had been his privilege to have seen many consecrations, but he felt bound to say that Bro. Terry's efforts that day had been a positive treat to him. He had been personally pleased to have assisted, although in a very humble degree, in the ceremony that day, and for the honour they had conferred upon him in electing him an honorary member, he returned them his most sincere thanks. In conclusion, he hoped that the members would remember the note of warning given by the Consecrating Officer that day, and be exceedingly careful in investigating the characters of those they admitted into their ranks. Any negligence in that vital point might not only prove an injury to the lodge but might damage the interests of the Craft in general.

Bro. Clarke having also responded, the W.M. gave "The Visitors," which toast was acknowledged at length by Bro. Crick. In proposing "The Health of the Officers," the W.M. said that he believed no Master entered upon his career with a better staff than he did. Without good officers no lodge could hope to succeed, especially a new lodge, which required everything to work with machine-like regularity and order. As it would under the circumstances be invidious to make comparisons, he should not particularise the capabilities of any individual brother, nor would he couple the toast with any one name, but would request that each brother, according to seniority, should respond. The toast having been warmly received, the officers made a brief reply. During the proceedings Bros. Kift, Treemere, Jacques, Mallett, Walls, and others instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren. Bro. Martin also gave in a very spirited manner Tennyson's poem "Godiva." The first regular meeting of the lodge will be held on the last Monday in the present month.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

[The following appeared in our SPECIAL EDITION last week.]

The 90th Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held last night at the Freemasons' Tavern, when the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, presided. He was supported by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Hants and the Isle of Wight; and the Rev. H. A. Pickard, G.C.; Bros. A. J. McIntyre, G.C., G.R.; John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; Col. Creaton, P.G.D., V.P., and Trustee of the Institution; John A. Rucker, P.G.D.; James Lewis Thomas, A.G.D.C.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Herbert Dicketts; Col. Peters; A. H. Tattershall; James Terry, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Rev. Dr. Morris, Head Master Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; Peter de L. Long, Vice-President Board of General Purposes; F. Binckes, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; John Boyd, P.G.P.; W. Ough, P.G.P.; H. A. Dubois, Hon. R. Giddy, District G. Master for Griqualand, Dr. Barringer, Capt. J. Wordsworth, Thomas Meggy, Geo. Bolton, and Thomas Bull. Present, J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P., Baron de Ferrières. The following is a list of the brethren who acted as Stewards on the occasion of the festival:—

President: W. Bro. A. J. McIntyre, G.C., G. Reg., V.P.  
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After the dinner, which was admirably supplied by Bro. Alfred Best, the proprietor of Freemasons' Tavern, grace was sung by the musical artistes, and the usual toasts were proposed.

The Chairman, in proposing the first toast, said: Brethren, our assembly to-night, I see, is graced by many ladies in the gallery (applause). I rejoice that they take an interest in our proceedings; for I am sure of this, that the Craft in all its work of charity can find no better auxiliaries. (Applause.) But their presence to-night makes it incumbent on us to avoid all those special Masonic forms on which, if this were a close tyed lodge, we might indulge. And therefore, I content myself in giving this toast, by simply asking you to drink "The Health of the Queen." (Loud cheers.)

The Chairman: Brethren, there are many here present, I doubt not, who only a fortnight since were assembled in this great hall, if so, they will remember that we had then the satisfaction of dining with, and under the presidency of His Royal Highness, our M.W.G.M. (Cheers.) It was, I am satisfied, an unfeigned pleasure to the Craft at large to see him accepting the chair. (Loud Cheers.) Brethren, I now ask you to drink his health in two capacities: first, as Grand Master; second, as the patron of this charity. (Cheers.) And let me join with his name the name of one who by her grace, her kindness, and the manner in which she fulfils all the duties of her high station, has endeared herself to the hearts of every single man in this country. (Cheers.) I give you the health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales. The Princess of Wales, the gracious Patroness of this Charity. (Cheers.)

The Chairman: The next toast on the list is "The Deputy Grand Master and other Grand Officers." I am sorry that my noble friend Lord Skelmersdale is not here to answer for himself, but I am rejoiced to see around us some representatives of Grand Officers. (Cheers.) And amongst those there are now—as there are always some who hold the double rank of Grand Officers in London and officers holding high position in the provinces. (Hear, hear.) We are always glad to see them. (Cheers.) We are particularly glad to see any who come from the provinces on an occasion like this, because the Charity is quite as much indebted to the contributions and the support of the provinces as it is to our London brethren. (Hear, hear.) I hold in my hand a document which has been furnished me within the last half-hour, which shows in a very remarkable way that the contributions to this Charity are, speaking generally, about equally divided between London and the provinces. And that is the sort of grace of fraternal emulation in this good work of charity which we desire to see. (Cheers.) Whenever, therefore, there are in this hall any of our country brethren, we bid them hearty welcome, and to any of their representatives amongst them. Meanwhile I will give you The Health of the Grand Officers," coupling with it the name of one who like myself, I am sorry to say ranks his acquaintance with Masonry now by a very long tale of years, and one whom I remember in my early days of Masonry, and who has since been well-known amongst us—I mean Brother Pickard. (Cheers.) Brethren, "The Health of the Grand Officers and Bro. Pickard. (Cheers.)

Rev. H. A. Pickard, G. Chap.: Being called upon unexpectedly to reply to this toast, I thank you on behalf of Lord Skelmersdale and the other Grand Officers for drinking our healths, and for the kind and flattering way in which you have alluded to me. I can never forget that I had the privilege of initiating Lord Skelmersdale into Freemasonry, and that in the succeeding year he became my Inner Guard. At a speech which the Chancellor of the Exchequer made at Oxford lately he recommended three points to which a speaker should particularly pay attention; first that he should prepare his speech before hand, secondly, that he should avoid prolixity, and, thirdly, that his speech should be to the point. Of the first of these recommendations it has been impossible for me to avail myself. Secondly, while I have studied brevity I hope I have not fallen into obscurity, and, thirdly, as for the Grand Officers I think that they have well performed their duty. I miss the face of Bro. Martyn on this occasion; he is not present to-night, I can mention him as one who has done his duty; and of the others I can state that they all do their duty with regard to this charity, and I have confidence that they will do their duty as characteristic of Freemasonry at heart.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Hants and Isle of Wight: Brethren, I am sure that you will be right glad to drink the toast which I now have the honour to propose to you, and it is with peculiar satisfaction that I offer to your notice "The Health of the Pro Grand Master," our chairman of to-day, because I was the means many years ago of initiating him into Freemasonry, and I have had the pleasure of introducing him into nearly every grade in Freemasonry which he has attained; I have therefore every reason to congratulate myself and you on the good work which he has performed. Brethren, we may indeed congratulate ourselves that our Pro Grand Master, from the moment he was initiated into Freemasonry, became impressed with the work which he was doing. He took a most active interest in the prosperity and welfare of our Order, and he has given his high position, his eloquence, and his ability to the promotion of our ancient and honourable Society. (Cheers.) Brethren, he has in every position in Freemasonry taken a most active interest, and to our Masonic Charities he has been no backward adherent; he has given his support to all our Masonic Charities, and we must congratulate ourselves that we have the benefit of his advocacy and his assistance this day. Let us then drink his health with all enthusiasm, and thank him most heartily, not only for the services which he has rendered to Freemasonry, but for the kindness with which he has presided over us this day.

The toast having been drunk with great enthusiasm, The Earl of Carnarvon said: Brethren, if, indeed, there were any special discomfort attendant upon the high office which it is, my brethren, a honour to hold in this great, ancient, and illustrious body, they should be always much more than compensated by the kindness which I experience at every occurrence and under every circumstance at your hands. I have often to meet you in Grand Lodge and elsewhere—sometimes in the transaction of difficult, and sometimes even of irritating business; but I may safely say this, that I have never found my Masonic brethren anything but most reasonable and most cordial; and I never desire to be thrown in the course of business amongst any with whom it is a greater pleasure to transact business. Brethren, I am very grateful to you, and to my honour-

able friend Bro. Beach, for the kind way in which he has proposed my health. His friendship and mine date back. I am sorry to say, for a great many years, but nothing has ever disturbed the friendship. I have often been indebted to him for his good offices, but as he truly said, perhaps the best office that he ever rendered me was when he put me through the Three Degrees with which you are all familiar. He has reminded me in that speech that I have a duty now to discharge to you, and to the charity on behalf of which we are assembled. He has spoken of the advocacy, I think he said, we needed on these occasions. Brethren, I wish he had not so ably put me in mind of how much is expected from a chairman in circumstances such as these; having, I know, had much, too much experience of your liberality, to doubt for a moment, that advocacy, however feeble, will secure the great object we all have in view. Brethren, I have to ask you to drink "Prosperity to the Girl's School" (great applause); and in so doing, I cannot avoid in the first instance, mentioning the great loss which this charity has sustained in the person of one, who for five years, was identified closely with all its proceedings, and to whom, from all I have heard, I believe this charity has been greatly indebted. I believe the singular attention which Bro. Little gave to business, the clearness, the energy, even at the sacrifice of personal comfort and convenience have gone a long way towards keeping this Institution financially and materially in the right word. Brethren, when I had often had to preside at the public dinners, held on behalf of many of the great charities which exist in this city, I have often wondered to myself how those charities can go on. Many of them do indeed a large work; they spend a great deal of money; but they have large debts; they have no funded property; and when the accounts come to be balanced at the end of the 12 months, it too often appears that there is a very heavy deficit. Well, now, it is my pleasing duty, as chairman here this evening, to say that though that is the condition of so many great Societies, which are many of them doing very good and useful work in London, it cannot be described in any degree or in any way as the character of this Institution. (Here hear.) Brethren, it is quite time that if you look at the last year's accounts you will see a very awkward statement of a something like an apparent deficit of £3,000; but brethren I venture to say that there is seeming deficit and that really, as I shall show you in two minutes, the finances of the Institution are in a very satisfactory, and I may say of very creditable order. Now, I am not going to burden you with any long statement of finance; I shall only give you sets of figures. But I think they will be sufficient proof of the case. In the first place, this Institution has not less than 739,000 in funded property; I believe, indeed that I am within the mark, and that it is now £40,000; but a few months ago it was £39,000. It has a fixed income derived from a grant of the Grand Lodge of £150 a year, and the proceeds of its funded property added to that make up a fixed income to the amount of £1,300 a year. From donations and subscriptions added it has a total income (taking last year's as a fair test) of £11,850 (Cheers.) Well, brethren, it is quite true that the expenditure last year was £14,690; and if you balance that against £11,850 you will see that there is a deficit of £2,840 to be made good. But what is the reason of this; how has this come to pass? Why, simply in this way. The Institution has been obliged and has wisely I think elected to add a new wing to the building and the Institution has done that which hardly any other Charitable Institution that I have ever become acquainted with does, or has done; it has out of current income paid its way, I am told, as it went. Now I think it is impossible to overrate the credit and the honour of the managers who have succeeded in doing this. In addition to this, they have bought a piece of land, which if it was not very large in point of area was, I am bound to say, valuable in point of price. (Laughter.) I believe that that was necessary. From what I am told, the advantage to the Institution of that small piece of land will be very great indeed, and I beg you again to understand that the cost of the land, just as that of the building, has to be defrayed from the current income of the year; there is no permanent burden placed upon you by it. There has not been one sixpence sold out of your funded property. You are as rich to-day, when the building is approaching completion, as you were before the first foundation stone was laid, and the addition of that wing enables you to increase largely the benefits of the Institution, and I shall hope not only to increase it materially, but also to increase it educationally in a proportionate degree. Brethren, I call that on the whole a very satisfactory statement for a chairman to have to make. It has never been as far as I can remember in any charitable Institution over which I have had the honour to preside of an analogous nature, it has never been my fortune on the whole to announce that so old an Institution was on the whole so prosperous, was doing such a large work, and was doing it without laying a burden on the permanent resources of the society. Now, brethren, that I consider to be a great claim upon the further liberality of this meeting. There are other claims, indeed, which might be urged. I would urge you to remember that this is the oldest Masonic Charity in existence, that this is now the ninetieth year in which this Charity has been existing; that it started from very small beginnings and that it has steadily developed and enlarged, increasing its work of utility and charity sensibly and by degrees, as it found the means to do so; that the education which it gives is of a sound, healthy character; that it is economically managed, because the cost of the education of every one of these girls does not exceed £35 a year, and that consequently the money which you and the rest of the Craft subscribe is laid out safely and well, and to the very utmost of our power. And I might lastly remind you, as the practical results of it all, that you have no less

t this moment than 200 girls that every year receive the benefit of this great Charity. Brethren, these 200 girls are the daughters of Freemasons. You are giving them that which is the greatest boon that can be given—a good wholesome education, fitting them for the discharge of their duties in life—a greater boon than money—a greater boon than any fugitive and transitory places or situations that might be found; because, in fact, you are creating in them habits of mind and character that fit them to discharge the great moral duties of life. Brethren there are two classes of charitable institutions, as I have endeavoured to point out to you; the one class are those who are constantly in debt and in difficulty—well I do not say that they must not be helped; it is very often our duty to come to the assistance, whether in the Craft or out of the Craft, as the case may be, of those who are in debt and difficulty. We are enjoined to do this to our poor brethren; and it is a duty that I am sure is always remembered by Freemasons, and ought steadily to be kept before them, but there are other societies, and unfortunately they are very few which are in the position of this Institution, solvent, and solvent through care and good management; and I maintain that where you find any society or charity of that sort it entitles them at least to the highest respect and consideration at your hands. Brethren, I have only one other statement which, perhaps, I ought to make, and I know it will give great satisfaction to all in this room—it is this, that in spite of the unfortunate failure which took place some months ago in the financial disposition of our money, I believe that this Institution has not lost one single halfpenny. (Great Cheers.) How it has come to pass can only be known by an examination of the accounts, but it will not be the less satisfactory to all in this room to know that this old and valued Charity will certainly not be a loser in any degree. Brethren, from year to year that appeal has been renewed on behalf of this as on behalf of the other great charities of which we are proud. From year to year that appeal has been renewed, and it has never been renewed in vain. This year I am aware is a year of great commercial depression and difficulty; but yet with entire confidence I make my appeal to you to-night on behalf of this Institution, feeling well-assured that the response, as it proceeds from willing hearts, so it will be found to be no inconsiderable, no unworthy sum, no sum disproportionate to that which has been collected in former times. I beg to join with this toast the name of one who is worthily connected with the affairs of the Institution, and to whom that Institution owes so much—I need not say, Colonel Creton, the Treasurer.

Col. Creton said: Brethren, I feel very great pleasure and pride in being called upon to return thanks for the Girls' School of which I have had recently the high honour of being elected Treasurer. Owing to special circumstances the present position of the school is one of some anxiety necessarily to all connected with its administration. We have recently lost the very valuable services of Bro. Little, in whom the subscribers and the Committee had equal confidence, and it is not possible for any one except those connected with the management of the school to express fitly how greatly the future (humanly speaking) depends on the right man being put in the right place. But for this circumstance I should have been prepared to point out the hopeful position of the Girls' School. It never stood higher in the estimation of our Craft than it does now, and I have therefore no fear for the future; and I believe that in years to come as in the years that are gone by the Girls' School will continue to merit and receive the hearty and liberal support of our benevolent Order. One disappointment occurred to the Committee during the last three months, namely, the sickness in the school, and the retardation of the visit of the Princess of Wales, and of our Royal Grand Master. I am happy to repeat now that the sanitary condition of the school to-day is decidedly better, and I therefore sincerely trust that the auspicious visit, though it has not yet taken place, is only deferred for a short time, and that it will take place within a very brief period. I am sure that in the sickness that has taken place we have had that heartfelt sympathy of the Craft which has always been extended to us; and I hope that it will always be one of the characteristics of the Order towards our Institution. I thank you, my Lord, on behalf of myself and the Girls' School. (Applause.)

Bro. Hedges then read the following lists of subscriptions.

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"	822	" Wilson, J. A. ...	35 14 0
"	858	" Egan, Francis ...	53 5 0
"	861	" Hallows, W. G. ...	45 3 0
"	898	" Carter, Benj. ...	69 7 0
"	907	" White, F. A. ...	28 6 6
"	913 & 829	" Smith, Thos. ...	68 5 0
"	1118	" Robbins, L. G. G. ...	43 1 0
"	1150	" Long, P. de L. ...	"
"	1155	" Bolton, Geo. ...	69 1 0
"	1216	" Fountain Chas. ...	32 11 0
"	1278	" Verry, G. W. ...	50 0 0
"	1320	" Webster, R. B. ...	21 0 0
"	1328	" Thomas, J. L. ...	31 10 0
"	1351	" Wilson, Geo. ...	88 4 0
"	1383	" Giddy, Hun. R. W. H. ...	115 10 0
"	1420	" Gibson, Jno. T. ...	42 0 0
"	1446	" Cull, Thos. ...	71 8 0
"	1537	" Clutton, R. G. ...	86 12 6
"	1563 & 1305	" White Edwd. ...	"
"	1563	" Swallow, B. H. ...	92 5 0
"	1586	" Kidman, E. ...	45 5 0
"	1589	" Farrington, W. E. ...	39 18 0
"	1608	" Everett, Geo. ...	176 8 0
"	1612	" Beasley, A. ...	35 14 0
"	1614	" Mason, Jno. ...	68 5 0
"	1641	" Middlemass, A. ...	52 10 0
"	1642	" Stephens, W. ...	276 5 0
"	1657	" Altman, A. J. ...	86 2 0
"	1668	" Loewenstark, M. D. ...	31 10 0
"	1673	Bro. Dobbing, F. ...	60 18 0
"	1687	" Beck, L. ...	23 2 0
"	1704	" Scriven, J. Bagot ...	52 10 0
"	1706	" Barrett, W. A. ...	52 15 0
"	1716	" Coleman, J. K. ...	50 8 0
"	1724	" Burton, Capt. H. ...	18 18 0
"	1732	" Michael, J. J. ...	47 5 0
"	"	Beiks and Bucks:	"
"	414	" Bradley, Robt. ...	78 15 0
"	574	" Hun, S. G. ...	26 12 6
"	771	" Goddard, W. J. ...	22 11 6
"	840	" Reeve, Jno. ...	26 5 0
"	945	" Sheppard, E. L. ...	42 1 0
"	1639	" Cox, Edwd. ...	21 0 0
"	"	Cambridge:	"
"	859	" Mundy, C. M. ...	5 5 0
"	"	Cheshire:	"
"	321	" Stanhope, Rev. C. W. S. ...	35 14 0
"	425	" Taylor, Jas. ...	15 15 0
"	537	" Henry, Francis ...	10 10 0
"	537	" Marquis, William ...	10 10 0
"	1357	" Simcock, T. D. ...	10 10 0
"	1565	" Hinde, Chas. H. ...	30 9 0
"	1576	" Chesworth, Thos. ...	21 0 0
"	"	Hereford:	"
"	"	" Shellard, O. ...	10 10 0
"	"	Derbyshire:	"
"	731	" King, Jas. ...	21 8 6
"	"	Devonshire:	"
"	112	" Ferris, Jno. ...	29 10 6
"	"	Dorsetshire:	"
"	"	" Montagu, J. M. P. ...	116 11 0
"	"	(Royal Arch Masons)	"
"	"	Essex:	"
"	1000	" Wood, Fredk. ...	40 13 9
"	"	Gloucester:	"
"	82	" Godfrey, Henry ...	160 0 0
"	855	" Davey, Rev. C. R. ...	25 4 0
"	1067	" Kerr, R. J. ...	44 12 6
"	"	Hampshire and Isle of Wight:	"
"	151	" Watts, Rev. E. W. ...	44 2 0
"	1069	" Izod, E. ...	15 15 0
"	723	" Freeman, Henry ...	31 10 0
"	993	" Lancaster, G. F. ...	26 5 0
"	"	Hertfordshire:	"
"	449	" Shillcock, Jas. ...	5 5 0
"	1385	" Cutbush, Jas. ...	63 0 0
"	"	Kent:	"
"	1206	" Emmerson, R. I. ...	"
"	1414	" Worship, J. L. ...	"
"	1531	" Hutchins, J. J. ...	77 7 0
"	"	Lancashire East:	"
"	645	" Kelley, Saml. ...	"
"	645	" Marshall, Geo. ...	63 0 0
"	645	" Sharpe, H. E. ...	"



Lodge	Bro. Brockbank, G. P.	...	10	10	0
	Lancashire West :				
" 995	" Remington, Geo.	...	23	12	6
" 1375	" Pochen, G. D.	...	15	15	0
" 1473	" Wyatt, Harold	...	28	7	0
" 1502	" Wright, H. F.	...	22	19	0
	Leicester :				
"	" Partridge, S. S.	...	223	6	0
"	" Toller, George, Jun.	...	10	10	0
	Middlesex :				
" 1237	" Tye, Chas.	...	20	12	6
" 1293	" Southwell, E.T.	...	21	10	0
Chap. 1293	" Massa	...	21	0	0
Lodge 1423	" Faulkner, John	...	24	12	0
" 1326	" Baldwin, J. W.	...	10	10	0
" 1460	" Brette, Rev. Dr. P. H. E.	...	35	14	0
" 1512	" Hurst, John	...	43	5	0
" 1512	" Wright, Henry	...			
	Monmouthshire :				
" 818	" Williams, W....	...	15	15	0
	Oxfordshire :				
" 340	" Hughes, J. J.	...	30	9	0
" 340	" Park, Christopher	...			
" 357	" Hodges, R. T.	...	21	0	0
" 357	" Pickard, Rev. H. A.	...	24	2	6
" 478	" Hood, S. F.	...	15	15	0
" 599	" Potts, Jno.	...			
" 1399	" Brown, T. B.	...			
	Bird, Reginald	...	53	0	0
	Somerset :				
Province	" Else, R. C.	...	275	2	0
Lodge 53	" Payne, E. Turner	...	22	1	0
	Earl of Carnarvon	...	21	0	0
	South Wales : (Eastern Division.)				
"	" Tennant, M.	...	117	12	0
	South Wales : (West Division.)				
" 671	" Stone, Aaron	...	236	5	0
	North Wales :				
" 1143	" Sisson, R. J.	...	10	10	0
	Suffolk :				
" 81	" Phillips, W. P. T.	...	63	0	0
	Surrey :				
" 452	" Sugg, T. W.	...	21	10	0
" 1046	" Taylor, H. J.	...	21	0	0
	Sussex :				
" 315	" Pope, R. J.	...	29	8	0
	Warwickshire :				
" 74	Bro. Archer, David	...			
" 74	" Bowker, Jas.	...			
" 74	" Fenn, Joseph	...			
" 74	" Gell, J. D.	...			
" 74	" Mewis, G. E.	...			
" 74	" Moffatt, Jas.	...			
" 74	" Muggleton, Jas.	...			
" 74	" Nowles, A.	...			
" 74	" Rawlings, Jno.	...			
" 74	" Smart, Matt.	...			
" 74	" Vaughan, Jno.	...			
" 74	" Vertegans, R. H.	...			
" 74	" Lee, Chas.	...			
" 74	" Thompson, Chas.	...			
" 74	" Davis, Michael	...			
" 74	" Turley, F. J.	...			
	Wiltshire :		207	18	0
Prov. Bro. Nott, Wm.	...	...	267	5	0
	Yorkshire North and East :				
Lodge 57	Bro. Thompson, Thos.	...			
	Yorkshire, West :				
" 139	" Webster, G. E.	...			
" 139	" Lofthouse, H. W.	...			
" 139	" Taylor, John	...			
" 139	" Bedford, H. H.	...			
" 139	" Hunt, John	...			
" 139	" Tozer, E.	...			
" 139	" Brittain, W. H.	...			
" 139	" Gell, Rev. A. W. H....	...			
" 154	" Cadman, J. H.	...			
" 208	" Cretchley, R. J.	...			
" 290	" Farrar, G. W.	...			
" 296	" Bingham, J. E.	...			
" 296	" Marples, W. K.	...			
" 296	" Glauert, L.	...			
" 802	" Robertshaw, A.	...			
" 495	" Craven, Benjamin	...			
" 750	" Kelley, Rawson	...			
" 750	" Hopkins, D.	...			
" 910	" Tew, T. W.	...			
" 1019	" Watson, Benjamin	...			
" 1102	" Ibberson, J.	...			
" 1211	" Crowe, G. F.	...			
" 1239	" Broadhead, John	...			
" 1513	" Bustard, John	...			
	Miscellaneous :		900	0	0
"	" Kenning, George	...	31	10	0
"	" Marquis, M.	...			
"	" Shackleton, J. B.	...			
"	" Smith, Griffiths	...	17	17	0
"	" Baker, George	...			
"	" Meggy, T.	...	58	16	0
"	" Thomas, J. L.	...			
"	" Boyd, John	...	82	0	0
"	" Dicketts, Herbert	...	21	0	0

Making a total of £8,551 3s. 9d.  
The list of Bro. G. A. Berkeley, of Lodge 108, has since come to hand, £19 19s.

Bro. Richard Giddy : The toast which I am about to offer to you I am happy in having had placed in my hands, because I am sure it will be heartily responded to by you. You have already been prepared for it by the speeches

which have preceded mine. After the manner in which the Pro Grand Master spoke of the management of the Charity I shall confine myself to announcing the toast which has been placed in my hands. I give you "The Health of the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, various Committees, and Medical Officers," coupling it with the name of Bro. Rucker.

Bro. Rucker : My Lord and brethren, I hardly think that I can visit upon the noble chairman of this evening the infliction that is put upon me so unexpectedly. His lordship called our attention to a few evenings ago, when the Prince of Wales presided over the Grand Festival of the year, and I think my memory does not fail me when I say that our present chairman expressed the opinion that the Senior Grand Provincial Officer was revolving in his mind what he should respond to the toast. Now such an opportunity has not been given to me, or I might have been able possibly to offer some remarks, in a measure, worthy of your acceptance. I have to thank you for the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, various Committees, and Medical Officers. As regards the performance of their duties by the Medical Officers, the highest praise is due to them, and as regards the remainder, the Vice-Patrons, the Vice-Presidents, the Trustees, and the various Committees, they all do their duty to the very utmost of their ability, and are indebted to you, my lord, and to this great meeting, for the compliment they have received at your hands.

The Earl of Carnarvon : Brethren, there are still two or three toasts on this list which deserve all your attention before we bring our proceedings to an end. And the next that I have to give you is one which will recommend itself, I am sure, to every Mason, it is "The Health of our Masonic Charities." Brethren, Freemasonry combines particularly two things—it combines profession and practice. The profession we reserve for the more secret uses of this Craft ; they are not to be divulged to the profane, but our practice is open and popular, and upon no part of the practice can we look with greater satisfaction, and even pride, than upon our Masonic charities. We have this evening been toasting and praising, and doing honour in every way, both in word and pecuniarily, to the great Charity which has called us together, but we must not forget that there are three charities, and that the others are second to this to-night only because this is specially the Festival of the Girls' School. I shall couple with this toast the name of a brother whom I have long had the pleasure of knowing ; who has long been connected with the charities, and to whom I do not think I am wrong in saying that the charities owe much of their prosperity.

Bro. Binckes : My Lord and brethren, the march of events has once again brought us to the celebration of the ninetieth anniversary of this Institution. It is just possible that, large as the subscriptions and donations have been this evening, they may not have quite come up to the expectations of the supporters and friends of the charity. It is not, however, a matter of very great surprise, I think, when we consider the large sum collected in February for the Benevolent Institution, and considering also the depressed condition of trade at the present time we must conclude that the Festival of the Girls' School has been a decided success. It is a usual arrangement in returning thanks for this toast, as separate speeches by the representatives of the other charities would necessarily involve a great deal of repetition, for the officer of one charity to return thanks for both. I have, therefore, to thank you on behalf of the Boys' School, and on behalf of the Benevolent Institution for the kind manner in which this toast has been proposed and responded to. And I cannot but look forward with pleasure and hope to the coming Festival of the Boys' School, which will be held either in June or July next, when I trust that many of those present this evening will come forward again, and that we shall see them as Stewards on that occasion. I had hoped to have been in a position to inform you that I was in possession of the commands of the Duke of Connaught as to the precise date for the Boys' School Festival. I am sorry that I am not yet in possession of his Royal Highness's definite views in this respect, but it will be either in June or July, and I trust that when it occurs we shall be amply supported by the brethren whom I see present to-night.

Earl of Carnarvon : Let me remind you that none of these great meetings can be got together, and none of them can be made to pass off successfully, unless there are a good deal of care and attention upon the part of those who have the management ; and it is to the Stewards that we look for this. If this has been a successful meeting it is due to those gentlemen who have discharged the duties of Stewards. One of those you know well fulfils many more duties than that of Steward—our Brother McIntyre. There is no great Masonic question in which his sympathies are not enlisted, and I can readily say that there is no Masonic difficulty occurs in Grand Lodge that he does not come to the rescue of the Presiding Master, with his ability, his learning, and Masonic experience. Brethren, let me, therefore, give you with the health of the Stewards that of our Bro. Aeneas J. McIntyre.

Bro. McIntyre : I beg to tender our most sincere thanks for the manner in which you have been pleased to propose our health. The Stewards have endeavoured to do their duty, and to provide a proper entertainment for you on this occasion. It is the part of every Mason to discharge those duties which come within his province on every occasion. I trust we have done ours to your satisfaction, and I thank you for your appreciation of our efforts.

The Earl of Carnarvon : There is one toast in my list I am bound to respect, but the fair objects of that toast are conspicuous by their absence, and inasmuch as they have fled from this room, I think that we cannot do better than join them.

During the banquet a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music was performed, and after the banquet a grand concert took place in the Temple, where the brethren

joined the ladies. The concert was under the direction of Bro. Lehmeyer, assisted by the following artistes :—Madame Tellefsen, Miss Elene Webster, Madame Thaddeus Wells, Madame Marie Belval, Miss Adele Vernon, and Madlle. Victoria Bunsen ; Mr. William Shakespeare, Mr. Stanislaus, Bro. Faulkner Leigh, Signor Menari Rocca, and Bro. Fredk. Penna. The piano accompaniments, &c., were performed by Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O. The Concertina Quartette Association were also present.

The banquet was admirably served by Bro. Best, the proprietor of Freemasons' Tavern, and well superintended by him, and Bro. E. Dawkins, manager.

Bro. Harker was, as usual, an efficient Toastmaster.

### Masonic and General Tidings.

A Grand Masonic Recital will take place in the Masonic Hall, Leicester, on Friday next, (Her Majesty's birthday) under the auspices of the lodge of St. John, No. 279, by Bro. T. H. Scott. Ladies and friends may be introduced by the brethren.

The Hull Packet states, that the sum of £80 15s. has been handed over to Bro. C. L. Mason, the treasurer of the Leeds Masonic Educational and Benevolent Fund, by Mr. Stockdale, being the result of the two entertainments given a short time since.

Hospital Saturday will this year be celebrated on September 7th.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, price 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s 2d.—ADVT.

The twin steamer, the "Calais-Douvres," has arrived at Dover, having made the trip from Shields in twenty-three hours, with the occasional stopping of her engines for the oiling of her machinery. Her speed is said to have exceeded that of the "Castalia" by as much as four or five knots an hour.

Rossini's remains are to be removed to Florence, and finally placed in the Church of Santa Croce, where Cherubini is buried.

TESTIMONIAL TO MR. LETHBRIDGE.—In accordance with a resolution, which was agreed to unanimously, at the last annual meeting of the supporters of the Newsvendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution, an illuminated album will shortly be presented to Mr. William Lethbridge, the well-known managing partner of the firm of Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son, in recognition of his very successful efforts to increase the funds of the institution on the occasion of the anniversary dinner over which he presided on March 2.

We are asked to state that the Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction No. 898, is held every Wednesday evening (excepting the last in the month) at the "George the Fourth," Ida-street, Poplar, at 7 30.

Bro. W. D. Finney, P.M., &c., has been elected W.M. of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge, 1250, Warrington. Bro. Dr. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Cumberland and Westmorland, will probably take part in his installation on the 11th inst., next.

The testimonial to Bro. King, Preceptor of the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, held at the Prince's Head, York rd., Battersea, will be presented to that worthy brother on Tuesday next, the 21st inst. The testimonial has been subscribed to by the whole of the members of the lodge.

Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., R.W. G. Master for North Wales and Shropshire, is the "Celebrity at Home" in this week's "Herald."

In the report of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution which appeared in the Special Edition of the Freemason last week, the amount credited to Bro. M. Tennant, of the Province of South Wales, Eastern Division, was, by the falling out of one figure, £11. It should have been as it is in this day's issue, £117. Bro. John Faulkner's name (of the Era Lodge, No. 1423), was printed in error Thos. Faulkner.

Bro. Samuel Tisley, late vestry clerk and father of Bro. A. Tisley, the present vestry clerk, of St. Dunstan's in the West, died at his residence at Twickenham on Thursday, the 9th inst. The funeral took place on Wednesday, at which many brethren were present.

KENNING'S CYCLOPEDIA.—Freemasons in every part of the world will be highly pleased with this volume, which is very tastefully got up. Based on Mackey's invaluable work, it does not profess to be a thoroughly exhaustive and completely accurate cyclopaedia, but it is one of which the author may well be proud, and well deserves the support of every member of the Craft. The author expresses his indebtedness to Bro. W. J. Huggan, who not only contributed several valuable items, but who revised all the proof sheets. Several other members are thanked for their help and important suggestions. The handbook is in every respect satisfactory, and no lodge should be without a copy. Price 10s. 6d.—The European Mail.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Outward Infirmities.—Before the discovery of these remedies many cases of sores, ulcers, &c., were pronounced to be hopelessly incurable, because the treatment pursued tended to destroy the strength it was incompetent to preserve, and to exasperate the symptoms it was inadequate to remove. Holloway's Pills exert the most wholesome powers over the unhealthy flesh or skin, without debarring the patient from fresh air and exercise, and thus the constitutional vigour is husbanded while the most malignant ulcers, abscesses, and skin diseases are in process of cure. Both Ointment and Pills make the blood richer and purer, instead of permitting it to fall into that poor and watery state so fatal to many labouring under chronic ulcerations.—[ADVT.]